

Item No. 5A

CABINET MEETING – 2ND NOVEMBER, 2011 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I

Title of Report:

RESPONSE FROM MANAGEMENT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 13TH OCTOBER, 2011 – BUDGET PLANNING FRAMEWORK 2012/2013 AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2011/2012 – 2014/2015

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Purpose of Report:

To advise the Cabinet of the comments of the Management Scrutiny Committee on a joint report of the Chief Executive and the Executive Director of Commercial and Corporate Services which identified the key factors influencing the development of the Council's financial plans into the medium term and sets out the headlines and context for the Medium Term Financial Strategy for 2011/2012 to 2014/2015.

Description of Decision:

That the Cabinet be requested to note the comments of the Scrutiny Committee.

Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework? Yes

If not, Council approval is required to change the Budget/Policy Framework Suggested reason(s) for Decision:

Adoption of the Budget Planning Framework forms an essential part of the process of the preparation and compilation of the Revenue Budget for 2012/2013.

Alternative options to be considered and recommended to be rejected:

There are no alternative options recommended.

Is this a "Key Decision" as defined in the Constitution?	Relevant Scrutiny Committee:
	Management
Is it included in the Forward Plan? No	

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Report of the Head of Law and Governance

1. Purpose of Report

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2. **Description of Decision**

2.1 That the Cabinet be requested to note the comments of the Scrutiny Committee.

3. **Background**

- 3.1 The Cabinet at its meeting held on 5th October, 2011 considered and approved a joint report of the Chief Executive and Executive Director of Commercial and Corporate Services which requested approval for the proposed Budget Planning Framework which will guide the preparation of the Revenue Budget for 2012/2013 and requesting the Cabinet to note that the full Medium Term Financial Strategy 2011/2012 to 2014/2015 would be presented in November.
- 3.2 The report was referred to the Management Scrutiny Committee for its comments in the context of the approved consultation arrangements for the Council's Budget.

4. Comments of the Scrutiny Committee

4.1 The Scrutiny Committee accepted the report.

5. Reason for Decision

5.1 Adoption of the Budget Planning Framework forms an essential part of the process of the preparation and compilation of the Revenue Budget for 2012/2013.

6. **Alternative Options**

6.1 There are no alternative options recommended.

7. Background Papers

Report to the Cabinet on 5th October, 2011.

Minutes of the Management Scrutiny Committee, 13th October, 2011.