

**REFERENCE FROM CABINET – 9 OCTOBER 2013**

**BUDGET PLANNING FRAMEWORK 2014/2015 AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2014/2015 – 2016/2017**

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

**1. Purpose of the Report**

- 1.1 To seek the views of this Committee on a report considered by Cabinet on 9 October 2013 on the proposed budget planning framework which will guide the preparation of the Revenue Budget for 2014/2015.

**2. Background and Current Position**

- 2.1 The Cabinet, at its meeting held on 9 October 2013, 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 2014/2015. The report sets out the headlines and context for the Medium Term Financial Strategy 2014/2015 to 2016/2017 which will be formally considered in due course.
- 2.2 Copies of the 9 October 2013, 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 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 6 November 2013 and onto full Council on 27 November 2013.

**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, 9 October 2013.

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/8006/Committee/1636/Default.aspx>

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