

SCRUTINY TASK GROUP

Meeting: Budget Scrutiny Task Group (Standing)
Place: County Hall, Trowbridge
Room: Committee Room 5
Date: 14 May 2007
Time: 12.00pm

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Membership:

Mr Tony Molland (Chairman)

Mr Patrick Coleman

Brig Robert Hall

Mr William Moss

Mr Jeff Osborn

Mr Ricky Rogers

- (1) Public Participation and Written Documentation Notification of questions or any written documentation should be given to the Scrutiny Support Officer named above at least **48 hours** prior to a task group meeting taking place.
- (2) Substitutions Due to the nature of scrutiny task group reviews, substitutions are not permitted.
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PRELIMINARY ITEMS

1. **Apologies for Absence**

2. **Report of the Previous Meeting (enclosed)**

The task group is asked to note the report of the meeting held on the 7th March 2007.

OVERVIEW OF THE 2007/08 REVENUE BUDGET SETTING PROCESS

3. **Council Tax Summary (enclosed)**

As part of its overview of the 2007/08 Revenue Budget Setting Process, the task group is invited to consider the effectiveness of the Council Tax Summary and justification for the way in which it has been produced, and giving an opportunity to suggest ways in which it could be improved for future years.

4. **Task Group's Final Report & Recommendations on the 2007/08 Budget Setting Process (enclosed)**

A draft of the Task Group's Final Report on the 2007/08 Budget Process is enclosed, which members will be invited to consider mindful of the additions and amendments that will need to be made following the meeting. The Final Report will be put to the Overview & Scrutiny Management Committee on the 7th June for consideration before being submitted to the 26th June Cabinet meeting.

BUDGET MONITORING

5. **2007/08 Development Fund (enclosed)**

To comment on the assessment process/scoring matrix designed as the methodology for prioritising bids to the 2007/08 Development Fund.

OVERVIEW OF THE 2008/09 REVENUE BUDGET SETTING PROCESS

6. Medium Term Financial Strategy 2007 – 2012 (enclosed)

To note the changes that are being made to the next edition of the Medium Term Financial Strategy and the timetable for its adoption at Council in July.

FUTURE TASK GROUP MEETINGS

7. Next Meeting

- (a) the next scheduled meeting of the task group is at 2.30pm on Wednesday 18th July 2007;
- (b) an additional meeting in June is also needed to give the task group an opportunity to comment on the first tranche of prioritised bids to the Development Fund prior to its consideration by Cabinet on the 26th June. This meeting date is to be confirmed.

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