

Overview, Scrutiny & Policy Development Committee

14 January 2019

Present: Councillor S Graham (Chair),
Councillors J Allan, A Austin, K Clark, N Huscroft,
M Green, Janet Hunter, A Newton, P Oliver, J O'Shea
and M Thirlaway

Church Representative
Rev M Vine

Parent Governor Representative
Mrs M Ord

Other Members
Councillor J Mole

OV37/01/19 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor B Burdis, N Craven and M Rankin

OV38/01/19 Substitute Members

There were no substitute members.

OV39/01/19 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest or dispensations reported.

OV40/01/19 Minutes

Resolved that minute of the meeting held on 5 November 2018 be confirmed;

OV41/01/19 Budget sub-group report

The Committee received the report of the Budget Sub-group that detailed the scrutiny into the Cabinet's initial 2019/23 Financial Planning and Budget proposals.

The group met on 13 December 2018, where the Head of Resources and officers presented the position of the Authority budget, the Initial budget proposals and a number of business cases that would allow the Authority to make the necessary savings to have a balanced budget.

In previous years the sub-group had expressed its frustration with the delay and content of budget information received. The sub-group were reassured that its concerns had been heeded and the information provided had greatly improved.

The sub-group were assured that although there were continued pressures for the Authority to make savings to its budget, there would be no significant reduction to the services delivered to residents and businesses in North Tyneside.

The Committee was informed that there would be a further meeting of the Budget Sub-group, where it would scrutinise the Cabinets Final Budget Proposals and this would take place on the 22 January 2019. The Committee was asked and it was agreed to delegate the sub-group responsibility to make further comment and any recommendations to Cabinet following this meeting.

It was **Agreed** that (1) the Budget Sub-Group report detailing comments be referred to Cabinet; and (2) delegate responsibility to the Budget Sub-group to make further comment and any recommendations to Cabinet following scrutiny of Cabinets 2019/20 Final Budget Proposals.