

**REPORT OF THE MEETING OF CABINET****HELD ON 13TH MAY, 2004**

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**Cabinet Members:** R.J. Phillips (Leader of the Council),  
G.V. Hyde (Deputy Leader), Mrs. L.O. Barnett, P.J. Edwards,  
Mrs. J.P. French, J.C. Mayson, D.W. Rule, MBE, R.V. Stockton,  
D.B. Wilcox, R.M. Wilson.

This is an addition to the report of Cabinet previously circulated with the agenda for the Council meeting on 21st May, 2004 and arises from the need to address the notification of "designation" issued by the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister (ODPM) which had to be considered at a meeting of Cabinet held on 13th May so that it could be submitted within the 21 days specified in the notice of designation.

**1. CORPORATE STRATEGY AND FINANCE**  
**(Chairman of Cabinet - Councillor R.J. Phillips)**

**1.1 Report on Decisions Taken**

- (i) **Local Government Finance Act 1992 - Notification or Designation (Nomination) for 2004/05** - Cabinet met on 13th May, 2004 to determine whether or not to challenge the designation of the authority pursuant to Section 52D(2)(a) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992. It decided that the "designation" should be challenged and approved a draft Notice to the First Secretary of State challenging his proposed budget requirement for the financial year 2004/05 and substituting the higher amount as determined by Council on 5th March, 2004.

The Leader of the Council on the advice of the Chief Executive and County Treasurer was authorised to make detailed amendments to the presentation of the challenge following the receipt of final advice. Copies of the Notice will be circulated on or before 19th May following submission of the Notice to the Secretary of State.

**COUNCILLOR R.J. PHILLIPS**  
**LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**