

AGENDA SUPPLEMENT (1)

Meeting: Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee
Place: Kennet Room - County Hall, Trowbridge BA14 8JN
Date: Tuesday 6 September 2016
Time: 10.30 am

The Agenda for the above meeting was published on 26 August 2016. Additional documents are now available and are attached to this Agenda Supplement.

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7 **Management Committee Task Group Updates**

An update from the Financial Planning Task Group is attached.

Financial Planning Task Group Update

Budget Setting for the Medium Term

As part of the 2016/17 budget settlement Government proposed a longer term 4-year funding offer to councils. This is contingent on councils submitting an efficiency statement to the DCLG by the end of October. Should the Council wish to take up this funding offer then the efficiency statement, which will include medium term budget proposals, will need to be taken to full Council for decision on 18 October.

In following the approach developed in Wiltshire to setting the budget, overview and scrutiny (OS) is engaged at an early stage ahead of Cabinet consideration and Council decision. In applying this to evaluating the Government's offer within the timescale given, the Financial Planning Task Group will be doing some dedicated work starting with a presentation to its scheduled meeting on Thursday 8 September. It is likely that the Task Group will need to meet on a number of occasions in quick succession to be sufficiently confident in giving its views. The Management Committee will then need to endorse the work of its Task Group and agree recommendations to Cabinet on 11 October and Council on 18 October. This will require an extraordinary meeting of the Management Committee, now scheduled for Monday 10 October (12.30-2.00pm).

In addition there will be public consultation meetings and a briefing for all councillors on the technical aspects of the offer planned for Thursday 13 October (9.00-10.30am) as part of the now familiar budget-setting process. A briefing note to all councillors has been circulated ([briefing note 304](#)) which includes an outline timetable for the various activities following consultation with CLT and leading members.

The Management Committee is asked to endorse the action taken for overview and scrutiny's engagement in giving consideration to the Government's medium term funding offer.