



<b>Overview and Scrutiny Committee</b>		Agenda Item
<b>27 November 2023</b>		<b>9</b>
Title:	Combined Authority Budget and Corporate Strategy Update	
Report of:	Robert Emery, Assistant Director of Finance	
Lead Member:	Edna Murphy (Lead Member for Governance)	
Public Report:	Yes	
Key Decision:	N/A	
Voting Arrangements:	A simple majority of all Members	

**Recommendations:**

A	Note the draft Corporate Strategy and Medium-Term Financial Plan.
B	Consider if there are questions the Committee want to pose to the Combined Authority Board ahead of the consultation

**Strategic Objective(s):**

The proposals within this report fit under the following strategic objective(s):	
X	Achieving Best Value and High Performance
Welcoming the opportunity for effective scrutiny of the Combined Authority's medium-term plans and budgets is an essential element in demonstrating good governance and facilitates the delivery of a Best Value and High Performance organisation.	

**1. Purpose**

1.1	This paper, alongside the published drafts of the Corporate Strategy and Medium-Term Financial Plan (MTFP), which can be found here <a href="#">CA Board Agenda 29<sup>th</sup> November</a> provide the Committee with the opportunity to review the Combined Authority's draft plans and consider whether there are questions they wish to pose to the Board alongside the draft budget and MTFP.
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**2. Background**

2.1	At the Committee's September meeting they received a paper setting out the process and timeline for the refresh of the Combined Authority's Corporate Strategy and MTFP, as the draft of these documents are now published ahead of the Combined Authority Board meeting on the 29 <sup>th</sup> November the Committee are invited to pre-scrutinise the draft Corporate Strategy and MTFP, as well as the proposed consultation timeline. The Committee is asked to note that there will be a further opportunity to respond to the issues contained in the draft MTFP as noted in paragraph 3.3 below.
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2.2	The draft Corporate Plan and MTFP being approved by the Board initiates 'Stage 4' of the process set out in the previous report – the main consultation phase in which the Combined Authority seeks the views of the public and key stakeholders on the proposed strategies and key questions that inform them.
2.3	As a statutory consultee the Committee will have the opportunity to take a deep dive into the draft MTFP in a session during the consultation period which commences on the 30th November.

### 3. Appendices

4.1	N/A
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### 4. Implications

#### Financial Implications

5.1	There are no direct financial implications however the contents of the draft strategies will shape the Combined Authority's financial interventions over the medium-term.
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#### Legal Implications

6.1	There are no direct legal implications to this report, the Combined Authority has a statutory duty to consult the Committee on its Budget and this will be done through a dedicated session during the consultation period.
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#### Public Health Implications

7.1	None directly
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#### Environmental & Climate Change Implications

8.1	None directly
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#### Other Significant Implications

9.1	None directly
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#### Background Papers

10.1	<a href="#">Corporate Strategy &amp; Medium-Term Financial Plan Refresh Process paper presented to the September Committee</a>
10.2	<a href="#">Draft Corporate Strategy and Medium-Term Financial Plan – item 14 on the November Combined Authority Board agenda</a>