

**JOINT OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY TRANSITION BOARD (JOSTB)**

**17 FEBRUARY 2009**

(Special Meeting to Consider the Implementation Executive's 2009/10 Budget Motion to County Council)

---

**EXPLANATION OF PROCEEDINGS**

**Purpose of the Report**

1. To clarify the purpose of the meeting and how it will run.

**Action Required of the JOSTB**

2. To consider and comment on the Implementation Executive's (IE) 2009/10 budget motion to the County Council's 24 February meeting.

**Background**

3. In the county council, over the past couple of years, scrutiny of the executive's annual budget recommendation has included a meeting in the week before the county council budget setting meeting. This meeting has been hosted by the main overview and scrutiny committees and has provided an opportunity for all non executive members to take part.
4. For the 2009/10 budget, this scrutiny exercise is being hosted by the Joint Overview & Scrutiny Transition Board (JOSTB), which has extended an invitation to all non executive members of each of the five councils to take part in a meeting which will consider the IE's budget motion.

**Need for Informed Discussion on Strategic & Operational Matters & Evidence Based Recommendations**

5. Members will be familiar with the need for any discussion, conclusions and recommendations arising from a scrutiny exercise to be fully informed and evidence based.
6. Consequently, if any member wishes to make a proposal on the content of the draft budget motion, s/he will need to be able to demonstrate credible evidence for the proposal. The case for a proposal will need to be strong enough to convince the JOSTB to support such a recommendation, and to stand up to member challenge at the County Council meeting on the 24 February.
7. Equally, members will be familiar with the need to focus their questions on strategic and operational matters when considering matters of budget and policy. To assist you in directing your questions at the meeting, a list of the IE member responsibilities is appended to this report.

**Following the JOSTB Meeting**

8. Following the meeting, a summary of the comments made will be prepared and submitted to the County Council meeting. This summary will be given due consideration at the County Council meeting before any decision on the budget and council tax is made.

### **Clarification on Budget Material to be Considered**

9. All members from each of the five councils will have received in January 2009 a set of budget reports which have been written in preparation for the setting of the 2009/10 budget.
10. The JOSTB meeting is invited to examine, consider and comment on this set of reports, on the updated reports presented to the IE on 11 February 2009 and on the IE's budget motion (to follow).

### **Order of Debate & Rules of Procedure**

11. The meeting will be based on the normal rules of procedure and debate as are set out in the county council's constitution.
12. The meeting will proceed in the following order and according to the approximate timings indicated:
  - 10.45am: the chairman of the IE to present the 2009/10 budget recommendation
  - 10.55am: the chairman of the JOSTB to invite questions and comments from members on the budget recommendation for and in the following order:
    - 10.55am: *Children & Education*
    - 11.25am: *Community Services*
    - 11.55am: *Transport, Environment & Leisure*
    - 12.25pm: *Economic Development, Planning & Housing*
    - 12.55pm: *Resources & Chief Executive*
    - 1.15pm: *Cross Cutting services and projects*
    - 1.30pm: *Any other strategic and operational matters*
  - 1.40pm: the chairman of the JOSTB to summarise the main points from the meeting, and to close the meeting.

### **Conclusion**

13. A summary of the comments made at this meeting will be submitted to the County Council for it to consider on 24 February as part of its budget setting discussions.

---

**Report Author: Karen Linaker, Scrutiny Support Officer, 01225 713056**

*No unpublished documents have been relied upon for the writing of this report*

## **IE Portfolio Holders**

### **Department of Children & Education**

Children & Families	Bridget Wayman
Schools	Nancy Bryant
Resources & Improvement	Bridget Wayman and Nancy Bryant

### **Department of Community Services**

Operations (Adult Care)	John Thomson
Library, Heritage & Arts	Mary Douglas and Allison Bucknell
Community Leadership & Support	John Thomson
Resources	John Thomson
Community Safety	John Thomson and Steven Fear
Strategy & Commissioning (Adult Care)	John Thomson

### **Department of Transport, Environment & Leisure**

Major Projects (incl. Property)	Fleur de Rhé-Philipe and Toby Sturgis
Operations	Fleur de Rhé-Philipe and Toby Sturgis
Sustainable Transport (incl. parking)	Fleur de Rhé-Philipe and Rod Eaton
Amenity & Leisure (incl. waste collection)	Toby Sturgis and Lionel Grundy

### **Department of Economic Development, Planning & Housing**

Economy & Enterprise	Fleur de Rhé-Philipe and Dick Tonge
Housing	John Thomson, Philip Brown & Steven Fear
Development (incl. Development Control)	Toby Sturgis and Tony Philips
Regulation (incl. Licensing & Environmental Health)	Fleur de Rhé-Philipe and Allison Bucknell

### **Department of Resources**

Performance & Risk	Jane Scott and John Thomson
Shared Service Team & Customer Care	Mark Baker and Philip Brown
ICT/Procurement	John Noeken and Allison Bucknell
Lean & Business Management	Jane Scott, Mark Baker and Lionel Grundy
Finance (incl. Revenue & Benefits)	Jane Scott, Dick Tonge, Lionel Grundy and Rod Eaton
Human Resources/Democratic Services/ Legal Services	Mark Baker, Allison Bucknell and Tony Phillips