

<b>Overview and Scrutiny Committee</b>			
<b>Report Title</b>	Lewisham Future Programme : Scrutiny Process		
<b>Key Decision</b>	No	<b>Item No.</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Ward</b>	All Wards		
<b>Contributors</b>	Executive Director for Resources & Regeneration		
<b>Class</b>	Part 1	<b>Date:</b>	<b>29 September 2014</b>

## 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1. To clarify the process to support the effective scrutiny of budget savings proposals for 2015/16 arising from the Lewisham Future Programme.

## 2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1. The attached paper, 'Lewisham Future Programme: 2015/16 Revenue Budget Savings Report,' has been drafted by officers to assist with the process of formal scrutiny of savings proposals coming forward for member consideration. Scrutiny of these proposals is scheduled to take place in advance of the Mayor's consideration, on 12 November 2014, of a package of savings proposals to meet the council's budget requirements.

## 3. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1. That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee agree the attached timescale and approach, to reviewing the Lewisham Future Programme Proposals, to support the effective overall scrutiny of the budget process.

## 4. TIMESCALE FOR SCRUTINY

- 4.1. It is proposed that the following timetable for scrutiny takes place:

<b>Review of Savings proposals</b>	<b>Children &amp; Young People</b>	<b>Healthier</b>	<b>Housing</b>	<b>Public Accounts</b>	<b>Safer Stronger</b>	<b>Sustainable</b>
Select Ctte.	2 Oct	21 Oct	1 Oct	5 Nov	3 Nov	30 Oct
M&C	12 Nov	12 Nov	12 Nov	12 Nov	12 Nov	12 Nov
Select Ctte.	15 Dec	2 Dec	17 Dec	10 Dec	3 Dec	9 Dec
M&C	14 Jan	14 Jan	14 Jan	14 Jan	14 Jan	14 Jan
Select Ctte.	4 Feb	14 Jan	28 Jan	5 Feb + Budget	22 Jan	20 Jan
M&C	11 Feb	11 Feb	11 Feb	11 Feb + Budget	11 Feb	11 Feb

## **5. APPROACH TO SCRUTINY**

- 5.1. To enable effective scrutiny of the wide range of thematic proposals that have been put forward at each of the proposed meetings, the savings proposals have been “mapped” to each of the select committees in accordance with each committee’s terms of reference. The attached table lists the savings proposal by select committee, to enable easy identification of which proposals fall broadly within the remit of which select committee. Where proposals cut across more than one select committee this has been highlighted.
- 5.2. The attached table is intended to enable members to navigate the proposals effectively at the select committee meetings and is not restrictive.
- 5.3. It is proposed that:
  - elected members be invited to attend all select committees that they would wish to attend to support the process of scrutiny and review
  - to invite Cabinet members to attend relevant scrutiny committees
  - that all Select Committees refer their views to Public Accounts Select Committee on 5<sup>th</sup> November
  - all Scrutiny Chairs be invited to attend Public Accounts Select Committee on 5 November 2014
  - Public Accounts Select Committee on 5 November 2014 refer the views of the respective Select Committees onto Mayor & Cabinet for 12<sup>th</sup> November 2014

## **6. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1. The Constitution provides for Select Committees to refer reports to the Mayor and Cabinet, who are obliged to consider the report and the proposed response from the relevant Executive Director; and report back to the Committee within two months (not including recess).