

**REPORT FOR: OVERVIEW AND  
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE  
AND SCRUTINY SUB-  
COMMITTEES**

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<b>Date:</b>	28 January 2010
<b>Subject:</b>	Report from the Standing Scrutiny Review of the Budget
<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	Alex Dewsnap, Divisional Director Partnership Development and Performance
<b>Scrutiny Lead Member area:</b>	Councillor Stanley Sheinwald, Corporate Effectiveness
<b>Exempt:</b>	No
<b>Enclosures:</b>	Scrutiny Standing Review of the Budget – Report from Phase Two

**Section 1 – Summary and Recommendations**

This report sets out the findings of the standing scrutiny review of the budget

**Recommendations:**

The Overview and Scrutiny committee is recommended to:

- I. Consider the findings and recommendations of the standing review of the budget
- II. Agree the report
- III. Refer the report to the 11 February 2010 meeting of Cabinet for consideration as part of the budget setting process with the recommendation that it is included in the budget papers submitted to Full Council.
- IV. Recommend to the next Overview and Scrutiny committee that the standing review of the budget be re-constituted.

## **Section 2 – Report**

### **Introductory paragraph**

Attached to this report is the final report from the standing scrutiny review of the budget. This review was established in October 2007 and presented its interim report to the Overview and Scrutiny committee in September 2008. This final report includes the review's findings and recommendations on the three areas which it has investigated:

- The management of capital assets
- Strategy for maximising revenue
- Shared services

It is recommended that the report be referred to February Cabinet for consideration as part of the 2010/11 budget setting process and included in the budget papers submitted to Full Council.

### **Financial Implications**

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

### **Performance Issues**

Consideration of the budget is a key role for scrutiny and the challenge presented by scrutiny should support the development of more effective budget processes.

### **Environmental Impact**

There is no environmental impact associated with this report.

### **Risk Management Implications**

There are no risk management implications associated with this report.

### **Corporate Priorities**

- Deliver cleaner and safer streets
- Improve support for vulnerable people
- Building stronger communities

## **Section 3 - Statutory Officer Clearance**

Not relevant to this report

## **Section 4 - Contact Details and Background Papers**

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**Background Papers:** None