

Overview, Scrutiny & Policy Development Committee

Monday, 21 October 2019

Present: Councillor S Graham (Chair)
Councillors J Allan, A Austin, K Clark, D Cox, M Green,
J Kirwin, A McMullen, A Newman, P Oliver, M Rankin,
and W Samuel

S Fallon – Church Representative
M Ord – Parent Governor Representative
M Vine – Church Representative

Apologies: Councillors B Burdis, Janet Hunter and L Miller

OV20/19 Appointment of Substitute Members

Pursuant to the Council's constitution the appointment of the following substitute Member was reported: - Councillor J O'Shea for Councillor B Burdis.

OV21/19 Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest

OV22/19 2020-24 Budget and Financial Plan

The Committee received a briefing presentation from the Head of Resources to how the budget process was undertaken and set in 2019/20. It was stated that the up and coming budget review would be for 1 year due to the significant uncertainty all Local Authorities face at the present time.

The Committee was informed that the 2020-2024 Financial Planning and Budget Process: Cabinet's Initial Budget Proposals would be considered at its meeting on the 25 November 2019.

The Committee then received a presentation from the Head of Corporate Strategy on the 2020/21 Budget Engagement Approach.

The presentation provided information to the various approaches for engagement for the range of the targeted audiences.

Members raised the need to ensure that the timing of engagement events enabled all stakeholders the opportunity to attend and to make their views known.

A member raised interactive tools used by other Authorities and asked if similar approaches had been investigated for North Tyneside engagement. In response it was stated that consideration was given to this type of engagement tools, however it was viewed the feedback North Tyneside receives from its engagement was of greater quality and value.

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A member stated that locations where engagement takes place should be carefully considered, to allow a greater diverse view to be provided. The committee was informed that work had taken place to ensure this would be provided.

It was **Agreed** that the presentation on the Budget and Engagement Approach for 2020/21 be noted.