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Dear Councillor

I am now able to enclose, for consideration at the meeting of the **SCRUTINY (POLICY AND PERFORMANCE) COMMITTEE** on Tuesday 14 February 2017 at 6.00 pm, the following reports that were unavailable when the agenda was printed.

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The Key Questions set by the Members of the Scrutiny (Policy and Performance) Committee are attached.

Yours sincerely

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Chief Executive



Scrutiny (Policy and Performance) Committee

Tuesday 14 February 2017 at 6.00pm

Key Questions for Budget

Budget Key Questions

- Q1. Can you explain why at full Council Members were advised that the Council would be in dire financial straits by 2019 when the budget for 2017/18 indicates differently?
- Q2. What happens if a business cannot pay its business rates during the process of appealing?
- Q3. How does the Council monitor and manage financial risk ('red flags') should they happen?

Supporting Information Requested by the Committee

- S1. Please provide further information on the investment needed to generate a return of £500,000 and the likely split between borrowing and reserves.
- S2. Please advise the number of FTE staff for 2016/17 and the projected number of FTE staff for 2017/18.
- S3. Please provide the gross figure for business rate appeals for the period 2010 – 2016 (broken down by year)
- S4. Please provide a list of corporate assets and the receipts that the Council makes from them. Also please provide details of any outstanding debts on those assets.

In respect of S4, please could this be circulated to Members in advance of the meeting if possible.