WRITTEN STATEMENT OF A NON-KEY DECISION CABINET

ITEM:	BUDGET UPDATE 2013/14	
Members Present	Councillors: JG Jarvis (Leader), H Bramer, RB Hamilton, AW Johnson, PM Morgan, RJ Phillips, GJ Powell, PD Price (Deputy Leader),	
Date of Decision:	13 December 2012	
Exempt:	No	
Confidential	No	
Urgency/Special Urgency:	No	
(As defined in Constitution)		
Purpose:	To provide an updated budget position for 2013/14 and confirm the current financial planning assumptions as well as the approach being taken around the Root and Branch process for budget setting.	
Decision:	THAT:	
	(a) the current position be noted;	
	(b) it be confirmed that a Council tax increase of 1.9% can be assumed for budget and planning purposes which will be ring fenced for Adult Social Care and Children's Services as part of bridging the budget gap: and	
	(c) the scrutiny committees be requested to look at the People's Services directorate budget plans to ensure it is robust and deliverable.	
Reasons for the Decision:	The recommendations are to note the current position and also indicate the council tax planning assumptions required in order to set the budget.	
Options Considered:	There are Alternative Options that centre on increasing council tax by more than our current assumption. This would trigger a referendum, with associated costs.	
Conflict of Interest (See below)		
Date the decision is due to take effect:	20 December 2012	

COUNCILLOR J JARVIS:	Date: 13 December 2012
LEADER OF THE COUNCIL	

 a record of any conflict of interest declared by any executive member who is consulted by the member which relates to the decision;

And

• in respect of any declared conflict of interest, a note of dispensation granted by the relevant local authority's head of paid service.

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To be completed by officer:	
Date consent received from Chairman of Overview and Scrutiny Committee:	
Subject to Call-in:	This Decision was not called in.
Was the decision modified?	No
If no any comment(s) to be noted	
Date original decision took effect:	20 December 2012