

Addendum by the SNP Group

Finance and Resources Committee

6 February 2024

7.1 - Revenue Budget Framework and Medium-Term Financial Plan (MTFP) 2024-2029

Replaces 1.1.2 and renumbers accordingly:

Committee notes the unsatisfactory nature of the budget process this year, including late information. No consultation with residents, stakeholders or trade unions and a lack of time for political parties receiving full information.

Committee notes the Housing report on today's agenda was finally published only a day and a half ahead of the committee in contravention of the Council's governance standards. Therefore, requests that relevant senior Council officers meet with each political group immediately after the Feb 22 Budget setting Council meeting to get specific input about how this can be improved.

Requests further such meetings in June to provide a specific timetable for the 25/26 timetable and precise information about how the flow of budget information, including final proposals, and actions can be better managed.

Moved by: Councillor Lesley Macinnes

Seconded by: Councillor Adam Nols-McVey

Addendum by the Green Group

Finance and Resources Committee

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Item 7.1 – Revenue Budget Framework and Medium-Term Financial Plan (MTFP) 2024/29 – further update

Adds:

- 1.2 Deeply regrets that Integrated Impact Assessments have not been carried out for this year's budget proposals, and there are no plans to do so, given the changed circumstances around the education proposals;
- 1.3 Notes that this disregards the fact that Local Authority spending in all areas has clear impacts on women's equality, and particularly disabled, Black and minority ethnic and migrant women, and that Edinburgh Council has repeatedly reiterated its commitment to gender equality;
- 1.4 Therefore, requests that a Budget Equality Impact Statement is produced and published alongside the officer budget providing information from IIAs where they are able to be produced in the time, or collated information from previous IIAs, equalities evidence and assumptions, and information from third sector organisations;

Moved by: Cllr Alys Mumford

Seconded by: Cllr Alex Staniforth