## Appendix 1 – Recommendations arising from Scrutiny & Overview Committee, 14 October 2024

Item: Cabinet Paper – 2024-25 Period 4 Financial Monitoring Report

Recommendation Number	Recommendation	Political Lead	Officer Lead
SOC.6.24/25	The Committee welcomed the commitment of the Administration to reviewing whether there would be benefit in the SEND transport budget sitting within the Children and Young People directorate, considering they are the client department and would recommend that the outcome from this review is reported back to the Committee, as part of the budget setting process.	Cllr Jason Cummings	Jane West

Item: 2025-29 Medium Term Financial Strategy Update

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SOC.7.24/25	The Committee recognised the importance of all Members understanding the in-year financial challenges. As such, it recommends that an all-Member briefing is arranged in a timely manner.	Cllr Jason Cummings	Jane West

The Committee felt that it was important for residents to be made aware of the challenging in-year financial position and the impact upon the Medium Term Financial Strategy. As such, it recommends that residents are regularly updated on the in-year financial challenges and related impact on the MTFS as part of the Council's email newsletter to residents.	Cllr Jason Cummings	Jane West
As the Council's ability to gather data more effectively had improved, the Committee recommends that it be better used within the Budget report, due in February 2025, to demonstrate the robustness of assumptions informing budget decisions.	Cllr Jason Cummings	Jane West
The Committee recommends that 2025-29 Medium Term Financial Strategy report provides greater clarification on the way it reports savings proposals (Appendix B) by providing a sub-category to Transformation items in the 'Savings Type' column e.g invest to save, new ways of working, service redesign etc.	Cllr Jason Cummings	Jane West
Following the Administration's confirmation that the Committee's recommendation from last year, for the budget consultation plan to be independently reviewed, the Committee recommends that the feedback from the LGA's review of this year's Council's Budget Consultation is shared with the Committee ahead of its launch.	Cllr Jason Cummings	Jane West
Given the importance of prevention in managing demand in those services experiencing the greatest overspends, the Committee recommends that further detail on prevention workstreams is included within the Budget report.	Cllr Jason Cummings	Jane West
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