

## WRITTEN STATEMENT OF A NON-KEY DECISION CABINET

<b>ITEM:</b>	<b>BUDGET MONITORING REPORT - JANUARY 2014</b>
Members Present	Councillors: AW Johnson (Leader), H Bramer, J Millar, PM Morgan (Deputy Leader), GJ Powell, PD Price
Date of Decision:	13 March 2014
Exempt:	No
Confidential	No
Urgency/Special Urgency: (As defined in Constitution)	No
Purpose:	To provide Cabinet with an updated position on the projected out-turn for 2013/14 and to propose the arrangements for future budget monitoring.
<b>Decision:</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>THAT:</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(a) <b>Cabinet noted the council is projected to spend on budget, an improvement of £2.4m on the October position; and</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(b) <b>Cabinet agreed the proposed arrangements for future budget monitoring</b></p>
Reasons for the Decision:	<p>The forecast outturn for the year, based on spend to the end of January, is a break-even position. The overall position in Directorates has remained broadly the same but the forecast position has improved due to two areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The successful bid for a capitalisation direction on one-off expenditure on transformation. The bid has been referred to in previous monitoring reports and the council learnt of its success in January. This has meant that £1m of one-off costs, previously included in the forecast have now been capitalised.</li> </ul> <p>The integration of the Public Health Service within the council has led to successful joint working with resultant efficiencies in Public Health, Adults and Childrens Wellbeing. A number of these initiatives, planned for 2014/15, have been accelerated by the Director of Public Health into 2013/14, generating efficiencies of an additional £1m not previously forecast for the current year.</p>
Options Considered:	There are no alternative options.

Conflict of Interest ■ (See below)	
Date the decision is due to take effect:	19 March 2014

<b>COUNCILLOR AW JOHNSON</b> :..... Date: 13 March 2014 <b>LEADER OF THE COUNCIL</b>
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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.