



SCRUTINY COMMISSION – 5TH FEBRUARY 2008

JOINT REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES

MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2008/09 TO 2010/11

Introduction

1. The purpose of this report is to enable consideration to be given to the proposed Medium Term Financial Strategy 2008/09 to 2010/11.

Background

2. The Cabinet at its meeting on 10th January 2008 approved the Medium Term Financial Strategy which incorporated the 2008/09 revenue budget and 2008/11 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 4th January. A further copy is attached for members of the Commission. Also attached is a supplementary paper (**Appendix 1**) which summarises the main changes since the budget was initially prepared.

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 21st January
 - (ii) Adult Social Care and Health Services 22nd January
 - (iii) Children and Young People's Service 23rd January
 - (iv) Environment 24th January

4. Reports setting out the views of each Committee are attached **(Appendices 2-5)**. The Cabinet will meet again on 11th 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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