

SCRUTINY COMMISSION – 31st JANUARY 2007

**JOINT REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND
DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES**

MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2007/08 TO 2009/10

Introduction

1. The purpose of this report is to enable consideration to be given to the proposed Medium Term Financial Strategy 2007/08 to 2009/10.

Background

2. The Cabinet at its meeting on 11th January 2007 approved the Medium Term Financial Strategy which incorporated the 2007/08 revenue budget and 2007/10 Capital Programme as a basis for consultation with stakeholders, including scrutiny committees. A copy of the report considered by the Cabinet was circulated to all members of the County Council as an Information Item on 8th January. A further copy is attached for members of the Commission.

Scrutiny Committees

3. The Cabinet's proposals were circulated to all members of the County Council. In addition, reports setting out the detailed service budgets have been circulated to the following Scrutiny Committees covering their respective areas of responsibility for comment:-
 - (i) Community Services 22nd January
 - (ii) Adult Social Care and Health Services 23rd January
 - (iii) Children and Young People's Service 24th January
 - (iv) Environment 26th January
4. Reports setting out the views of each Committee will be submitted to the Commission. The Cabinet will meet again on 12th February to consider the outcome of the Scrutiny process and any other comments received and thereafter decide on the recommendations it wishes to put forward to the County Council.

Recommendation

5. The Commission is asked to consider and comment on the proposed revenue budget and capital programme.

Background Papers

None.

Circulation under Sensitive Issues Procedure

None.

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