
EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE HELD ON 16 JANUARY 2012

EX.001/12 BUDGET 2012/13 – CONSIDERATION OF CONSULTATION FEEDBACK (Key Decision)

Portfolio Governance and Resources

Subject Matter

The Leader reported the submission of the following documents in response to consultation on the draft Budget proposals:

- (a) Minutes of the budget consultation meeting with the Large Employers Affinity Group - 6 January 2012
- (b) Minutes of the budget consultation meeting with representatives of Trade Unions - 6 January 2012
- (c) Minutes of the Resources Overview and Scrutiny Panel - 5 January 2012

In addition, comments received from members of the public in response to the budget consultation process had been circulated to Executive Members prior to the meeting.

Referring the (b) above, the Community Engagement Portfolio Holder pointed out that the reference to "£15" on page 4 should in fact read "£15 m".

The Chairman of the Resources Overview and Scrutiny Panel said that the Panel was very pleased to note that the Small Scale Community Projects Budget, which was a valuable asset for Councillors in the local community, would be retained. The Chairman also appreciated the difficulties under which the present budget proposals were tabled.

The Governance and Resources Portfolio Holder commented upon the very helpful and informative nature of the budget consultation meetings on 6 January 2012. All those who attended had been realistic and had a general understanding of the quite severe measures required in order to recommend a balanced budget to Council, and he expressed thanks for their input.

The Portfolio Holder further thanked the Chairman and Members of the Resources Overview and Scrutiny Panel for their very helpful comments. He had always enjoyed attending Panel meetings and looked forward to continuing that practice in the future.

In conclusion, the Governance and Resources Portfolio Holder thanked those members of the public who had taken the time and trouble to respond to the budget consultation during what was a very difficult time for many people.

Summary of options rejected None

DECISION

1. That the Minutes of the consultation meetings with the Large Employers Affinity Group and Trade Union representatives, attached as Appendices B and C; the Extract from the Minutes of the Resources Overview and Scrutiny Panel, and comments received from members of the public be received.

2. That the consultation feedback be received, it being noted that the comments had been taken into account by the Executive when formulating its final recommendations for the City Council's 2012/13 Budget to be submitted later in the meeting.

Reasons for Decision

To take into account any consultation feedback when formulating recommendations on the 2012/13 Budget.