Agenda Item 3 Revenue Budget 2020/2021

Objection to Revenue Budget - SWISCO

(Constitution Reference: Budget and Policy Framework Standing Order F2.9)

Adjourned Council Meeting 13 February 2020

Proposal:

That the Council formally objects to the Cabinet's revenue budget proposals on the basis of the Cabinet's proposals for significant savings following cessation of the Council's contract with Tor2, and the delivery of services through the Council's new wholly owned company, SWISCO. There is a lack of detail as to how the savings will be delivered and as such this proposal is considered unreliable and presents a risk for setting a balanced budget for 2020/21. Furthermore, there has been no engagement with the largest political party on the Council on this important and significant change to a major element of the Council's services. It must be remembered this Council has not run a waste service in-house for more than 10 years, whilst during that period new legislation and ideas have come forward.

In accordance with the Constitution at F2.9, the Council therefore requires the Cabinet to consider this objection by 20 February 2020 either:

- submit a revision of the estimates or amounts as amended by the Cabinet with the reasons for any amendments made to the estimates or amounts, to the Council for its consideration; or
- inform the Council of any disagreement that the Cabinet has with any of the Council's objections and the Cabinet's reasons for any such disagreement.

Proposed by Councillor O'Dwyer

Seconded by Councillor John Thomas