

## **Budget / Finance Skills for Scrutiny Members**

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Scrutiny Committee usually establishes a Task and Finish Group to consider the annual budget setting process. In the past, the focus of this work has been unexpected budget pressures and raising member awareness of the increasingly complex local government financial landscape.

As members will appreciate, this current climate is one of unprecedented change and the more established budget Scrutiny role has been difficult to define. Ensuring robust member challenge to the budget setting process remains critical though, and so to facilitate this, the Assistant Director (Finance and Corporate Services) and the Principal Accountant will be taking the Committee through some key considerations during the Scrutiny Committee meeting. This session will run immediately prior to members consideration of the Medium Term Financial Strategy and is intended to inform your discussion of this key strategic document.

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