

REFERENCE FROM CABINET – 11TH JANUARY, 2012

REVENUE BUDGET PROPOSALS 2012/2013

Report of the Head of Law and Governance

1. Why has this report come to the Committee?

- 1.1 To set out for advice and consideration of this Committee a report which will be considered by Cabinet on the 11th January, 2012 on the provisional budget proposals, as the basis for consultation, prior to the receipt of the final Local Government Finance Settlement.
- 1.2 Members' views are requested in accordance with the Budget and Policy Framework Procedure Rules.

2. Background and Current Position

- 2.1 The Cabinet, at its meeting held on 11th January, 2012, will give consideration to a joint report of the Chief Executive and Executive Director of Commercial and Corporate Services on the Revenue Budget Proposals 2012/2013 (Appendix A):-
 - (a) to advise that following the receipt of the provisional Local Government Finance Settlement on 8th December 2011, attention had been given to the impact of the settlement on the Budget Planning Framework for 2012/2013 established and approved by Cabinet at its October 2011 meeting; and
 - (b) to report the provisional budget proposals for 2012/2013 as the basis for the continuation of budget consultation, prior to the receipt of the final Local Government Finance Settlement 2012/2013 and final approval of the 2012/13 Budget in due course.
- 2.2 The report contains a number of issues for Cabinet to consider and approve and it is passed to this Committee in accordance with the Budget and Policy Framework Procedure Rules.
- 2.3 Attached, for information to assist this Committee in providing advice and consideration to Council on the provisional budget proposals are the following reports:
 - Calculation of the Council Tax Base in accordance with the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (Appendix B) as reported to Cabinet on 11th January, 2012; and

- The provisional Local Government Finance Settlement for 2012/2013 (Appendix C) as reported to Cabinet on 11th January, 2012.

2.4 Copies of 11th January, 2012 Cabinet agenda have been circulated to all Members of the Council. The decisions and recommendations of the Cabinet will be reported orally to the Scrutiny Committee.

3. Conclusion

3.1 The report is referred to this Committee for advice and consideration. The comments of this Committee will be reported to the Council meeting on 25th January, 2012.

4. Recommendation

4.1 The Scrutiny Committee is invited to give advice and consideration on the attached joint report of the Chief Executive and the Executive Director of Commercial and Corporate Services.

5. Background Papers

5.1 Cabinet Agenda, 11th January, 2012.

5.2 A copy of the Agenda is available for inspection from the Head of Law and Governance or can be viewed on-line at:-

<http://www.sunderland.gov.uk/committees/cm5/Meetings/tabid/73/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/410/Meeting/7221/Committee/1485/Default.aspx>

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