

Background

Members agreed at the last meeting that Cllrs Norwood and Watson would take a closer look at the budget evaluation criteria and return to this committee with their suggestions.

Changes

The first filter, the flowchart which is attached, has been revised.:

Previously, if a budget bit was a statutory objective, it automatically went to 'yes'. The suggest revision adds in a step which questions whether alternative, more efficient methods of delivery have been considered before giving a 'yes'.

Previously, there was a step which rejected all bids which meant an increase in base budget. The suggested change is to replace this with a step which questions whether the bid will help meet corporate plan objectives or achieve efficiency savings before going on to be considered in more detail.

Evaluation Criteria:

There are two suggestions attached. The first is from the emerging corporate plan for 2007-2012 (which is not quite finalised). The second is from the existing corporate plan (2006-07). Both of these represent a more up-to-date method than the existing criteria. The weightings have been put forward as a suggestion arising from the consultation which has taken place in recent months on the Corporate Plan 2007-2012.

Recommendations:

Members are invited to comment on the suggested revised criteria and the weightings before formal recommendations are made to the Budget Working Party.