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Minutes of the meeting of the BUDGET AND RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE held on TUESDAY 12 JANUARY 2021

Present: Councillors R Bradburn (Chair), Akter, Cannon, P Geary, Gilbert, Long, Rankine, and Williams

Apologies: Councillor C Wilson-Marklew

Officers: S Richardson (Director of Finance and Resources), A Rulton (Head of Finance), N Hutchin (Head of Finance), S Bridglalsingh (Director of Law and Governance), S Proffitt (Director of Property & Environment), S Gonsalves (Director of Policy, Insight and Communications), P Thomas (Interim Director, Planning, Strategic Transport, Placemaking), T Aldworth (Deputy Chief Executive), L Wheaton (Budget and Financial Planning Manager), S Haslam (Senior Finance Business Partner), P Brown (Head of Democratic Services) E Richardson (Overview and Scrutiny Officer)

Also Present: Councillors Middleton (Cabinet Resources) and J Wilson-Marklew (Cabinet Member Climate and Sustainability) and 1 member of the public

BR30 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

BR31 DRAFT COUNCIL BUDGET 2021/22 AND MEDIUM-TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2021/22 TO 2024/25

Resources

The Committee discussed with Councillor Middleton, Cabinet Member for Resources, the pressures, reductions and income generation proposals in his portfolio.

The Committee considered the evidence presented at the meeting and agreed that its recommendations would be included in the Committee's report, which would be submitted for consideration by Cabinet on 2 February 2021.

Climate and Sustainability

The Committee discussed with Councillor J Wilson-Marklew, Cabinet Member for Climate and Sustainability, the pressures, reductions and income generation proposals in her portfolio.

The Committee also heard from Mr Alan Francis, on behalf of the Milton Keynes Bus Users' Group, who commented on the draft budget proposals relating to public transport services in Milton Keynes. Councillor Wilson-Marklew offered to discuss the issues in more detail with Mr Francis separately. Which Mr Francis accepted.

The Committee considered the evidence presented at the meeting and agreed that its recommendations would be included in the Committee's report, which would be submitted for consideration by Cabinet on 2 February 2021.

RESOLVED -

1. That Councillors Middleton and J Wilson-Marklew be thanked for discussing with the Committee the pressures, reductions and income proposals in their portfolios identified as part of the 2021/22 draft budget preparation process.
2. That officer colleagues attending the meeting be thanked for the support offered to Cabinet Members during the budget setting period and for the clarification of various issues raised by the Committee.
3. That any recommendations the Committee may have arising from the evidence taken at this meeting be included in the report on its work which will be presented to Cabinet on 2 February 2021.

THE CHAIR CLOSED THE MEETING AT 9.00 PM

The Agenda and supporting papers for this meeting can be found on the Council's Committee Management Information System (CMIS) at: [CMIS: Budget & Resources Scrutiny Committee - 12 January 2021](#)

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