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To the Chair of the Corporate Resources Committee/Budget Leader

“At the last budget, when I only saw the budget details a fortnight in advance, when we met I asked for an assurance that my Group would be involved in budget discussions in October/November this year as had been the case previously. Despite this promise, your response to me at the Resources Sub-Group on 26 November was that it was my responsibility to guess when the budget process was underway and that I had to ask for a meeting to discuss it. When did it become the Opposition’s responsibility to ask the Administration about the budget, they want Opposition Groups to support and should it not be your role as Budget Leader to engage with all Groups as soon as the budget process is underway?”

I would be happy to meet with you to discuss the budget, including considering any proposals that you may wish to submit.