

**Executive Committee, Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2020**  
**Item 7: Medium Term Financial Plan 2020/21 to 2023/24**  
**Recommendations from the Budget Scrutiny Working Group meeting held**  
**on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

Recommendation 1:

**We recommend that there should be a review of how the capital programme spreadsheet is presented in future years, and that items on the capital programme should be grouped in accordance with the Council's strategic purposes.**

Background to recommendation 1:

- Members considered the content of the Capital Programme 2020/21, which can be found at Appendix 5 of the Medium Term Financial Plan 2020/21 to 2023/24, on page 71 of the main agenda pack for the Executive Committee meeting.
- The group noted that the list of items included in the plan had not been presented in thematic groups and they felt it did not appear to have been presented in a logical pattern.
- The presentation of items on the plan by grouping them in accordance with the Council's strategic purposes was suggested by the group to help clarify the content in future versions of the Medium Term Financial Plan.

Recommendation 2:

**We recommend that once the Section 24 Notice no longer applies to the authority, the Council should ensure it actively communicates this to the public in the local press, having communicated it to the public in the first place. Members recognise that this will be subject to the Council receiving a sustainable value for money statement from the external auditors and approval of the Council's accounts in September 2020.**

Background to recommendation 2:

- Members have been advised that there will be no formal letter to advise the Council when the Section 24 Notice has been lifted.
- Instead, Members have been advised that the end of the Section 24 Notice will become clear once a sustainable value for money statement has been issued for the Council which makes no reference to the Section 24 Notice.
- To ensure that the public is reassured about the Council's finances and local public services Members agreed that when the Section 24 Notice ceases to apply to the Council this should be communicated to the public.