

Agenda Item:

Report to: Overview & Scrutiny Committee for Resources

Date: 5 February 2009

Report from: Deputy Chief Executive & Director of Corporate Resources

Title of report: **CONSULTATION ON THE REVENUE BUDGET 2008- 09
REVISED & 2009- 10 CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2009- 10 TO
2011- 12**

Purpose of report: To consult members of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee on the Revenue Budget and Capital Programme as part of the public consultation process

Recommendations: Members comments are sought and will be reported back to the Budget Cabinet on 12 February 2009

1.0 Summary

- 1.1 The Revenue Budget 2008-09 Revised & 2009-10 and the Capital Programme 2008-09 to 2011-12 went before Cabinet on 15 January 2009 for their consideration.
- 1.2 Cabinet resolved that the Revenue Budget and Capital Programme now went to the Overview & Scrutiny Committees as part of the public consultation process.
- 1.3 The comments received from the consultation process will be reported back to the Budget Cabinet meeting on 12 February 2009.

Appendices

Appendix 1 – Excerpt from Cabinet minutes (15 January 2009)

Appendix 2 – Revenue Budget 2008-09 Revised & 2009-10 and the Capital Programme 2008-09 to 2011-12 report to Cabinet (15 January 2009)

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CABINET, 15 JANUARY 2009

**100 REVENUE BUDGETS 2008/09 (REVISED) AND 2009/10 PLUS
CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2008/9 TO 2011/12**

The Deputy Chief Executive & Director of Corporate Resources submitted a report containing proposals for the Council's revenue budget and Capital Programme. Appended to the report were the Summary Service Revenue Budget Sheets 2009-2010 and the Capital Programme 2008-2009 to 2011-2012.

The Deputy Chief Executive & Director of Corporate Resources reported that the Council faced a period of severe and unprecedented financial uncertainty. It needed to ensure that its priorities were clear and the limited resources available were properly targeted in 2009/10 and beyond.

The report had several purposes, firstly to revise the budget for 2008/9 taking account of the changed economic environment and known variations to expenditure and income streams. Secondly to outline Revenue and Capital budgets for 2009/10 and beyond, to ensure the continued alignment of the Council's available resources to its priorities within a 3-year rolling programme. The report also identified the risks that the Council faced in doing so. If the recommendations in the report were to be approved by Council, the increase in the Borough's part of the Council Tax would be 3.5%.

Councillor Birch, spokesperson for the Labour Group, addressed Cabinet.

Councillor Stevens, spokesperson for the Liberal Democrat Group, addressed Cabinet.

RESOLVED (unanimously) – that the following be approved for the purposes of public consultation:-

- (1) approve the Revised Revenue budget for 2008-9 (Appendix A to the report);**
- (2) approve the draft 2009/10 Revenue (Appendix A to the report) and Capital budgets 2008/9 (revised) to 2011/12;**
- (3) transfer from the General Reserve, £200,000 of the surplus achieved in 2007/8 to the Industrial Development Reserve (to fund legal fees associated with the Foreshore Trust) and £165,000 to the Renewal and Repairs Reserve;**
- (4) agree the proposed expenditure from the Renewal and Repairs Reserve and Information Technology Reserve (Appendices J and I to the report respectively) and those items from other reserves shown in Appendix H to the report that can proceed without further reference to Cabinet;**

- (5) approve the revised Land Disposal Programme. (Appendix L to the report) and agree that disposals can be brought forward if market conditions make it sensible to do so; and**
- (6) agree that schemes marked with an asterisk in the Capital Programme can proceed without further reference to Cabinet or Council**