

**REFERENCE FROM CABINET – 7<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2009 – BUDGET PLANNING  
FRAMEWORK 2010/2011**

**Report of the Chief Solicitor**

**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 7<sup>th</sup> October, 2009 on the proposed budget planning framework which will guide the preparation of the Revenue Budget for 2010/2011.
- 1.2 To inform the setting of cash limits within which Directors are required to prepare draft budgets.

**2. Background and Current Position**

- 2.1 The Cabinet, at its meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> October, 2009, gave consideration to a joint report of the Chief Executive and the Director of Financial Resources. The report sets out the proposed budget planning framework which will guide the preparation of the Revenue Budget for 2010/2011 and will inform the setting of cash limits within which Directors are required to prepare draft budgets.
- 2.2 Copies of the 7<sup>th</sup> October, 2009, Cabinet Agenda have been circulated 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 back to Cabinet at its meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2009 and onto full Council on 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2009.

**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 Director of Financial Resources.

## 5. Background Papers

5.1 Cabinet Agenda, 7<sup>th</sup> October, 2009.

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=1365>

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