

CORPORATE SERVICES AND ECONOMIC GROWTH OSC

REPORT TO CABINET

14 FEBRUARY 2023

Budget Consultation Report 2023-24

Councillor Glen Sanderson, Leader of the Council and Richard Wearmouth, Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Corporate Services presented the report to the Committee on 13 February 2023. Jan Willis, Executive Director of Finance and Section 151 Officer, together with other Executive Directors, was also in attendance to assist with any queries from members.

Members of all the Council's OSCs had been invited to attend the meeting to consider and make comment on the reports.

Members were concerned that there were only 209 responses to the online consultation process, although the Leader confirmed that both he and Councillor Wearmouth had attended all the Local Area Councils to respond to questions on the budget during the last round of meetings. He agreed that measures could be explored to seek to extend the consultation and proposed an all-member policy conference on this issue be held in the Autumn.

The Committee therefore **RESOLVED** to advise the Cabinet of the comments of members as highlighted above.

COUNCILLOR DAVID BAWN

CHAIRMAN