Overview & Scrutiny Recommendation Response Pro forma

Under section 9FE of the Local Government Act 2000, Overview and Scrutiny Committees must require the Cabinet or local authority to respond to a report or recommendations made thereto by an Overview and Scrutiny Committee. Such a response must be provide d within two months from the date on which it is requested¹ and, if the report or recommendations in questions were published, the response also must be so.

This template provides a structure which respondents are encouraged to use. However, respondents are welcome to depart from the suggested structure provided the same information is included in a response. The usual way to publish a response is to include it in the agenda of a meeting of the body to which the report or recommendations were addressed.

Issue: Budget Scrutiny

Lead Cabinet Member(s): Cllr Dan Levy, Cabinet Member for Finance

Date response requested:² 28 January 2025

Response to report:

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Response to recommendations:

Recommendation	Accepted, rejected	Proposed action (if different to that recommended) and indicative timescale (unless rejected)
	or partially accepted	
That the increases for school meals are stepped over a longer period		

¹ Date of the meeting at which report/recommendations were received

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That the Council budget report provides	
members with i) the impacts of school meal	
price rises for parents with two children	
getting school meals every day over a year	
(assuming that the full increase in costs are	
passed on by schools), and ii) and the	
anticipated savings to the Council made by	
increasing school meal prices	
That the Council budget report includes a	
benchmark figure for the cost-avoidance	
accruing from the Council's proposed flood-	
prevention investment	
That the Council budget report provides	
members with the financial impact to the	
Council of increasing DIY waste charges by	
4.2%	
That the Council makes clear the framework	
through which projects will be prioritised for	
active travel spending, including	
consideration of the impact on numbers of	
people walking and cycling as well as the	
additional benefits of schemes being	
complementary as part of a network.	