

**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMISSION**  
**17 JANUARY 2008**

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**OVERALL BUDGET CONSULTATION RESPONSE**  
**(Borough Treasurer)**

- 1 The purpose of this item on the agenda is to enable the Overview and Scrutiny Commission to bring together the comments and observations from the panels and the Commission itself on the 2008/09 revenue and capital budget proposals which are currently out for consultation.
  
- 2 The 2008/09 budget proposals were approved by the Executive on 18 December 2007. These are subject to consultation over the six weeks following the Executive approval of the budget proposals. The Executive on 12 February will take all comments into account before finally approving the budget proposals which proposals will be submitted to the Full Council on 27 February for final approval.
  
- 3 The Council is using the following methods for consultation on its budget proposals and all responses to the budget will be incorporated into the budget report to the Executive on 12 February.

<b>Interest Group</b>	<b>Date</b>
Overview and Scrutiny	17 January 2008
Business Ratepayers	25 January 2008
BF1500	Telephone questionnaire throughout January 2008
General Public	Information and questionnaire on internet site throughout January 2008

- 4 Each Directorate's Budget has been reviewed by the relevant panel within Overview and Scrutiny as follows:

<b>Directorate</b>	<b>Panel</b>
Chief Executives	Overview and Scrutiny Commission
Corporate Services	Overview and Scrutiny Commission
Education Childrens Services and Libraries	Lifelong Learning and Children's Services
Environment & Leisure	Environment and Leisure
Social Services & Housing	Adult Social Care and Housing

- 5 The following are some questions which the Commission might wish to consider when framing their response to the budget proposals. All of these questions do not need to be asked nor are the comments on the budget restricted to the answers to these questions.
- i. Are the budget proposals consistent with the Council's Policies and Objectives
  - ii. Are the budget proposal clear and understandable
  - iii. Are there any budget proposals that are not acceptable
  - iv. Are there any other comments on the budget proposals
  - v. Are there any other budget proposals that the Executive should consider

### **Background Papers**

Budget reports to the Executive on 18 December 2007

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