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JOINT SCRUTINY (BUDGETS)

21 January 2014

Dear Councillor

A meeting of the Joint Scrutiny (Budgets) will be held in **Council Chamber - Marmion House on Tuesday, 28th January, 2014 at 6.00 pm**. Members of the Committee are requested to attend.

Yours faithfully

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A G E N D A

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- 1 Appointment of Chair**
- 2 Apologies for Absence**
- 3 Minutes of the Previous Meeting (Pages 1 - 2)**
- 4 Declarations of Interest**

To receive any declarations of Members' interests (pecuniary and non-pecuniary) in any matters which are to be considered at this meeting.

When Members are declaring a pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest in respect of which they have dispensation, they should specify the nature of such interest. Members should leave the room if they have a pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest in respect of which they do not have a dispensation.

5 Budget and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2014/15 to 2018/19 (Pages 3 - 4)

(Report of the Cabinet)

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To Councillors: L Bates, M Clarke, T Clements, C Cooke, M Couchman, J Faulkner, D Foster, M Gant, K Gant, J Garner, G Hirons, A James, J Jenkins, R Kingstone, A Lunn, M McDermid, R McDermid, K Norchi, S Peaple, S Pritchard, E Rowe, P Seekings, P Standen, M Thurgood



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE JOINT SCRUTINY (BUDGETS) HELD ON 22nd JANUARY 2013

PRESENT: Councillor A James (Chair), Councillors L Bates, M Clarke, T Clements, C Cooke, M Couchman, J Faulkner, K Gant, M Gant, J Garner, G Hirons, R Kingstone, K Norchi, S Peuple, S Pritchard, E Rowe, P Seekings, P Standen, D Cook, R Pritchard, S Claymore and M Greatorex

CABINET Councillors D Cook, R Pritchard, S Claymore and M Greatorex

The following officers were present: Anthony E Goodwin (Chief Executive), John Wheatley (Executive Director Corporate Services), Stefan Garner (Director of Finance) and Lara Allman (Democratic & Election Services Officer)

6 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

RESOLVED: That Councillor A James be appointed as Chair.
(Moved by Councillor M Gant and seconded by Councillor T Clements)

7 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D Foster, A Lunn, M McDermid, R McDermid and M Thurgood and Cabinet Members Councillors S Doyle and J Oates.

8 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 24 January 2012 were approved and signed as a correct record.
(Moved by Councillor M Gant and seconded by Councillor C Cook)

9 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

10 DRAFT BUDGET & MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2013/14 TO 2017/18

The Report of the Cabinet regarding the budget proposals and medium term financial strategy for General Fund (GF) Revenue, the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) and the Capital Programme was considered.

A motion was made to request that the Leader write to Staffordshire County Council to seek clarification on the liability implications for businesses and home owners spreading grit outside their properties.

(Moved by Councillor M Couchman and seconded by seconded by Councillor S Pritchard)

The Leader agreed that he would write to the County.

RESOLVED:

That:

- 1 The budget proposals, as detailed within the report were considered, and;
- 2 Views on the budget proposals and council tax strategy, taking into account the prioritisation of resources were discussed.

Chair

JOINT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (BUDGET)

28th January 2014

Report of the Cabinet

BUDGET AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2014/15 to 2018/19

Purpose

To consider the budget proposals and medium term financial strategy for General Fund (GF) Revenue, the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) and the Capital Programme.

Recommendations

That Members:

1. Consider the budget proposals due to be approved by Cabinet at the meeting on 23rd January 2014;
2. Provide views on the budget proposals and council tax strategy, taking into account the prioritisation of resources.

Executive Summary

At its meeting on 23rd January 2014, the Cabinet are due to consider a package of budget proposals for the period 2014/15 to 2018/19 and, as required by the Constitution of the Council, approve that the Scrutiny Committees be asked to consider the budget proposals contained within the report.

A copy of the report detailing the budget proposals will be distributed following the Cabinet meeting.

Resource Implications

As contained within the report.

Legal / Risk Implications

As contained within the report.

If Members would like further information or clarification prior to the meeting please contact Stefan Garner, Director of Finance Ext. 242.

Background Papers:-	Budget & Medium Term Financial Strategy 2013/14 – 2015/16, Council 26th February 2013
	Budget and Medium Term Financial Planning Process, Cabinet 12th September 2013
	Draft Base Budget Forecasts 2014/15 to 2018/19, Cabinet 28th November 2013

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