

Place Scrutiny Committee RPPR Board

Attendees: Councillors Godfrey Daniel (Chair), Martin Clarke, Chris Dowling, Simon Elford, Nigel Enever, Pat Rodohan, Stephen Shing and Barry Taylor.

The Place Scrutiny Committee RPPR Board met for a second time on 15 January 2019 to consider the Council's draft budget for 2019/20. The Board discussed the revised Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) and the proposed savings for Communities, Economy and Transport (CET) and Business Services (Orbis).

The Board noted that the Council has made up the gap in savings by a variety of movements in the MTFP totalling round £11m, and is not looking at having to make additional savings affecting front line services. Some of the savings and additional funding are one-off amounts and therefore there may be a need for further savings if the Council's financial position does not change in the longer term following the Government's Fair Funding Review.

The Place Scrutiny Committee RPPR Board made the following additional comments to Cabinet on the proposed Council budget for 2019/20:

- The Board is relieved that the savings needed to close the budget gap and the impact on front line services, are not as severe as thought.
- It noted that some of the additional savings had been achieved through one-off measures or increases in specific areas of funding, which may not be repeated in future years.
- The Board remains concerned about the financial position in the longer term and the possibility of the need to make further savings from front line services in future years, for example, from the Library Service in 2021/22.