

BUDGET POLICY DEVELOPMENT GROUP

MEETING, 11TH NOVEMBER, 2009

Present – Councillors Morris (Chairman), Ashcroft, Burrows, Connell (as deputy for Councillor Peel), Hayes, Shaw, J. Walsh and D.A Wilkinson.

Also in Attendance

Mr. S. Harriss	-	Chief Executive
Mr. S. Arnfield	-	Director of Corporate Resources
Ms. S. Johnson	-	Deputy Director of Corporate Resources
Mr. A. Jennings	-	Democratic Services Manager

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Peel and Mrs Thomas.

Councillor Morris in the Chair

10. MINUTES

The minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Policy Development Group held on 30th September, 2009 were submitted and signed as a correct record.

11. UPDATE ON BUDGET 2010/11

The Director of Corporate Resources undertook a presentation on the 2009/10 budget position, together with an update on the 2010/11 budget which would be shared with the Trades Unions at the Single LJCC meeting on 11th November, 2009.

The latest 2009/10 budget position was explained as follows :-

			£000
<u>September Position</u>			
Savings	-	Airport Dividend	725
	-	Interest	770
Cost	-	AGMA Sub Regional Capacity	-181

Less New Allocations

- School Meals	-400
- Highways	-500

Net Increase in Balances	414

Latest Position

September Net Increase in Balances	414
New 2008/09 LABGI Allocation	315
One-off VAT Refund re Leisure	1,600
Less Cost of CCTV 2009/10	-40

	2,289
Proposed use	
School Meals (One-off Summer/Autumn 2010)	-800
Add to Balances to offset lost income, increased costs etc. arising in 2009/10	1,489

The above proposals would be subject to a further report to the Executive Member Corporate Resources at the meeting on 30th November, 2009.

The overall budget position for 2010/11 was as follows:-

	£000	£000
Schools Funding		5,273
Commitments		
Building Schools for the Future	500	
Leisure Pool	200	
Pay Review	1,500	
Pensions	1,079	
Other	<u>1,158</u>	4,437
Inflation		3,668
WDA/PTA		2,783
Income Losses		1,000
Costs of Capital		800
Increased Grant/Business Rates		-3,800
Increased Schools Grant		-5,273

Possible Council Tax Increase 2%	-2,004

Savings required	6,884

Members were reminded that the Savings Target set by the Executive for Services was 5% that equated to £7.9 m.

The presentation identified the following corporate Items which required funding in 2010/11.

	£000
Area Forums	100
Government Connect Costs	140
AGMA Sub Regional Work	140
Bolmoor/Supported Employment	178
CCTV	200
Benefits Growth	400

	1,158

The 2010/11 savings options for each service could be summarised as follows :-

	£000
Adult Services	3,247
Children's Services	1,839
Environmental Services	1,434*
Development & Regeneration	353
Corporate Resources	1,256
TOTAL	8,129*

* Includes £200,000 to offset Demand Growth

The PDG noted the report and agreed to hold a further meeting in the first week of January, 2010.

(The meeting started at 1.00 p.m. and finished at 2.00 p.m.)