

REPORT OF THE STRATEGIC DIRECTOR
TO THE EXECUTIVE
6 FEBRUARY 2009

Executive Budget Proposals 2009/10

1.0 Introduction and Report Summary

1.1 This report sets out the Executive Budget Proposals for 2009/10.

1.2 The Contact Officer for this report is Alice Brander, Chief Accountant, telephone (01235 540429), email alice.brander@whitehorsedc.gov.uk

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 *Members are asked to recommend to Council to approve:*

- a) *The Council's Medium Term Plan 2009/10 to 2013/14 – Appendix A.*
- b) *Inclusion of the unavoidable growth items within the Council's budget – Appendix B.*
- c) *Inclusion of the growth items within the Council's budget – Appendix C.*
- d) *The cost reduction ideas listed to be implemented into the Council's budget – Appendix D.*
- e) *The items proposed for the Capital Programme 2009/10 and to note possible future capital schemes for 2010/11 – Appendix E.*
- f) *The fees and charges to support the budget as proposed – Appendix F.*

2.2 *Members are asked to delegate authority to the Executive Portfolio Holder with delegated authority for finance to make any last minutes changes to the Executive Budget Proposals arising out of circumstances unknown as at 6th February as long as they have no significant impact on the delivery of Council services as proposed and are notified to Council.*

3.0 Relationship with the Council's Vision, Strategies and Policies

This report supports all objectives in the Council's vision and complies with the Council's strategies for sound financial management.

4.0 Medium Term Plan 2009/10 to 2013/14

4.1 The Medium Term Plan covers a five year period to 2013/14. The Council has a duty to plan for the future maintaining a level of general fund balances in excess of five per cent of the budget requirement. This budget invests for the future to achieve general fund balances in excess of five per cent from 2011/12.

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STEVE BISHOP
STRATEGIC DIRECTOR

Background Papers: Draft budget proposals for consultation