

**REFERENCE FROM CABINET – 15 FEBRUARY 2012**

**BUDGET AND SERVICE REPORTS:**

**(A) COLLECTION FUND 2011/2012**

- (B)**
- a. Capital Programme 2012/2013 and Treasury Management Policy and Strategy 2012/2013, including Prudential Indicators for 2012/2013 to 2014/2015.**
  - b. Revenue Budget and Proposed Council Tax for 2012/2013 and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2011/2012 to 2014/2015**
  - c. Draft Council Tax Leaflet 2012/2013**

**Report of the Head of Law and Governance**

**1. Why has this report come to the Committee?**

- 1.1 To seek the advice and consideration of this Committee on a number of reports considered by Cabinet on 15 February 2012 on the Revenue Budget and Capital Programme for 2012/2013.
- 1.2 Members' views will assist the Council with its service and financial planning arrangements.

**2. Background and Current Position**

- 2.1 The Cabinet, at its meetings on 15 February 2012, gave consideration to a report of the Executive Director of Commercial and Corporate Services on:

- (A) The estimated balance of the Collection Fund for 2011/2012 together with the amounts available to the Council and its major precepting authorities for use in setting Council Tax levels for 2012/2013.

and joint reports of the Chief Executive and Executive Director of Commercial and Corporate Services on:

- (B)
  - (i) Capital Programme 2012/2013 and Treasury Management Policy and Strategy 2012/2013, including Prudential Indicators for 2012/2013 to 2014/2015.
  - (ii) Revenue Budget and Proposed Council Tax for 2012/2013 and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2011/2012 to 2014/2015
  - (iii) Draft Council Tax Leaflet 2012/2013

- 2.2 Copies of the 15 February 2012 Cabinet agenda have been circulated to all Members of the Council. Recommendations from the meetings will be reported orally to the Scrutiny Committee.
- 2.3 Members are requested to refer to their copy of the Cabinet agenda or the web-link at the end of the report for the appendices to the Capital Programme 2012/2013 including Prudential Indicators and Treasury Management Strategy and the Revenue Budget and Proposed Council Tax 2012/2013.
- 2.4 In accordance with the Council's Budget and Policy Framework the reports are referred to this Committee for further advice and consideration.
- 2.5 Members will recall that at their meeting on 13 October 2011 the Scrutiny Committee endorsed the budget consultation strategy and framework as set out in a report to Cabinet on the 5 October 2011. They also acknowledged that the Council was seeking to consult as widely as possible on the budget proposals.

### **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 7 March 2012.

### **3. Recommendation**

- 3.1 The Scrutiny Committee is invited to give further advice and consideration to Council on the budget and service reports set out in this report.

### **4. Background Papers**

- 4.1 Cabinet Agenda, 15 February 2012.
- 4.1 Copies of the Cabinet Agenda are available for inspection from the Head of Law and Governance or can be viewed on-line at:-

<http://www.sunderland.gov.uk/committees/cm55/Meetings/tabid/73/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/410/Meeting/7222/Committee/1485/Default.aspx>

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