POLICY AND CO-ORDINATION REVIEW COMMITTEE **19TH FEBRUARY, 2009**

REFERENCE FROM CABINET – 11TH FEBRUARY, 2009

BUDGET AND SERVICE REPORTS:

(A) FINAL REVENUE SUPPORT GRANT SETTLEMENT 2009/2010

(B) COLLECTION FUND 2008/2009

(C) a. Corporate Improvement Plan 2009/2010 to 2011/12
b. Capital Programme 2009/2010 including Prudential Indicators and Treasury Management Strategy
c. Revenue Budget and Proposed Council Tax 2009/2010
d. Draft Council Tax Leaflet 2009/2010

Report of the City 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 11th February, 2009 on budget and service plans for 2009/2010.

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 meeting on 11th February, 2009, gave consideration to the reports of the City Treasurer on:

(A) The Final Revenue Support Grant Settlement for 2009/2010
(B) The estimated balance of the Collection Fund for 2008/2009 together with the amounts available to the Council and its major precepting authorities for use in setting Council Tax levels for 2009/2010.

And joint reports of the Chief Executive and City Treasurer
(C) a. The Corporate Improvement Plan 2009/2010 to 2011/2012;
b. Capital Programme 2009/2010 including Prudential Indicators and Treasury Management Strategy
c. Revenue Budget and Proposed Council Tax 2009/2010
d. Draft Council Tax Leaflet 2009/2010

2.2 Copies of the 11th February, 2009 Cabinet agenda have been circulated to all Members of the Council. Recommendations from the meeting will be reported orally to the Review Committee. Members are asked to bring to the meeting their copy of the Corporate Improvement Plan 2009/2010 - 2011/2012 with the Revenue Budget and Capital Programme 2009/2010, circulated with the Cabinet papers.

2.3 In accordance with the Council's Budget and Policy Framework the reports are referred to this Committee for advice and consideration.

2.4 Members will recall that at their meeting on 18th September, 2008 the Review Committee endorsed the budget consultation arrangements as set out in a report to Cabinet on the 10th September, 2008 and that a programme be submitted for approval to the Review Committee setting out the proposed arrangements for each Cabinet Member to brief the Policy and Co-ordination Review Committee, at its meeting to be held on 19th February, 2009 as part of the 2009/2010 budget setting process, on the strategic priorities and corporative improvement objectives within his/her portfolio as set out in the detailed chapters of the Corporate Improvement Plan. A report on the budget planning framework for 2009/2010 was endorsed at the Review Committee meeting on 16th October, 2008.

3. Recommendation

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

4. Background Papers

4.1 Cabinet Agenda, 11th February, 2009.

4.1 A copy of the Agenda is available for inspection from City Solicitor's or can be viewed on-line at:-

http://www.sunderland.gov.uk/committees/CmisWebPublic/Meeting.aspx?meetingID=1040

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