

REFERENCE FROM CABINET – 13TH JANUARY, 2010

REVENUE BUDGET 2010/2011

Report of the Chief Solicitor

1. Why has this report come to the Committee?

- 1.1 To set out for advice and consideration of this Committee a report considered by Cabinet on the 13th January, 2010 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 13th January, 2010, gave consideration to a joint report of the Chief Executive and Director of Financial Resources on the Revenue Budget for 2010/2011 (Appendix A).
- 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 Cabinet 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 13th January, 2010; and
 - Provisional Revenue Support Grant Settlement for 2010/2011 (Appendix C) as reported to Cabinet on 13th January, 2010.
- 2.4 Copies of 13th January, 2010 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 27th January, 2010.

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 Director of Financial Resources.

5. Background Papers

- 5.1 Cabinet Agenda, 13th January, 2010.
- 5.2 A copy of the Agenda is available for inspection from Chief Solicitor's or can be viewed on-line at:-

<http://www.sunderland.gov.uk/committees/CMISWebPublic/Meeting.aspx?meetingID=1602>

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