



**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE JOINT SCRUTINY
COMMITTEE (BUDGET)
HELD ON 25th JANUARY 2011**

PRESENT: Councillors J Oates (Appointed Chair), N Annandale, C Cooke, R Cook, T Clements, J Faulkner, K Gant, Mrs M Gant, M Greatorex, A Lees BEM, A Lunn, K Norchi, G Pinner, M Price, S Pritchard, Mrs E Rowe, P Seekings, and J Wells.

The following Cabinet Members were present:

Councillors D Cook, B Beale, S Claymore, J Garner, Mrs M Oates and R Pritchard.

The following Officers were present:

David Weatherley, Chief Executive; John Wheatley, Corporate Director Resources; Denise Watts, Senior Democratic & Elections Adviser; and Lara Allman Democratic & Election Services Assistant.

441 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

RESOLVED That Cllr J Oates be appointed Chair.

(Moved by Councillor R Cook and seconded by Councillor T Clements)

442 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors L Bates, S Munn, S Peale and B Price

443 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on the 26th January 2010 were approved subject to amendments and signed as a correct record.

(Moved by Councillor J Oates and seconded by Councillor M Gant)

444 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

445 DRAFT BASE BUDGET FORECASTS 2011/12 TO 2015/16

The report of Cabinet on the budget proposals and council tax strategy, taking into account the prioritisation of resources was considered.

RESOLVED

That:

- 1 The technical adjustments and re-priced base budget figures for 2011/12 and indicative budgets to 2015/16 be approved.
- 2 The proposed savings measures, as detailed within the report be considered.
- 3 As required by the Constitution of the Council, the budget proposals contained within the report be considered and appropriate changes to the Council Tax strategy be recommended.

Chair