

REFERENCE FROM CABINET – 3RD AND 10TH FEBRUARY, 2010

BUDGET AND SERVICE REPORTS:

- (A) FINAL REVENUE SUPPORT GRANT SETTLEMENT 2010/2011**
- (B) COLLECTION FUND 2009/2010**
- (C) a. Capital Programme 2010/2011 including Prudential Indicators and Treasury Management Strategy**
 - b. Revenue Budget and Proposed Council Tax 2010/2011**
 - c. Draft Council Tax Leaflet 2010/2011**

Report of the Chief Solicitor

1. Why has this report come to the Committee?

- 1.1 To seek the advice and consideration of this Committee on a number of reports considered by Cabinet on 3rd and 10th February, 2010 on the Revenue Budget and Capital Programme for 2010/2011.
- 1.2 Members' views will assist the Council with its service and financial planning arrangements.

2. Background and Current Position

- 2.1 The Cabinet, at its meetings on 3rd and 10th February, 2010, gave consideration to the reports of the Director of Financial Resources on:

- (A) The Final Revenue Support Grant Settlement for 2010/2011
- (B) The estimated balance of the Collection Fund for 2009/2010 together with the amounts available to the Council and its major precepting authorities for use in setting Council Tax levels for 2010/2011.

And joint reports of the Chief Executive and Director of Financial Resources

- (C) a. Capital Programme 2010/2011 including Prudential Indicators and Treasury Management Strategy
- b. Revenue Budget and Proposed Council Tax 2010/2011
- c. Draft Council Tax Leaflet 2010/2011

- 2.2 Copies of the 3rd and 10th February, 2010 Cabinet agenda have been circulated to all Members of the Council. Recommendations from the meetings will be reported orally to the Scrutiny Committee.

- 2.3 In accordance with the Council's Budget and Policy Framework the reports are referred to this Committee for further advice and consideration.
- 2.4 Members will recall that at their meeting on 24th September, 2009 the Scrutiny Committee endorsed the budget consultation strategy and framework as set out in a report to Cabinet on the 9th September, 2009 as a robust consultation process and asked that a report be submitted for approval to the Scrutiny Committee following the consultation, providing feedback on the adequacy of the process undertaken.

3. Recommendation

- 3.1 The Scrutiny Committee is invited to give further advice and consideration to the budget and service reports set out in this report.

4. Background Papers

- 4.1 Cabinet Agenda, 3rd and 10th February, 2010.
- 4.1 Copies of the Agenda are available for inspection from City Solicitor's or can be viewed on-line at:-

<http://www.sunderland.gov.uk/committees/CmisWebPublic/Meeting.aspx?meetingID=1603>

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