

Report of the Cabinet

The CABINET reports and recommends as follows:-

1. Audit Commission Annual Audit Letter 2011/2012

That they submit for consideration by Council a report of the Chief Executive (copy attached) on the Audit Commission Annual Audit Letter covering the year 2011/2012 together with a copy of the Audit Letter which included issues arising from the audit of the Council's financial statements and the results of the Audit Commission's work undertaken as part of the assessment of the Council's arrangements to securing value for money in its use of resources.

The Cabinet recommends the Council to note the contents of the report.

2. Budget Planning Framework 2013/2014 and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2013/2014 – 2015/2016

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 Councils financial plans into the medium term and setting out the headlines and context for the Medium Term Financial Strategy for 2013/2014 to 2015/2016.

They also referred the report to the Scrutiny Committee for its comments in the context of the approved consultation arrangements for the Council's budget. The Scrutiny Committee supported the proposed Budget Planning Framework and endorsed the Medium Term Financial Strategy and recommended that both were submitted to Council for approval.

Accordingly, the Cabinet recommends the Council to:-

- (i) approve the proposed Budget Planning Framework summarised at Section 11 of the report which will guide the preparation of the Revenue Budget for 2013/2014, and
- (ii) note that the full Medium Term Financial Strategy 2013/2014 to 2015/2016 will be presented to Cabinet in February.

3. Capital Programme Second Review 2012/2013 (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 2012/2013 since the First Capital Review and provided an update on progress in implementing the Treasury Management Borrowing and Investment Strategy for 2012/2013.

They also referred the report to the Scrutiny Committee for advice and consideration in the context of inclusion of an additional scheme for 2012/2013 costing over £250,000 which is set out in the attached extract. The Scrutiny Committee supported the proposed additional scheme as set out in the extract to the report and recommended that the scheme was submitted to Council for approval.

Accordingly, the Cabinet recommends the Council to approve the inclusion of the additional scheme for 2012/2013 and associated resourcing of the Capital Programme since the First Review of the Capital Programme was approved by Council in July 2012.

4. Revenue Budget Second Review 2012/2013

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 2012/2013 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 £4m at year end. It is proposed that these amounts and any further underspendings arising from unspent contingencies at the end of 2012/2013 are earmarked to support the overall 2012/13 position and transitional costs arising from the 2013/2014 budget setting process'.

They also referred the above extract of the budget transfers to the Scrutiny Committee, for advice and consideration. The Scrutiny Committee supported the transfer of funds to support the overall 2012/13 position together with the transitional costs from the 2013/14 budget setting process and recommended that the transfer was submitted to Council for approval.

Accordingly the Cabinet recommends the Council to approve the budget transfers for the second quarter of 2012/2013 as set in the above extract.

5. Youth Justice Plan 2012-2013

That they have given consideration to a report of the Executive Director of Children's Services (copy attached) on the Youth Justice Plan 2012-2013 outlining the background, purpose and intentions of the Plan.

They also referred the report to the Scrutiny Committee for advice and consideration. The Scrutiny Committee supported the intention of the Plan to prevent offending and re-offending by young people.

Accordingly the Cabinet recommends the Council to approve the Youth Justice Plan 2012-13.

6. Children and Young People's Plan Annual Report 2011-2012

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 Annual Report 2011-2012 which informed of the of progress and performance against the outcomes set out in the Children and Young People's Delivery Plan 2010-2013 covering the period of 2011-2012.

They also referred the report to the Scrutiny Committee for advice and consideration. The Scrutiny Committee recognised the achievements of the Council and partners in relation to children and young people and supported the scope of the areas for further improvement.

Accordingly the Cabinet recommends the Council to approve the Children and Young People's Plan Annual Report 2011-2012.

7. Gambling Act 2005 – Approval of the Council's Statement of Principles

That they have given consideration to a report of the former Executive Director of City Services (copy attached) on the draft statement of principles under the Gambling Act 2005.

They also referred the report to the Scrutiny Committee for advice and consideration. The Scrutiny Committee supported the intention of the Policy.

Accordingly the Cabinet recommends the Council to approve the statement of principles under the Gambling Act 2005.

