

Decision No: CAB165 – 11/02/10

Forward Plan No: CAB13924

This record relates to Agenda Item 174 on the agenda for the Decision-Making

RECORD OF CABINET KEY DECISION

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET
PORTFOLIO AREA:	FINANCE & RESOURCES
SUBJECT:	TARGETED BUDGET MANAGEMENT (TBM) 2009/10 MONTH 9
AUTHOR:	PATRICK RICE

THE DECISION

- (1) That Cabinet notes the forecast outturn for the General Fund, Section 75 Partnerships and Housing Revenue Account (HRA) for 2009/10 as at month 9.
- (2) That Cabinet approves the budget virement on the Dedicated Schools Grant to support schools Special Educational Needs costs set out in Appendix 1.
- (3) That Cabinet notes the forecast outturn position on the capital budgets as at month 9.
- (4) That Cabinet approves the changes to the capital budget as summarised in Appendix 3 and detailed in Appendices 4 – 7.

REASON FOR THE DECISION

Budget monitoring is a key element of good financial management, which is necessary in order for the council to maintain financial stability and operate effectively.

The proposed budget allocations and capital budget changes are necessary to maintain a balanced programme and effective financial management.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

The forecast outturn position on council controlled budgets is an overspend of £0.066 million. Any overspend that exceeds risk provisions and contingencies will need to be funded from General Fund reserves, which will then need to be replenished as part of the 2010/11 budget and MTFs proposals.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

The Chairman advised that corrections and clarifications in relation to the report had been circulated (see minutes).

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None.

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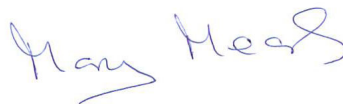
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Decision No: CAB166 – 11/02/10

Forward Plan No: CAB13926

This record relates to Agenda Item 175 on the agenda for the Decision-Making

RECORD OF CABINET KEY DECISION

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET
PORTFOLIO AREA:	FINANCE & RESOURCES
SUBJECT:	GENERAL FUND REVENUE BUDGET & COUNCIL TAX 2010/11
AUTHOR:	JAMES HENGEVELD, MARK IRELAND

THE DECISION

- (1) That Cabinet recommends to Council, subject to 2.3 below, the 2010/11 General Fund Revenue Budget proposals including;
 - The 2010/11 budget allocations to services as set out in appendix 1.
 - The investment in services and new allocations proposals as set out in paragraphs 3.42 to 3.46.
 - The council's budget for 2010/11 of £230.8m.
 - The Directorate budget strategies as set out in appendix 8.
 - The corporate budgets of £19.3m.
 - The contingency budget of £4.2m as set out in table 6.
 - The reserves allocations as set out in appendix 3.
 - The borrowing limit of £302m for the year commencing 1 April 2010.
 - The annual Minimum Revenue Provision statements as set out in appendix 4.
 - The prudential indicators as set out in appendix 7 to this report.
- (2) That the Medium Term Financial Strategy budget and resource projections for 2011/12 and 2012/13, as set out in appendix 5, based on council tax increases of 2.5% for each year be noted.

- (3) That it be noted that supplementary information needed to set the overall council will be provided for the budget setting Council as listed in paragraph 4.7.

REASON FOR THE DECISION

The council is under a statutory duty to set its council tax and budget before 11 March each year. The recommendations to Budget Council contained within this report together with the recommendations to follow in the supplementary report to full Council, will enable the council to meet its statutory duty.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

The budget process allows all parties to put forward viable alternative budget and council tax proposals to Budget Council on 25 February. Budget Council has the opportunity to debate both the proposals put forward by Cabinet at the same time as any viable alternative proposals. All budget amendments must have been "signed off" by finance officers no later than 12 noon on Monday 22 February.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None.

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Decision No: CAB167 – 11/02/10

Forward Plan No: CAB13928

This record relates to Agenda Item 176 on the agenda for the Decision-Making

RECORD OF CABINET KEY DECISION

DECISION-MAKER: CABINET

PORTFOLIO AREA: FINANCE & RESOURCES

SUBJECT: CAPITAL RESOURCES & CAPITAL INVESTMENT PROGRAMME 2010/11

AUTHOR: JAMES HENGEVELD, MARK IRELAND

THE DECISION

- (1) That Cabinet recommends Council to:
- (a) Agree the Capital Investment Programme for 2010/11 and note the estimated resources in future years as detailed in appendix 1.
 - (b) Allocate £0.6m resources in 2010/11 for the Strategic Investment Fund and agree the allocation of Strategic Investment Fund resources as set out in paragraph 3.23.
 - (c) Allocate £0.435m for the ICT fund.
 - (d) Allocate £1.0m for the Asset Management Fund.
 - (e) Agree the potential use of unsupported borrowing as set out in table 6.

REASON FOR THE DECISION

The council is under a statutory duty to set its council tax and budget before 11 March each year. The recommendations to Budget Council contained within this report together with the recommendations in the revenue budget report, will enable the council to meet its statutory duty.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

The budget process allows all parties to put forward viable alternative capital investment proposals to Budget Council on 25 February. Budget Council has the opportunity to debate both the proposals put forward by Cabinet at the same time as any viable alternative proposals. All budget amendments must have been "signed off" by finance officers no later than 12.00 noon on 22 February.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

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Decision No: CAB168 – 11/02/10

Forward Plan No: CAB13930

This record relates to Agenda Item 177 on the agenda for the Decision-Making

RECORD OF CABINET KEY DECISION

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET
PORTFOLIO AREA:	FINANCE & RESOURCES
SUBJECT:	HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT BUDGET 2010/11
AUTHOR:	SUE CHAPMAN

THE DECISION

(1) That Cabinet recommends Council to:

- (a) Approve the budget for 2010/11 as shown in Appendix 1.
- (b) Approve individual rent increases and decreases in line with rent restructuring principles as determined by the Government.
- (c) Approve the changes to fees and charges as detailed in paragraph 3.14 to 3.23.

