Briefing note



To: Finance and Corporate Service Scrutiny Board

Date: 8 January 2025

Subject: Consultation on spending, saving and council tax proposals for 2025/26

1 Purpose of the Note

1.1 Coventry City Council is carrying out a public consultation on revenue spending and savings proposals for 2025/26 and future financial years together with the approach in relation to Council Tax and the Adult Social Care precept. This note provides the Finance and Corporate Services Scrutiny Board (1) with information about the proposals to enable them to make any comments as part of the consultation process.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 The Finance and Corporate Services Scrutiny Board (1) is recommended to:
 - Make any comments or recommendations to the Cabinet Member for Strategic Finance and Resources and/ or Cabinet as appropriate in relation to the budget consultation.

3 Context

- 3.1 On 10 December 2024, Cabinet approved a seven-week public consultation period on revenue spending and savings proposals for 2025/26 and future financial years together with the approach in relation to Council Tax and the Adult Social Care precept. The consultation closes on 28th January 2025.
- 3.2 The report considered by Cabinet, together with Appendices 1-3 are attached as an appendix to this report. Appendix 1 is the Pre-Budget Proposals and Financial Position; Appendix 2 is the Council Tax Support Scheme and Appendix 3 is a Cumulative Equality Impact Assessment and Appendix 4 is an Equality Impact Assessment on Council Tax Support 25-26
- 3.3 The Consultation process is supported by further information on the Council's website which can be accessed here: <u>Budget Consultation 2025/26 | Let's Talk</u> <u>Coventry</u>
- Appendix A Pre-Budget Report 2025/26 Cabinet Report Appendix 1 Pre-Budget Report Proposals Appendix 2 Council Tax Support Scheme Appendix 3 Cumulative Equality Impact Assessment Appendix 4 EIA Council Tax Support 25-26

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