

County Council Meeting – 7 February 2012

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF THE CABINET

The Cabinet met on 31 January 2012. Members marked * were present.

*Mr David Hodge (Chairman)	*Mr Tim Hall
*Mr Peter Martin (Vice-Chairman)	*Mrs Kay Hammond
*Mrs Mary Angell	*Mr Ian Lake
*Mrs Helyn Clack	*Mrs Denise Saliagopoulos
*Mr Michael Gosling	*Mr Tony Samuels

REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGET 2012/2013 – 2016/2017

1. The Cabinet met on 31 January 2012 and considered a report on the Revenue and Capital Budget 2012/13 to 2016/17. The Leader introduced his report, which is circulated at agenda item 5 in the County Council agenda for 7 February. The report set out a proposed revenue and capital budget for 2012/13 to 2016/17 and the resultant level of Council Tax for 2011/12 for recommendation to the County Council.
2. Individual Cabinet Members outlined the key points in the budgets for their portfolio areas.
3. The Chief Finance Officer commended her Section 25 report (attached at Annex 8 to the report) to the Cabinet and all Council Members and confirmed that she considered the proposed budget proposals recommended by Cabinet to be robust and sustainable.
4. **The Cabinet RECOMMENDS to the County Council:**
 - (1) That the council tax requirement for 2012/13 be set at £574.8m.
 - (2) That the Council tax band D be set at £1,149.66, which represents a 2.99% increase.
 - (3) That powers be delegated to the Leader and the Chief Finance Officer to finalise detailed budget proposals to cover areas of the funding settlement if any late notification is made by the Government.
 - (4) That a risk contingency be retained, to mitigate against non-delivery of reductions and efficiencies of £8m.
 - (5) That a new earmarked economic downturn reserve of £4.4m be created.
 - (6) That a new earmarked interest rate risk reserve of £3.2m be created.
 - (7) That the approved carry forward revenue budgets from 2011/12 totalling £15.2m be applied to 2012/13.

- (8) That the sustainable revenue funding be applied to the capital programme.
- (9) That capital programme proposals (specifically to fund essential schemes over the five year period, schools and non-schools, to the value of £681m including ring-fenced grants) be agreed.
- (10) To seek to secure capital receipts over the five year period to 2016/17 of £69m.
- (11) That the proposals for prudential indicators and the treasury management strategy set out in Annex 5, paragraph 3 be submitted to full County Council on 7 February 2012.
- (12) That the Corporate Board maintains robust procedures so Cabinet can monitor achievement of efficiencies and service reductions through the monthly budget monitoring Cabinet reports and the quarterly Cabinet Member accountability meetings.
- (13) That all revenue invest to save proposals and capital schemes have an approved business case before expenditure can be committed.
- (14) That £6m be provided as a one off amount for the Invest to Save fund, from which services can borrow funds and repay.

2 February 2012

David Hodge
Leader of the Council