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Report of the Executive Director of Strategic Resources

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BUDGET 2012/13 AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN TO 2021/22

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 This report comes to the Joint Meeting as part of the Council's agreed process for budget setting.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the Joint Meeting considers the Budget 2012/13 and Medium Term Financial Plan to 2021/22 and makes any appropriate recommendations.

3. LINKS TO THE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY

- 3.1 The Budget 2012/13 and the Medium Term Financial Plan continues to align to the priorities and vision for Peterborough set out in the Sustainable Community Strategy.

4. BACKGROUND

- 4.1 The Cabinet met on 20 January 2012 to update their proposals for the Budget 2012/13 and the Medium Term Financial Plan to 2021/22 following the provisional local government settlement which was announced on 8 December 2011.

1. Agree the following as the basis for the next stage of the budget consultation:
 - a) That the Medium Term Financial Strategy is set in the context of the council priorities.
 - b) The Budget monitoring report as the latest probable outturn position for 2011/12, noting the use of reserves to deliver a balanced budget.
 - c) The draft revenue budget for 2012/13 and indicative figures for 2013/14 to 2021/22 (including the capacity bids and saving proposals).
 - d) The draft capital programme for 2012/13 to 2021/22 associated capital strategy, treasury strategy and asset management plan.
 - e) The medium term financial plan for 2012/13 to 2021/22, extended to a ten year plan so that the key challenges around delivery of growth can be adequately captured and financial challenges arising from significant local government funding changes be modelled.
 - f) The proposed council tax increase of 2.95% for 2012/13 and indicative increases of 2.95% for 2013/14 to 2016/17 and return to 2.50% for 2017/18 to 2021/22.
 - g) To spend at the level of the Dedicated Schools Grant for 2012/13 to 2021/22.

h) The proposals for reserves and balances.

2. Note and have regard for the continuing uncertainty of national public finances from 2013/14 onwards following the recent government consultations on funding arrangements and the Chancellor's Autumn budget statement immediately preceding the announcement of the local government provisional finance settlement

4.2 Members are reminded to bring their copy of the Budget 2012/13 and Medium Term Financial Plan to 2021/22 dated 20 January 2012 to the meeting.

4.3 All Cabinet Members and Directors have been requested to attend to answer specific questions the Joint Meeting may have.

5. KEY ISSUES

5.1 The key issues are contained within the Budget 2012/13 and Medium Term Financial Plan to 2021/22.

6. IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Implications are contained within the Budget and Medium Term Financial Plan.

7. CONSULTATION

7.1 The budget consultation process is outlined in the Budget and Medium Term Financial Plan.

8. NEXT STEPS

8.1 Any recommendations and comments made by the Joint Meeting will be referred to the Cabinet for consideration at their meeting on 10 February 2012.

9. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Used to prepare this report, in accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

9.1 None.

10. APPENDICES

10.1 There are no appendices, refer to paragraph 4.2 of this report.