

WRITTEN STATEMENT OF A KEY DECISION CABINET

ITEM:	SERVICE BUDGET REDUCTIONS AND FUTURE FINANCIAL PLANNING
Members Present:	Councillors: JG Jarvis (Leader), H Bramer, RB Hamilton, AW Johnson, PM Morgan, GJ Powell, PD Price (Deputy Leader).
Date of Decision:	16 May 2013
Exempt:	No
Confidential	No
<p>This is a key decision because</p> <p>It is likely to result in the Council incurring expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are, significant having regard to the Council's budget for the service or function concerned. A threshold of £500,000 is regarded as significant.</p> <p>And/or</p> <p>It is likely to be significant in terms of its effect on-</p> <p>Two or more Wards or electoral divisions;</p> <p>One Ward (unless the number of those affected is very small or it is impractical to treat this as a key decision).</p> <p>A notice was served in accordance with Part 3, Section 9 (Publicity in connection with key decisions) of The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.</p>	
Urgency/Special Urgency: (As defined in Constitution)	No
Purpose:	To progress the Council's change programme, to report on the service plan reviews for 2013/14 conducted in March/ April aimed at de-risking identified areas of weakness to ensure the Council's plans are resilient and remain within its overall funding envelope of £150.296 million, and to seek Cabinet agreement on next steps.
Decision:	<p>THAT:</p> <p>(a) Cabinet refers the proposed actions in Agenda Item 4 to an extraordinary Council Meeting to be held on 24 May 2013 concerning the reshaping of Council services and to ensure the necessary steps are taken to deliver a balanced budget in 2013/2014.</p>
Reasons for the Decision:	The Council must stay within its available resources to ensure it does not deplete its reserves and delivers financial stability in the light of ongoing Government reductions in funding.

Options Considered:	There is no alternative to ensuring that services operate within total Council budget limits, however there are alternatives to approaches that may be taken to continue services and functions that the Council may be unable to fund in future.
Conflict of Interest ■ (See below):	No declarations.
Date the key decision is due to take effect:	22 May 2013

<p>COUNCILLOR JG JARVIS</p> <p>LEADER OF THE COUNCIL</p>	<p>Date: 16 May 2013</p>
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- 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.

<p>To be completed by officer:</p>	
<p>Date consent received from Chairman of the General Overview & Scrutiny Committee:</p>	
<p>Subject to Call-in:</p>	<p>This Decision was not called in OR This Decision was called in on DATE by Councillors NAME, NAME and NAME. The call in meeting of the Scrutiny Committee was held on DATE</p>
<p>Was the decision modified?</p>	<p>Yes/No</p>
<p>If yes Cabinet Member (.....) decision reference:</p>	
<p>If no any comment(s) to be noted</p>	
<p>Date original decision took effect:</p>	<p>DAY AFTER SCRUTINY MEETING</p>