

THE CABINET reports as follows:-

1. **Budget Planning Framework 2012/2013 and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2011/2012 – 2014/2015**

That they have given consideration to a joint report of the Chief Executive and the Executive Director of Commercial and Corporate Services (copy attached) outlining the key factors influencing the development of the Council's financial plans into the medium term and setting out the headlines and context for the Medium Term Financial Strategy for 2011/2012 to 2014/2015.

They also referred the report to the Management Scrutiny Committee for its comments in the context of the approved consultation arrangements for the Council's budget. The Scrutiny Committee accepted the report and the consultation arrangements for the Council's budget.

Accordingly, the Cabinet recommends the Council to approve the proposed budget planning framework which will guide the preparation of the Revenue Budget for 2012/2013.

2. **Revenue Budget Second Review 2011/2012**

That they have given consideration to a report of the Executive Director of Commercial and Corporate Services on the overall Revenue position following the second review for 2011/2012 including proposed contingency transfers.

In accordance with the Council's Budget and Policy Framework certain transfers require Council approval. The following extract refers to those transfer of funds:

'savings on capital financing charges as a result of slippage on the capital programme and income from interest on investments are anticipated to result in savings of approximately £4.0m at year end. It is proposed that these amounts and any further underspendings arising from underspent contingencies at the end of 2011/2012 are earmarked to support transitional costs arising from the 2012/2013 budget setting process'.

They also referred the above extract of the budget transfers to the Management Scrutiny Committee, for advice and consideration. The Scrutiny Committee supported the issues of transfers.

Accordingly the Cabinet recommends the Council to approve the budget transfers for the second quarter of 2011/2012 as set in the above extract.

3. Capital Programme Second Review 2011/2012 (including Treasury Management)

That they have given consideration to a report of the Executive Director of Commercial and Corporate Services which detailed changes made to the Capital Programme 2011/2012 since the First Capital Review and provided an update on progress in implementing the Treasury Management Borrowing and Investment Strategy for 2011/2012.

They also referred the report to the Management Scrutiny Committee for advice and consideration in the context of inclusion of an additional scheme for 2011/2012 costing over £250,000 which is set out in the attached extract. The Scrutiny Committee accepted the proposed additional scheme as set out in the extract and recognised the opportunities that the purchase of a mobile crane would create for the Port of Sunderland.

Accordingly, the Cabinet recommends the Council to approve the inclusion of the additional schemes for 2011/2012 and associated resourcing of the Capital Programme since the First Review of the Capital Programme was approved by Council in June 2011.

4. Children and Young People's Plan Annual Report 2010-2011

That they have given consideration to a report of the Executive Director of Children's Services (copy attached) on the Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP) Annual Report (2010-2011) which informs of the progress and performance against the outcomes set out in the Children and Young People's Delivery Plan 2010-2013.

They also referred the report to the Children, Young People and Learning Scrutiny Committee for advice and consideration. The Scrutiny Committee highlighted the importance of Looked After Children being tracked through the Corporate Parent role of the Council to ensure the best educational outcomes for this group. The Committee was extremely concerned about the continued poor performance against NI 101 - Looked after Children achieving 5 A* - C GCSEs (or equivalent) at KS4 (with English and Maths) with this concern also being reflected by the Management Scrutiny Committee. Members suggested that GCSE results could be backtracked to understand what has happened as well as providing national averages to act as a comparator. While the CYPP action plan notes Looked after Children GCSE results as an area requiring improvement, the 'what we have achieved' and 'what we still need to do' sections provided little detail. The Committee felt that this significant flaw in the action plan needed amending to note the lack of success in respect of educational support to Looked after Children and to identify this as a crucial area of action to ensure robustness for the plan in this aspect.

Accordingly the Cabinet recommends the Council to approve the CYPP Annual Report (2010-2011).

N.B. Members are requested to bring their copy of the Children and Young People's Plan 2010-25 : Delivery Plan 2010-13 and Annual Report April 2010-March 2011 Document which has been circulated separately.

5. Review of Polling Districts, Polling Places and Polling Stations

That they have given consideration to a report of the Chief Executive (copy attached) on the results of the review of polling districts, polling places and polling stations carried out as required by the Electoral Administration Act 2006.

The Cabinet recommends to Council that the proposed changes to Polling Districts and Polling Places, as set out in Appendix 4 attached, are approved.

**CAPITAL PROGRAMME SECOND REVIEW 2011/2012 – EXTRACT
OF REPORT**

	£000
Additional Schemes 2011/2012 Capital Programme	
Cabinet Secretary	
Port Crane – Cabinet on 20 th July 2011, recommended funding of £0.500 million through prudential borrowing to support the purchase of a mobile crane on an invest to save basis. The purchase will provide additional capacity at the Port of Sunderland to enable commercial opportunities to be maximised and to more efficiently meet existing trading obligations.	500