

COUNCIL	AGENDA ITEM No. 13
6 MARCH 2013	PUBLIC REPORT

EXECUTIVE REPORT – RECOMMENDATIONS

(a) HOUSING ALLOCATIONS POLICY

Cabinet at its meeting of 25 February 2013 received a report updating it on the proposed review of the Common Allocations Policy and requesting it agrees the final draft to be taken to full council for adoption.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that Council adopts the Common Housing Register Allocations Policy

(b) BUDGET 2013/14 AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY (MTFS) TO 2022/23

Cabinet, at its meeting of 25 February 2013, received a report presenting budget proposals for 2013/14 through to 2022/23, in line with the provisional local government finance settlement for 2013/14 and in advance of some Department for Education specific grants being announced. The report contained three key sections:

- Cabinet report and summary of council funding implications, including proposals on council tax;
- The draft MTFS, including capital strategy, asset management plan and Treasury Strategy; and
- The budget consultation document being used for scrutiny, stakeholder and public consultation updated for any changes.

In addition, the report also had regard to the revised budget timetable approved by Full Council at the meeting of 10 October under the council constitution Part 4, Section 6 – Budget and Policy Framework Rules.

Cabinet endorsed the following recommendations for Council to:

1. Have regard to the consultation feedback received to date and statutory advice detailed in the report when determining the budget recommendations, noting that consultation remains open and further updates will be provided.
2. Agree that the following be approved and recommended to Council on 6 March 2013, noting that updates may be necessary if additional information emerges:
 - a) That the MTFS is set in the context of the council priorities.
 - b) The Budget monitoring report as the latest probable outturn position for 2012/13.
 - c) The revenue budget for 2013/14 and indicative figures for 2014/15 to 2022/23 (including the capacity bids and saving proposals).
 - d) The capital programme for 2013/14 to 2022/23 and associated capital strategy, treasury strategy and asset management plan.

- e) The council tax freeze in 2013/14 and indicative increases for planning purposes of 2% for 2014/15 to 2022/23.
 - f) To spend at the level of the Dedicated Schools Grant for 2013/14 to 2022/23.
 - g) The proposals for reserves and balances.
 - h) The proposals for setting fees and charges for 2013/14 including the indicative fees and charge increases for 2014/15 and 2015/16.
 - i) The proposal for the deferral of mandatory implementation of auto enrolment of pensions for employees until 30 September 2017.
3. Note that these recommendations are put forward on the basis of the confirmed local government finance settlement for 2013/14 and best estimates of future local government funding.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that Council adopts the recommendations above for the Budget for 2013/14 and Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) to 2022/23.