

BUDGET AND RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. To implement the work programme agreed by the Scrutiny Management Committee by:
 - (a) providing dedicated, cross-party consideration of the Budget and the Council's finances with a view to establishing and maintaining resources which are fit for purpose and address the needs and aspirations of the people of Milton Keynes and the Council Plan priorities;
 - (b) making recommendations on:
 - (i) Priority of services
 - (ii) Service efficiencies
 - (iii) Value for money
 - (iv) Financial strategies
 - (v) Risk management of financial proposals;**
 - (c) considering and commenting on Procurement, Workforce, ICT and Property issues in the light of the Council's Financial Strategy;
 - (d) monitoring the in-year progress of the budgets for the Revenue Account, Capital Programme, the General Fund and the Housing Revenue Account;
 - (e) scrutinising and commenting upon annual out-turn reports for the Revenue and Capital Budgets, and identify learning points;
 - (f) being consulted during the preparation of the annual Revenue and Capital Strategies and Budgets;
 - (g) scrutinising the draft Revenue and Capital Budgets;
 - (h) making recommendations to the Cabinet on any of the above matters at any time, and to submit comments to the Council in relation to the Cabinet's proposed Revenue and Capital Budgets at the appropriate time;
 - (i) appointing a planning group to oversee the implementation of the Committee's work programme;
 - (j) appointing, subject to the agreement of the Scrutiny Management Committee, co-opt persons in a non-voting capacity, to add to the expertise, breadth of knowledge and understanding of the work of the

Committee; and

- (k) inviting expert witnesses in respect of particular items to be considered by the Committee.
2. To establish a sub-committee to consider all called-in Cabinet, individual Cabinet member or officer decisions, as referred by the Scrutiny Management Committee in accordance with the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules.