Responses from the meeting of Cabinet 8 February 2024 on the Budget Review Group's Comments from its meeting 7 February 2024

Item 5 - General Fund Revenue and Capital Budget 2024/25

Budget Review Group Comment:

The Group thanked officers for their hard work in putting together the report.

The Group explored the Medium-Term Financial Strategy and the impact on reserves. They were keen to see the upcoming change management strategy and the assumptions underpinning it.

Members requested that communications material be made available detailing all of the grants that the Council had access to, and information be provided so that residents could see what was being delivered with those grant funds.

Cabinet Response:

The recommendations in the report were approved.

<u>Item 6 – Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Budget 2024/25 (including Housing Rent</u> <u>Setting)</u>

Budget Review Group Comment:

The Group acknowledged the need for greater general awareness of the details of the Housing Revenue Account across the Council and requested that a briefing be organised to ensure Councillors' full understanding.

They noted the report and awaited answers to the questions asked about the Council's social rent rates in comparison to other Council's across Warwickshire.

Cabinet Response:

The recommendations in the report were approved.