

# City of Edinburgh Council

10.05am, Thursday 27 June 2024

## Formation and Appointment to Budget Strategy Working Group

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### 1. Recommendations

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- 1.1 To agree the terms of reference for the Budget Strategy Working group in Appendix 1.
- 1.2 To appoint the membership of the Budget Strategy Working group.
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# Report

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### 2. Executive Summary

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- 2.1 A Budget Strategy Working group is to be established to support the delivery of the Council's budget strategy and support setting a balanced budget for 2025/26.
- 2.2 The proposed membership structure and remit of the budget strategy working group is detailed in appendix 1.

### 3. Background

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- 3.1 The council has a significant budget gap to close to achieve financial sustainability in the medium term. The establishment of a budget strategy working group has been suggested to support close working required between members and officers to support achieving the council's business plan while closing the financial gap.

### 4. Main report

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- 4.1 Council is requested to agree the remit and membership for the Budget Strategy Working group as set out in Appendix 1.

### 5. Next Steps

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- 5.1 To establish the working group and arrange regular monthly meetings.

### 6. Financial impact

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- 6.1 There is no direct financial impact by constituting this working group, however its aims are to support the Council achieving financial sustainability while delivering its aims and objectives as set out in the Council's business plan.

### 7. Equality and Poverty Impact

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- 7.1 N/A

## **8. Climate and Nature Emergency Implications**

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8.1 N/A

## **9. Risk, policy, compliance, governance and community impact**

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9.1 [Appointments to Committees, Boards and Joint Boards – report by Executive Director of Corporate Services](#)

## **10. Background reading/external references**

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10.1 [Review of Appointments to Committees, Boards and Joint Boards for 2023/2024 – report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services](#)

## **11. Appendices**

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Appendix 1 – Budget Strategy Working group membership and terms of reference.

### City of Edinburgh Council Budget Strategy Working Group.

#### **Suggested Membership – 5 members**

(1 SNP, 1 Conservative, 1 Labour, 1 Green and 1 Liberal Democrat Group)

#### **Remit**

The City of Edinburgh Budget Strategy Working group is constituted with the purpose of considering and evaluating proposals to support closing the Council's budget gap in the medium term while achieving the aims and objectives of the Council's business plan.

The functions of City of Edinburgh Budget Strategy Working group are:

- To consider how the City of Edinburgh Council can take action to close the council's budget gap over the medium term to achieve the aims set out in the budget strategy and achieve financial sustainability.
- To enable more frequent sharing of information between members and officers as budget proposals and associated information such as IIAs are worked up.
- To facilitate deep dives in areas of the budget that cause risk or could be realigned.
- To enable regular oversight of progress leading into the annual budget setting process.