

Cyngor Sir Powys County Council

Health and Care Scrutiny Committee – 27 January 2020
Economy, Residents, Communities and Governance Scrutiny
Committee – 29 January 2020
Learning and Skills Scrutiny Committee – 30 January 2020

Draft Questioning Strategy:

Budget Proposals

Introduction:

Attached to the agenda for the meeting the Committee will have received in relation to the Cabinet's Budget proposals to Council:

- (i) A copy of the Cabinet report to provide the overall context for the budget setting process (**Appendix 1**)
- (ii) A copy of the Service's cost reduction proposals which are relevant to the scrutiny committee (**Appendix 2**)
- (iii) Individual Impact Assessments relating to the proposals under (ii) above
- (iv) A copy of the Fees and Charges Report which provides an overview to Service proposals for income generation. (**Appendices 3A and 3B**)
- (v) A copy of the Capital Programme for the next 10 years. (**Appendices 4A and 4B**)
- (vi) A copy of the Budget Simulator Public Consultation Exercise (**Appendix 5**)

Background Reading in Preparation for the Meeting:

The Committee will need to refer to the following sections in the Cabinet Budget Report: (**Appendix 1**)

- Section 3.33 - The overall changes to Service budgets
- Section 3.34 - The general budget pressures on the Council
- Section 3.51 - The investment in Services to meet Vision 2025

In addition the Committee will need to consider the following Appendices which are circulated with the agenda:

- Details of Service cost reduction proposals (**Appendix 2**)
- Impact Assessments linking to the cost reduction proposals
- Overview of Service proposals for income generation. (**Appendices 3A and 3B**)
- Capital Programme. (**Appendices 4A and 4B**)
- Budget Simulator Public Consultation Exercise findings in relation to individual Services. (**Appendix 5**)

Areas of Discussion with Heads of Service:

It is suggested that the discussion with Heads of Service should centre on the following:

- Explanation of the budget pressures and why they are needed
- Assurances around the delivery of cost reductions
- Highlighting any risks in relation to the cost reductions

- Overall Heads of Service will need to provide assurances that their budget delivers Vision 2025, and statutory services at an appropriate level as well as delivering improvement.