

THE CABINET reports as follows:-

1. Budget Planning Framework 2011/2012

That they have given consideration to a report of the Director of Financial Resources (copy attached) outlining the Key Factors influencing the development of the Revenue Budget for 2011/2012 and financial plans into the medium term which set out the budget planning framework for the Council for 2011/2012 and provide the basis of developing the Medium Term Financial Strategy.

They also referred the report to the Management Scrutiny Committee for its comments in the context of the approved consultation arrangements for the Council's budget. The Scrutiny Committee accepted the report and Members commented that they awaited the detail of the Government's Spending Review.

Accordingly, the Cabinet recommends the Council to approve the proposed budget planning framework which will guide the preparation of the Revenue Budget for 2011/2012.

2. Capital Programme Second Review 2010/2011 (including Treasury Management)

That they have given consideration to a report of the Director of Financial Resources which detailed:-

- the reprofiling of projects since the First Capital Programme Review was reported;
- the inclusion of additional schemes and revisions to costs and resourcing for 2010/2011 since the First Capital Programme Review was reported;
- the overall updated Capital Programme following the Second Review; and
- an update on progress on implementing the Treasury Management Strategy for 2010/2011.

They also referred the report to the Management Scrutiny Committee for advice and consideration in the context of inclusion of additional schemes for 2010/2011 costing over £250,000 which are set out in the attached extract. The Children, Young People and Learning Scrutiny Committee had raised concerns in relation to safeguarding, which the Portfolio Holder had taken into consideration before making a decision and had provided the Scrutiny Committee with an appropriate reply. The Management Scrutiny Committee

now accepted the proposed additional scheme as set out in the extract to the report.

Accordingly, the Cabinet recommends the Council to approve the inclusion of the additional scheme for 2010/2011 and associated resourcing of the Capital Programme since the First Review of the Capital Programme was approved by Council in September 2010.

3. Licensing Act 2003 – Approval of Amendments to the Council's Licensing Policy Statement

That they have given consideration to a joint report of the Executive Director of City Services and the Head of Law and Governance Services and the Head of Law and Governance (copy attached) seeking approval of the revised Licensing Policy Statement.

They also referred the report to the Community and Safer City Scrutiny Committee for its comments in the context of the Council's obligation to review the Statement of Licensing Policy in order to fulfil its statutory duty. The Scrutiny Committee endorsed the report but also expressed a wish that the policy indicated that the Council would deter what councillors perceived as a surfeit of licences in particular areas of the city.

Accordingly, the Cabinet recommends the Council to consider the amendments to the policy and to approve the Licensing Statement under the Licensing Act 2003.