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<b>Report of</b>	<b>Assistant Director (Policy and Corporate)</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Owen Howell</b>
<b>Title</b>	<b>2020/21 Budget Strategy – Scrutiny Panel Covering Report</b>		
<b>Wards affected</b>	<b>N/A</b>		

## **1. Executive Summary**

- 1.1 The report on the 2020/21 Budget Strategy, as considered by Cabinet on 10 July 2019 is provided for the Panel's consideration.

## **2. Action required**

- 2.1 The Scrutiny Panel is requested to consider and note the 2020/21 Budget Strategy, Medium Term Financial Forecast and Budget Timetable, presented to the Cabinet on 10 July 2019, and refer any comments or concerns back to the Cabinet for further consideration.

## **3. Reasons for Scrutiny**

- 3.1 The review of the Council's Budget Strategy and Timetable is one of the responsibilities of the Scrutiny Panel, as set out under the Terms of Reference for the Panel within the Constitution.

## **4. Standard and Strategic Plan References**

- 4.1 Scrutiny and challenge is integral to the delivery of the Strategic Plan's priorities and direction for the Borough as set out under the four themes of growth, responsibility, opportunity and wellbeing.
- 4.2 Scrutiny is a key function to ensure decisions have been subject to full appraisal and that they are in line with the Council's strategic aims. The role of scrutiny is also important in helping to check that risks are identified and challenged.
- 4.3 The Council recognises that effective local government relies on establishing and maintaining the public's confidence, and that setting high standards of self-governance provides a clear and demonstrable lead. Effective governance, of which scrutiny is a part, underpins the implementation and application of all aspects of the Council's work.
- 4.4 There is no publicity, equality and diversity, human rights, community safety, health and safety, risk management or financial implications in this matter.

## **5. Appendix**

- 5.1 Appendix 1: 2020/21 Budget Strategy, Medium Term Financial Forecast and Budget Timetable