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Neath Port Talbot Council

## **NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

### **Education, Skills and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee**

**8<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

#### **REPORT OF THE CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER - HUW JONES**

#### **Matter for Scrutiny**

#### **Wards Affected:**

All Wards

#### **CONSULTATION ON EDUCATION, SKILLS AND WELLBEING BUDGET AND DRAFT SAVINGS 2024/25**

#### **Purpose of the Report:**

1. To provide Members of the Education, Skills and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee with information regarding the savings proposals for the Education, Leisure and Lifelong Learning Directorate, set out in the Cabinet Report of 20<sup>th</sup> December 2023, with a view to aiding the scrutiny of those proposals.

#### **Background:**

2. On the 20<sup>th</sup> December 2023 the Council's Cabinet approved to commence public consultation on draft budget savings, cuts and income generation proposal to inform the Council's budget for 2024/2025.

3. The attached report deals in more detail those savings strategies which fall under the remit of this Scrutiny Committee.
4. Each scrutiny committee is invited to scrutinise the budget proposals that sit under their committee's remit, as part of the overall budget consultation exercise.

**Integrated Impact Assessment:**

5. N/A

**Valleys Communities Impacts:**

6. N/A

**Workforce Impacts:**

7. N/A

**Legal Impacts:**

8. N/A

**Risk Management Impacts:**

9. N/A

**Consultation:**

10. Public Consultation on all of the draft savings proposals set out in the Cabinet report of 20<sup>th</sup> December 2023 has commenced and will run until 10<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

**Recommendation:**

11. It is recommended that Members review and scrutinise the savings proposals included in this report, which fall under the remit of the Education, Skills and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee.

**Reasons for Proposed Decision:**

12. To ensure members of the Education, Skills and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee are able to contribute to the consultation on the draft Budget 2024/25.

**Implementation of Decision:**

13. N/A

**Appendices:**

14. Appendix 1 – 2024/2025 Budget Proposals as presented to Cabinet on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

**List of Background Papers:**

15. Not Applicable

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