

CONSULTATION PROCESS

The Cabinet undertook a range of consultation activities to work with all organisations affected by proposals, as well as consulting with the public on major issues.

Specifically the Cabinet:

- Consulted directly with schools on proposals which affect them
- Consulted with partners in the city, including the Primary Care Trust, the police and the voluntary sector
- Undertook a specific, separate consultation with voluntary organisations directly affected by the proposals so they could make detailed representations on the proposals and feed into the decision making process before a final decision is actually made
- Wrote to all other organisations, and user groups which may be affected by the proposals to ensure there is clarity and an opportunity to feed back
- Met with the Trade Unions corporately and at a Portfolio / Directorate level to effectively consult on staff issues which arose.
- Ensured that the general public could comment on the budget through City View and the web site.

There was information in City View which was distributed at the end of November. This included feedback forms for readers to complete. This information was also be available on the council web site with mechanisms to allow feedback online.