

All Member Scrutiny

On Wednesday 9th December all County Councillors were invited to attend a briefing session with the Council's Directors, to seek clarification and make comment on proposals within the budget options.

This session was chaired by Liz Brighthouse as Chairman of the Performance Scrutiny Committee, and a further 22 Councillors were able to attend.

Issues Raised

Directorate	Issue	Budget Ref(s)
CEF	Children's Centres	CEF12
CEF	Short breaks	CEF13
CEF	Academies / future of school relationship	CEF2, CEF3, CEF5, CEF16
CEF/SCS	Carers	CEF13, SCS8, SCS10, SCS28, SCS29
CEF/SCS	Safeguarding	CEF18, SCS37
Cross-cutting	Effectiveness of preventative spend	SCS1, SCS5, SS15, SCS25
EE	Highway Maintenance	EE1, EE7, EE10, EE11, E15, EE19
EE	Area stewardship	EE16, EE25
EE	Bus subsidies inc. school buses and cross-border issues	EE23, EE32
EE	Recycling centres	EE27, EE29
EE	Efficiency of E+E contractors	EE9, EE12
EE	Pegasus and other arts funding	LCS2
EE (primarily)	Efficient use of property	SCS2, SCS14, EE12 EE34

FRS	Trading standards - fraud and cybercrime	FRS2
FRS	Fire Cover	FRS3, FRS7
SCS	Day services	SCS21a, SCS21b, SCS21c
SCS	Homelessness	SCS22

Councillors also discussed the outlook for government funding, changes to business rates, the phasing of savings, consultation proposals for reform of the New Homes Bonus, new government policy on public sector apprenticeships, equity in service provision between rural and urban areas, and the process for advising local members in the event of provider failure (e.g. the closure of a care home).

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