

Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Commission

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Report of: Strategic Director - Neighbourhoods

Title: Neighbourhoods Budget Analysis

Ward: Citywide

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Recommendation

The presentation of the Neighbourhoods Budget Analysis is for information purposes only

Summary

A presentation will be provided in advance of the Scrutiny Commission due to take place Thursday 27th October to demonstrate the breakdown of the revenue budgets within Neighbourhoods, including those funded by the General Fund, the ring-fenced grant of Public Health and the ring-fenced Housing Revenue Account. This will show categories of expenditure in order to provide an understanding of the current use and level of funds within the Directorate.

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Financial Implications

1. The presentation will have no direct financial implications as it will be based upon approved budgets for 2016/17.

Legal Implications

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Public Sector Equality Duties

5a) Before making a decision, section 149 Equality Act 2010 requires that each decision-maker considers the need to promote equality for persons with the following “protected characteristics”: age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation. Each decision-maker must, therefore, have due regard to the need to:

- i) Eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct prohibited under the Equality Act 2010.
- ii) Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not share it. This involves having due regard, in particular, to the need to -
 - remove or minimise disadvantage suffered by persons who share a relevant protected characteristic;
 - take steps to meet the needs of persons who share a relevant protected characteristic that are different from the needs of people who do not share it (in relation to disabled people, this includes, in particular, steps to take account of disabled persons' disabilities);
 - encourage persons who share a protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity in which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.
- iii) Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not share it. This involves having due regard, in particular, to the need to –
 - tackle prejudice; and
 - promote understanding.

5b) The Scrutiny function plays an important part in assisting the Council in meeting its public sector equality duties and ensuring that the views of different communities and members of the public are taken into account in the development and delivery of services. Scrutiny work streams need to ensure that assessments of equalities impacts are an integral part of their work both in terms of scoping topics, gathering evidence and formulating recommendations.

Appendices

Appendix A – Neighbourhoods Budget Analysis – to follow

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

Background Papers: None.

