

### Comments on the budget from the Policy Overview Committees

Policy Overview Committees are an integral part of the consultation on the Cabinet's budget proposals each year. This opportunity enables Councillors, who are not in the Cabinet, to provide input or comment on aspects of the budget for the ensuing year.

The Corporate Services & Partnerships Policy Overview Committee met on 1 February 2018 to consider the combined set of comments from the Policy Overview Committees and agreed they be referred to Cabinet and Full Council and as set out below:

	<b>Budget remit</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>Corporate Services &amp; Partnerships - 4 January 2018</b>	<i>Chief Executive's Office, Finance Directorate and Residents Services (Infrastructure).</i>	The Committee noted the budget proposals and continuing budgetary pressures, recognising the financial constraints that the Council are working under.  Members also expressed their appreciation for the work that has been carried out by Officers in producing the budget.
<b>Children, Young People and Learning – 16 January 2018</b>	<i>Children's Social Care &amp; Residents Services (Education, Arts and Adult Learning)</i>	The Committee supported the budget and commended officers for their work in times of austerity.
<b>Social Services, Housing &amp; Public Health – 23 January 2018</b>	<i>Adult Social Care and Residents Services (Housing / Public Health)</i>	The Committee noted the budget proposals and the continuing budgetary pressures at this time. Officers were thanked for their work in managing the budget under such financial pressures, to ensure that residents were able to continue receiving good social care, public health and housing services. However, the Committee noted that the some of the figures in the report required further explanation, including inflation projections, and officers agreed to provide further financial information to Members. The Committee welcomed the provision of a new swimming pool in Yiewsley/West Drayton that would promote fitness within that part of the Borough, along with two new housing units, including a new dementia centre at the Grassy Meadow site to support some our more vulnerable residents.
<b>Residents' &amp; Environmental Services – 24 January 2018</b>	<i>Residents Services (various service areas)</i>	The Committee agreed that there was some good work being undertaken to benefit residents in areas such as the schools expansion programme, music services and adult education. This would be good for the health and wellbeing of residents. The Committee thanked officers for their input and efforts.

**Background Papers** – these are the approved comments from the Committees. The published minutes ([link here](#)) set out more detail of the budget discussions that took place.