

*County Council Meeting – 11 December 2018***REPORT OF THE CABINET**

The Cabinet met on 27 November 2018.

In accordance with the Constitution, Members can ask questions of the appropriate Cabinet Member, seek clarification or make a statement on any of these issues without giving notice.

The minutes containing the individual decisions for 27 November meeting is included within the agenda at item 19. Any Cabinet responses to Committee reports are included in or appended to the minutes. If any Member wishes to raise a question or make a statement on any of the matters in the minutes, notice must be given to Democratic Services by 12 noon on the last working day before the County Council meeting (Monday, 10 December 2018).

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REPORTS FOR DISCUSSION

A. REVISED FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

Cabinet considered a report that presented new Financial Regulations for the Council which provided a framework within which Members and officers could carry out their responsibilities in an open and consistent manner.

The main difference between the current Financial Regulations and the new version was that the new version fully reflected the new Budget Accountability Statement, and more clearly outlined Budget Managers' responsibilities in setting and monitoring revenue and capital budgets. The financial limits contained within the Financial Regulations were considered to be appropriate and had therefore not been changed.

The revised CIPFA Prudential Code (2017) introduced the requirement for a new capital strategy from 1 April 2019. Alongside this new requirement, the Code allowed authorities to delegate the detailed management of Treasury Management to a sub-committee from April 2019. This meant that approval of the annual Treasury Management Strategy Statement can be delegated to the Audit and Governance Committee, which is currently only required to "review" the Treasury Management Strategy Statement prior to approval by Council. It was noted that the Financial Regulations did not really reflect this recommendation and Cabinet requested that this be made clear before being presented to full Council.

RESOLVED:

That the Financial Regulations be amended before it goes to full Council, to reflect that the Audit and Governance Committee will sign off the Treasury Management Strategy Statement.

The Cabinet RECOMMENDS that the County Council:

1. Approves the new Financial Regulations.
2. Approves the annual Treasury Management Strategy Statement to the Audit and Governance Committee. (Members of the Audit and Governance Committee will receive appropriate training.)
3. Approves the necessary amendments to the Council's Constitution.

**Mr David Hodge, Leader of the Council
27 November 2018**