

APPENDIX B

The Transformation and Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee met on Monday 3 September. We received a report which outlined the process whereby the 2013/14 budget will be prepared, scrutinised and approved. Due to a prior engagement, the Portfolio Holder was unable to attend, however the committee had the opportunity to question the Leader on the outline budget process. The committee endorsed the process set out in the report and agreed the scrutiny work programme timetable, which whilst stretching will still be achievable. It is perhaps for Cabinet to note that for a variety of reasons there were a higher number of apologies than usual, with 6 councillors unable to attend; however, the committee was quorate and agreement on the above was unanimous from those present.

I welcome the invitation from Cabinet to attend and speak in person on this item, however, due to the approval of the process, I do not feel it necessary on this occasion. I would request though that as the budget scrutiny process continues I am able to attend future meetings to keep the Cabinet fully informed.