

REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGETS AND COUNCIL TAX 2012/13

Submitted by: Executive Director (Resources and Support Services)

Portfolio: Resources and Efficiency

Ward(s) affected: All

Purpose of the Report

To enable Cabinet to recommend the 2012/13 General Fund Revenue Budget and the 2012/13 Capital Programme to the Full Council meeting in February 2012 and to consider the comments from the Transformation and Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Recommendations

(a) That it be recommended to Full Council that the revised minimum balances requirement be £1,500,000 with the excess of £350,000 above the current levels being transferred to the Contingency Reserve (£80,000), the Insurance Fund (£120,000) and the Provision for Bad Debts (sundry debtors) (£150,000)

(b) That the 2012/13 General Fund Revenue Budget and the Capital Programme 2012/13 as detailed in the report to Cabinet dated 18 January 2012 be recommended to Full Council for approval together with a recommendation that there be no increase in the Borough's council tax for 2012/13.

(c) That the contribution from the Budget Support Fund be £179,000.

1. **Background**

1.1 The 2012/13 Revenue Budget and the Capital Programme 2012/13 were considered by Cabinet on 18 January 2012, following which these were submitted to the Transformation and Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee for consideration.

A summary of the overall Revenue Budget for 2012/13 is as follows:

	Estimated Expenditure £	Rate of Council Tax (Band D) £ p
Borough Council requirements –		
Total Net Expenditure	14,981,000	382.79
Less: External Support	<u>8,035,930</u>	<u>205.33</u>
	6,945,070	177.46
Collection Fund Surplus 2011/12	<u>20,700</u>	<u>0.53</u>
	<u>£6,924,370</u>	<u>£176.93</u>
		(equating to £3.40 per week)

The council tax levy of £176.93 is unchanged from the 2011/12 amount in accordance with the decision made at your meeting on 18 January 2012 that there should be no increase in the Borough's council tax for 2012/13.

2. **Transformation and Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

2.1 At its meeting on 18 January 2012 Cabinet approved the Revenue and Capital Budgets for 2012/13, recommending no increase in Council Tax. The report and the recommendations were referred to the Transformation and Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee for comments.

2.2 The Scrutiny Committee met on 18 and 25 January 2012. The Chair of the Committee will be attending the Cabinet meeting to present the Committee's observations and comments on the report and budget proposals.

3. **Final Finance Settlement notification**

3.1 The government have not yet notified the Council of the final amount of its formula grant for 2012/13. This was received at the end of January last year. However, there is unlikely to be a significant change from the amounts notified as the provisional settlement figure. If the amounts do change, the table in paragraph 1.1 will require amending to reflect the changes. A verbal update will be given at the meeting.