



CABINET

Notice of a Meeting, to be held in the Civic Centre, Tannery Lane, Ashford, Kent TN23
1PL on Thursday, 23rd February, 2023 at 7.00 pm.

Agenda

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7. **Report of the Overview and Scrutiny Budget Task Group –
Supplement – MT Advice Sheet**

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MT Advice Sheet for Budget Scrutiny Task Group Further Recommendations

The O&S Committee recommend to the Cabinet that:	MT Advice to Cabinet:
The Committee approve the findings of the budget scrutiny task group at the time of writing.	<p>Noted.</p> <p>MT noted that it was normal for changes to be made to the budget whilst it was in draft form prior to it being finalised.</p>
That consideration should be given to increasing the council tax levels in line with government recommended levels to protect service delivery in the coming and future years	<p>Noted.</p> <p>MT supported the idea that further consideration could be given to increasing council tax levels.</p>
The Committee would like to monitor the delivery of the proposed savings identified on an ongoing and regular basis.	<p>Recommend approval.</p> <p>It was suggested that O&S could monitor the delivery of proposed savings on a six monthly basis.</p>
£500,000 is earmarked from the Economic Resilience Reserve to safeguard against expected interest income from the Ashford International Development company not being forthcoming.	<p>Recommend approval.</p> <p>MT were supportive of the proposal to earmark the reserve. It should be noted that the interest is due as part of a contract that is in place at this time, so unlikely not to be received.</p>

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