

Minutes of the Budget and Corporate Scrutiny Management Board

**7th August, 2019 at 5.45pm
at Sandwell Council House, Oldbury**

Present: Councillor L Giles (Chair);
Councillors Moore, Rollins and Singh.

Apology: Councillor E M Giles.

In attendance: D Carter (Executive Director – Resources);
S Suthi-Nagra (Democratic Services Manager);
I Parry (Centre for Public Scrutiny).

13/19 **Minutes**

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 10th July, 2019 be approved as a correct record.

14/19 **Budget and Corporate Scrutiny Management Board Work Programme 2019-20**

The Scrutiny Management Board received an overview from the Executive Director – Resources of key areas of work within his directorate that were currently underway or were planned during 2019-20, this included the Revenues and Benefits policy suite, the ICT Programme and the Investment Programme.

The ongoing review of the Council's Overview and Scrutiny function was scheduled to present its findings in October 2019 and this would be reflected in the work programme.

The Scrutiny Management Board noted that financial reports, including quarterly monitoring reports and business planning, would continue to be submitted at key points throughout the year. The Executive Director also suggested that the Local Government Funding Settlement could also be considered by the Scrutiny Management Board.

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Members discussed potential topics for consideration by the Scrutiny Management Board and agreed a work programme.

Resolved that the following topics be included in the work programme for the Budget and Corporate Scrutiny Management Board for the 2019-20 municipal year:-

September

Budget Monitoring – Quarter 1;
Human Resources (including workforce planning and equality and diversity);

October

Scrutiny Review final report;

November

Revenues and Benefits policies;
Investment Programme;

December

Budget Monitoring – Quarter 2;
ICT Programme;

January

Local Government Funding Settlement;
Children's Trust – Financial Strategy;

February

Budget 2020-21/Directorate Business Plans;

March

Budget Monitoring – Quarter 3.

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Scrutiny Work Programme 2019-20

The Scrutiny Management Board considered the draft work programmes submitted by the Scrutiny Boards. These set out the topics that each Board had identified for review during the 2019-20 municipal year. It was acknowledged that prioritisation work would continue to determine when topics would be scheduled to ensure they were timely and allowed for effective scrutiny to take place.

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Resolved that the Scrutiny Boards work programme for 2019-20 be approved in principle.

(Meeting ended at 6.46 pm)

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