

<b>WRITTEN STATEMENT OF A NON-KEY DECISION</b> <b>CABINET</b>
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<b>ITEM:</b>	<b>SERVICE AND BUDGET PLANNING</b>
Members Present	Councillors: AW Johnson (Leader), H Bramer, J Millar, PM Morgan, GJ Powell, PD Price (Deputy Leader).
Date of Decision:	Thursday 24 October 2013
Exempt:	No
Confidential	No
Urgency/Special Urgency: (As defined in Constitution)	No
Purpose:	To note the outcome of the recent review of the Council's priorities; and to confirm the budget and corporate planning arrangements for 2014/15 in light of the ongoing significant financial challenge.
<b>Decision:</b>	<p><b>THAT:</b></p> <p><b>(a) in light of the outcome of the review of the council's priorities, no changes to the Corporate Plan 2013/15 be recommended to Council;</b></p> <p><b>(b) the timetable for budget setting, including consultation arrangements as set out at Appendix B be approved; and</b></p> <p><b>(c) The chairmen of the two overview and scrutiny committees be invited to build into their workplans consideration of the budget proposals.</b></p>
Reasons for the Decision:	The council made a commitment to being open and transparent about the challenges it faces and to engage with people about the ways in which we will have to deal with these. This report aims provide an update on this work and seeks agreement to the consultation and engagement approach to be adopted in relation to the budget proposals.
Options Considered:	The constitution requires Cabinet to make recommendations to Council on any changes proposed to the council's corporate plan, to recommend budget proposals to Council, and to publish its timetable for making such proposals including arrangements for consultation. It is open to Cabinet to agree an alternative timetable but regard must be had to the statutory requirement for councils to set a council tax before 11 March.
Conflict of Interest ■ (See below)	
Date the decision is due to take effect:	31 October 2013

**COUNCILLOR AW JOHNSON** :..... Date: Thursday 24 October 2013  
**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.