

Mayor and Cabinet			
Report title	Comments of the Public Accounts Select Committee on the revenue budget savings		
Contributors	Public Accounts Select Committee	Item No.	
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1. Summary

- 1.1 This report informs Mayor and Cabinet of the comments and views of the Public Accounts Select Committee, arising from discussions held on the revenue budget savings proposals (2013/16), considered at its meeting on 12 November 2012.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 Mayor and Cabinet is recommended to note the views of the Public Accounts Select Committee as set out in section three of this referral as well as the views of the other Select Committees contained in Appendix A.

3. Public Accounts Select Committee views

- 3.1 On 12 November 2012, the Public Accounts Select Committee considered the revenue budget saving proposals within its terms of reference. The Committee resolved to advise Mayor and Cabinet of the following:
- 3.2 The Committee notes the referrals from the Select Committees attached in Appendix A. Where Select Committees have requested further information and details on specific proposals these should be provided before a final decision is taken.
- 3.3 The Committee notes the referral from the Children and Young People Select Committee and asks that further information and details be provided to the Children and Young People Committee for proposal CYP14.
- 3.4 That further information regarding proposal COM18 be provided to the relevant Select Committee before a final decision is taken.
- 3.5 That further information including the potential impacts of proposals RNR11, RNR17 and RNR18 should be brought back to Public Accounts Select Committee before a final decision is taken at Mayor and Cabinet.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 Should the Committee's referral result in the budget being changed, this may affect the amount of savings achieved, potentially resulting in a savings shortfall that would mean that alternative proposals would have to be identified and built into the budget planning process. However, as these decisions are ultimately for the Mayor (in recommending his budget), and then the Council, there are no direct or immediate financial implications arising from this report.

5. Legal Implications

- 5.1 The Constitution provides for Select Committees to make recommendations to the Executive or appropriate committee and/or Council arising from the outcome of the scrutiny process.

6. Further Implications

- 6.1 At this stage there are no specific environmental, equalities or crime and disorder implications to consider.

Background papers

Revenue Budget Savings Proposals (2013/16)

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