

OFFICER COMMENTS ON LABOUR GROUP AMENDMENT

The financial elements of the amendment represent a lawful and balanced budget amendment. Detailed comments on the items included in the amendment have been provided in previous Budget Council papers.

All four items under the heading "The Council further resolves" should not be considered part of the budget and should be considered merely as recommendations to the Mayor. In the case of Item 3, any report made by the Overview & Scrutiny Committee under the Constitution would be made to the Cabinet.

The proposal to require the Employment Strategy to be brought to the Full Council for agreement will require a change to the Council's Budget and Policy Framework and should therefore be referred for consideration by the Constitution Working Party.