

# Birmingham City Council

## Finance and Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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**Subject:** Update on Budget Recovery Plan and MTFP and Scrutiny Contribution to Budget Savings and Recovery Plan

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### 1 Purpose

- 1.1 To update the Committee on the Medium-Term Financial Plan (MTFP), and for the Committee to consider the implications for the Committee's work programme.

### 2 Recommendations

The Committee:

- 2.1 Receives and notes a verbal update from Fiona Greenway, Interim Director of Finance (S151Offier) on the Budget Recovery Plan and Medium-Term Financial Plan
- 2.2 Considers the issues that are relevant to the Committee's terms of reference (outlined in the [Council's Constitution, Part B, section 11.5](#)) as set out in appendices 1 and 2 and agree any recommendations to Cabinet.

### 3 Any Finance Implications

- 3.1 The financial implications of the Medium-Term Financial Plan are set out in the July Cabinet Report that was considered at the Finance and Resources OSC on 27 July. A link to this report is provided as a background paper.

### 4 Any Legal Implications

- 4.1 The legal implications of the Medium-Term Financial Plan are set out in the July Cabinet Report that was considered at the Finance and Resources OSC on 27 July. A link to this report is provided as a background paper.

## **5 Any Equalities Implications**

- 5.1 The Council has a Public Sector Equality Duty under the Equality Act (2010) to have due regard to the need to:
- eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under the Act;
  - advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it;
  - foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.
- 5.2 The protected characteristics and groups outlined in the Equality Act are: Age; Disability; Gender Reassignment; Marriage and Civil Partnership; Pregnancy and Maternity; Race; Religion and Belief; Sex, and Sexual Orientation.
- 5.3 The Committee should ensure that it addresses these duties by considering them during work programme development, the scoping of work, evidence gathering and making recommendations. This should include considering: How policy issues impact on different groups within the community, particularly those that share a relevant protected characteristic; Whether the impact on particular groups is fair and proportionate; Whether there is equality of access to services and fair representation of all groups within Birmingham; Whether any positive opportunities to advance equality of opportunity and/or good relations between people are being realised.
- 5.4 The Committee should ensure that equalities comments, and any recommendations, are based on evidence. This should include demographic and service level data and evidence of residents/service-users views gathered through consultation.
- 5.5 Section 10.6 in appendix 1 also provides specific information on equalities implications for the Medium-Term Financial Plan.

## **6 Appendices**

- 6.1 Appendix 1: Slides from Co-ordinating Overview and Scrutiny Committee training session delivered by Fifield Training Ltd, 26 July 2023.
- 6.2 Appendix 2: Agreed Savings 2023-24, Q1.

## **7 Background Papers**

- 7.1 Cabinet Report 25 July: Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) Refresh – Update to Cabinet at Quarter 1 of the 2023/24 Financial Year [Document.ashx \(cmis.uk.com\)](https://cmis.uk.com)