

CABINET

18 OCTOBER 2011

Title: Budget Proposals 2012/13	
REPORT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL	
Open	For Information
Wards Affected: All	Key Decision: No
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Summary: <p>In February 2012, the Council will be required to approve its budget for the financial year 2012/2013. As part of the process leading up to this date, Members and Chief Officers have been involved in extensive discussions about their policy, service and financial requirements for the year ahead.</p> <p>Taking into account the direction set by Members, the financial position of the Council and the statutory requirements placed upon it, Chief Officers are currently finalising a range of savings options as part of the budget process for 2012/2013.</p> <p>In order to meet the statutory obligations under the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 to consult on its annual budget preparations, the Council will shortly commence a formal scrutiny of the savings proposals through its Select Committees who will be asked to test their validity and robustness.</p> <p>The outcomes of both scrutiny and consultation processes will be reported back to Cabinet in due course. The outcomes will be used by Cabinet to inform its final development of the 2012/2013 budget and allow it to make appropriate recommendations to the Assembly on 22 February 2012.</p> <p>This report advises Cabinet that the detailed savings options will be made available for public scrutiny and consultation with effect from 18 October 2011.</p>	
Recommendation(s) The Cabinet is asked to note this report.	