

**REFERENCE FROM CABINET – 5 OCTOBER 2011 – BUDGET PLANNING  
FRAMEWORK 2012/2013 AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL 2011/2012 –  
2014/2015**

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

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

- 1.1 To seek the views of this Committee on a report considered by Cabinet on 5 October 2011 on the proposed budget planning framework which will guide the preparation of the Revenue Budget for 2012/2013.

**2. Background and Current Position**

- 2.1 The Cabinet, at its meeting held on 5 October 2011, gave consideration to a joint report of the Chief Executive and the Executive Director of Commercial and Corporate Services. The report identifies the key factors influencing the development of the Councils financial plans into the medium term and sets out the budget planning framework for the Council for 2012/2013. The report also sets out the headlines and context for the Medium Term Financial Strategy for 2011/2012 to 2014/2015. The strategy is now in draft form and will be presented to Cabinet in November.
- 2.2 Copies of the 5 October 2011, Cabinet Agenda have been made available to all Members of the Council. Recommendations from the meeting will be reported orally to the Scrutiny Committee.

**3. Conclusion**

- 3.1 The report is referred to the Management Scrutiny Committee for its comments, in the context of the approved consultation arrangements for the Council's Budget. Comments from the Scrutiny Committee will be reported to Cabinet at its meeting on 2 November 2011 and onto full Council on 30 November 2011.

**4. Recommendation**

- 4.1 The Scrutiny Committee is invited to give its comments to Cabinet 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, 5 October 2011.

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/7218/Committee/1485/Default.aspx>

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