REASON FOR THE DECISION

The Local Government and Housing Act 1989 requires each Local Authority to formulate proposals relating to income from rent and charges, expenditure on repairs, maintenance, supervision and management and any other prescribed matters in respect of the HRA. In formulating these proposals using best estimates and assumptions the Authority must set a balanced account. This budget report provides a breakeven budget and recommends rent increases in line with current government guidance.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

There are no alternative options proposed. Rents are set in accordance with the Government's rent restructuring guidance and increases are in line with the Housing Subsidy Determination. The Housing Subsidy Determination controls rent setting by removing resources from local authorities through non compliance.

The budget proposals also includes maintaining the current service provision with improvements as identified in the Service Improvement Plan and investment in priorities such as Turning the Tide strategy. It is possible for alternative options to be considered such as increasing or reducing service provision which would result in a

reduction or increase in the revenue contributions to the capital programme. However, officers recommend that the budget proposals provide the appropriate service provision whilst ensuring that the revenue contributions to capital are in line with the current HRA Business Plan.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None.

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Decision No: CAB169 – 11/02/10

Forward Plan No: CAB13996

This record relates to Agenda Item 178 on the agenda for the Decision-Making

RECORD OF CABINET KEY DECISION

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET
PORTFOLIO AREA:	ADULT SOCIAL CARE & HOUSING
SUBJECT:	HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2010-2013
AUTHOR:	DAVID GRAY

THE DECISION

- (1) That Cabinet approves the capital programme budget of £23.975 million and financing for 2010/11 as set out in paragraph 3.7.

REASON FOR THE DECISION

The Local Government and Housing Act 1989 requires each Local Authority to formulate proposals relating to capital expenditure in respect of the HRA. The council's constitution and financial regulations require that capital budgets are approved through the Cabinet committee system.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

No alternative options were considered.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None.

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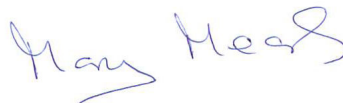
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Decision No: CAB170 – 11/02/10

Forward Plan No: N/A

This record relates to Agenda Item 179 on the agenda for the Decision-Making

RECORD OF CABINET DECISION

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET
PORTFOLIO AREA:	STRATEGY & GOVERNANCE
SUBJECT:	SINGLE EQUALITY SCHEME
AUTHOR:	MARY EVANS

THE DECISION

- (1) That Cabinet approves the Single Equality Scheme 2010-2011.
- (2) That updates be reported every six months.

REASON FOR THE DECISION

To address the legal requirements as described above, provide an action plan to support the Equalities & Inclusion Policy and a mechanism for reporting on progress.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

The alternative option would be the development of 3 Equality Schemes to address issues of Race, Gender and Disability. The advantage of this is the clear focus on the issues for these groups. The advantages for a Single Equality Scheme are described in paragraph 3.4 and we have found in practice that many of the issues identified can be addressed by generic actions.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

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CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

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Decision No: CAB171 – 11/02/10

Forward Plan No: N/A

This record relates to Agenda Item 180 on the agenda for the Decision-Making

RECORD OF CABINET DECISION

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET
PORTFOLIO AREA:	STRATEGY & GOVERNANCE
SUBJECT:	ADULT SOCIAL CARE & HOUSING: CHANGES TO THE SCHEME OF OFFICER DELEGATIONS
AUTHOR:	ABRAHAM GHEBRE-GHIORGHIS

THE DECISION

- (1) That the Cabinet approves:
- (i) That the housing functions currently comprised in the delegations to the Director of Adult Social Care & Housing be transferred to the Director of Culture & Enterprise;
 - (ii) That the new Directors be renamed Director of Adult Social Care and Health and Director of Housing, Culture & Enterprise respectively;
 - (iii) That the Head of Law be authorised to make the necessary amendments to the Council's constitution to reflect the above and the arrangements referred to in paragraph 3.9.
 - (iv) That the amendments come into effect on 12 February 2010.

REASON FOR THE DECISION

Given the close links between strategic housing, major infrastructure projects and economic regeneration, it is proposed that the housing functions currently discharged as part of the Adult Social Care & Housing Directorate be transferred to the Directorate of Culture & Enterprise. This will enable greater co-ordination and synergy between strategic housing (which includes private sector housing, homelessness, allocations and standards of housing) and economic regeneration. The shortage of housing nationally and, more importantly, the challenges faced by the City, mean that there is a need to co-ordinate more closely our approach to meeting housing needs with our approach towards major infrastructure/ building developments and better use of public sector land assets. The availability of affordable housing also plays a key role in the overall state of the local economy and, in particular, employment.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

The option of leaving existing arrangements in place was considered, but given the benefits of implementing the proposals as set out in the report, and more particularly the integration of our approach to housing needs with the other functions in the Culture and Enterprise Directorate, this option was not preferred.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

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