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1. Medium Term Plan Scoping Paper

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Press and Publicity	Press Release of nature of review.
Written/Oral evidence to be provided by	Portfolio Holders & Senior Officers within the Council
Key Background papers/other sources of information	 Corporate Plan Medium Term Financial Plan Previous Budgets Budget Outturn Revenue Provisions and Reserves External Audit
Potential partners	None identified.
Resources required	Policy Officer/Democratic Services support
Timetable	Start date: to commence October 2007
Reporting Mechanism	Recommendations made to Cabinet or to Council in February 2008