Terms of Reference Budget Review Group

(adopted by Council 20 March 2025)

The Group will meet the evening before Cabinet and will be responsible for reviewing the following papers:

Annual Fees & Charges

Setting of the General Fund Budget

Setting of the Housing Revenue Account (HRA)

Annual Treasury Management Strategy (if it is reported to Cabinet in February)

Their purpose will be to review the above reports and pass comment on the strategic financial robustness of them.

The reports will be subject to pre meeting questions process as used for all Cabinet papers.

The Group will be composed of a Councillor from each Political group on the Council from each of the Audit & Standards and Overview & Scrutiny committee; and the Chair of Housing Scrutiny Committee.

The Chairs of the respective Committees must be on the group but will form the representative of their Group from the respective Committee.

Named substitutes for the Group will be permitted, except member of Cabinet.

The Leader of the Cabinet will permit the Chair of this meeting to represent the views of the Group in line with the rights provided to the Chair of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee