

**CHILDREN AND FAMILIES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY
COMMITTEE- 18 JANUARY 2015**

**JOINT REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN AND
FAMILY SERVICES AND THE DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE
RESOURCES**

MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2016/17 – 2019/20

Purpose

1. The purpose of this report is to:
 - a) provide information on the proposed 2016/17 to 2019/20 Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) as it relates to Children and Family Services; and
 - b) ask the Committee to consider any issues as part of the consultation process and make any recommendations to the Cabinet accordingly.

Background

2. The provisional MTFS for 2016/17 – 2019/20, a report on which will be circulated to all members via the Members' News in Brief Service will be approved by the Cabinet on 12th January 2016 as a basis for consultation, which will include scrutiny.
3. A detailed supplementary report on the Children and Family Services Departmental budget will be prepared in the light of the Cabinet's decision and will be circulated to members in due course. The views of this Committee, together with the views of other Scrutiny bodies, will be reported to the Scrutiny Commission on 27th January 2016. The Cabinet will consider the results of the scrutiny process before recommending a MTFS including a budget and capital programme for 2016/17 to the County Council on the 17th February.

Recommendation

4. The Committee is asked to consider and comment on the contents of a supplementary report on the Medium Term Financial Strategy 2016/17 – 2019/20.

Equality and Human Rights Implications

5. Many aspects of the County Council's MTFs and the budget are directed towards the needs of disadvantaged people. Specific proposals will be subject to equality impact assessments where necessary.

Background Papers

None.

Circulation under the Local Alert Issues Procedure

None.

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