

Internal Scrutiny Committee

Meeting to be held on Friday, 12 July 2019

Electoral Division affected: None;

Report of the Budget Scrutiny Review Panel

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Executive Summary

Overview of matters presented and considered by the Budget Scrutiny Review Panel at its meeting held on 11 April 2019.

Recommendation

The Internal Scrutiny Committee is asked to receive the report of its Budget Scrutiny Review Panel.

Background and Advice

The Budget Scrutiny Review Panel comprises 9 County Councillors (5 Conservative, 2 Labour, 1 Lib Dem and 1 Independent).

The role of the Review Panel is to:

- Provide further support to the overall budget monitoring process
- Consider and formulate recommendations on Cabinet budget proposals
- Monitor progress of agreed budget savings

The Review Panel's role is not to lead on the management of the budget or to set a budget, but to provide support as a 'critical friend'. The Review Panel will report its activities and any aspect of its work to the Internal Scrutiny Committee for information.

Meeting held on 11 April 2019

- **Service challenge savings update**

In attendance: Mike Kirby, Director of Strategy and Performance and Neil Kissock, Director of Finance

The report presented provided an update on the management of the service challenge savings as approved at the February 2019 Full Council Budget meeting.

Members raised a number of questions, the main points of which are summarised below:

- On capacity to support the service challenge process, it was reported that there were 38 members of staff within the Programme Office helping to support services working on the delivery of savings challenges on aspects such as project management and planning and providing oversight. It was noted that the service challenge templates used to draft the proposals helped to identify any capacity issues at that stage. The Panel was informed that this had helped to map out where peaks and troughs would occur with capacity.
- It was confirmed that budget savings agreed from 2018/19, that had yet to be implemented were being monitored.
- For service challenge savings that required consultation, it was confirmed that those highlighted as being live would move to the analysis stage imminently.

Resolved: That the update be noted.

- **Lancashire Breaktime**

In attendance: Sally Richardson, Head of Inclusion, Laura Sales, Director of Corporate Services and Jaswant Johal, Principal Lawyer

The report provided to members outlined the consultation process, feedback received and the next steps in relation to the potential cessation of the Lancashire Break Time short breaks service.

Resolved: That the report be noted.

The next meeting of the Review Panel has been scheduled for 9 September 2019.

Consultations

N/A

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

This report has no significant risk implications.

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 List of Background Papers

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Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate - N/A