

**BUDGET SCRUTINY TASK GROUP**

14 May 2007

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**TASK GROUP'S FINAL REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE  
2007/08 BUDGET SETTING PROCESS**

**Purpose of the Report**

1. To seek the Task Group's approval of its Final Report on the 2007/08 Budget Setting Process.

**Action Required**

2. Members are requested to agree the Budget Scrutiny Task Group's Final Report on the 2007/08 Budget Setting Process and to submit this to the Overview & Scrutiny Management Committee for approval on the 7<sup>th</sup> June 2007.

**Final Report on the 2007/08 Budget Setting Process**

3. The enclosed draft report incorporates the recommendations and a summary of the deliberations which have led to those recommendations, which the Task Group has requested should be submitted to the Cabinet and the Overview & Scrutiny Management Committee with respect to the 2007/08 Budget Setting Process.
4. Whilst there are a number of paragraphs within the report yet to finalise, the draft records the Task Group's findings and recommendations as discussed by members since the start of the budget setting process in September 2006.
5. Subject to the Task Group's agreement of the report, and any subsequent amendments being made, the Overview & Scrutiny Management Committee will be requested to give its approval to the recommendations, when it meets on the 7<sup>th</sup> June 2007, and to submit these to Cabinet for consideration at its 26<sup>th</sup> July 2007 meeting.

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