

CITY OF PLYMOUTH

Subject: Budget & Corporate Plan

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Part: 1

Executive Summary:

The Budget and Corporate Plan comprises the following reports:-

- Corporate Plan 2011-14
- Corporate Asset Management Plan 2011-15
- 2011/12 Revenue and Capital Budget (update to December report)

Each of these reports supplements and compliments the others They set out the Council's vision and how we have allocated our resources to match our priorities.

The attached Corporate Plan sets out the council's strategic direction for 2011-14 and beyond. It focuses on the vision for the city and for the council, the four shared priorities that the council and its partners have signed up to and a range of supporting outcome measures. It also summarises the council's financial position and its drive to make efficiencies at a time of reduced public expenditure. The importance of transformational change to improve services with fewer resources is a theme throughout. The Plan also highlights the public budget consultation, partnership input and Overview and Scrutiny focus. More detailed supporting documents sit below the Corporate Plan.

The attached Corporate Asset Management Plan is the City Council's update of the Asset Management Plan. The Asset Management Plan timetable has been revised to the end of 2015 due to the effect of the current economic downturn. This will be reviewed during the next twelve months.

The document includes the council community asset transfer strategy which will respond to the new government agenda on devolving more control to communities and also support several elements of the council's budgetary delivery plans. It also details information on the management of assets including the provision of a new corporate property database, the ongoing maintenance strategy, statutory compliance, corporate property forum and new developments around the Single Point Of Contact (SPOC) for Corporate Support and Corporate Buyer function.

The attached 2011/12 Revenue and Capital Budget updates the budget report presented to Council on 6th December 2010, and details both the Revenue allocations as a result of the December 2010 Local Government Settlement announcements, and updates the Capital Programme following funding allocations.

As a result of the Settlement there is a need to revisit the original budget assumptions. Whilst this report outlines a balanced budget in the context of resources available, more detailed work will continue during February and any refinement to the budget proposals will be reported to Full Council on 28 February 2011. The report also seeks approval for increases to various discretionary fees and charges proposed as part of the budget considerations

This report therefore provides an update on how the Council has allocated its revenue and capital resources across departments and priority areas for 2011/12 to improve outcomes for local people. It is fully linked and underpins the Council's Corporate Plan 2011-14. For the Capital Programme, there have been significant reductions in funding areas linked to all government departments, and there is much uncertainty over funding streams post 2011/12. The Council is still planning a significant capital investment and this will increase in years 2012/13 – 2014/15 as more funding streams become available. This report presents the revised Medium Term Capital Programme for approval.

The Treasury Management Strategy for 2011/12 was subject to scrutiny by the Audit Committee on 21 January 2011. Following the revisions to the capital programme, there is a need to revise the prudential indicators as outlined in the report. The revised indicators are included at **Appendix G**. These require approval by Full Council.

Corporate Plan 2011-2014 as amended by the four new priorities for the City and Council:

The Corporate Plan 2011-14 replaces the previous one and includes the four priorities mentioned above

The Corporate Asset Management Plan supports both the Corporate Plan 2011-2014 and the Revenue and Capital Budget.

The 2011/12 Revenue and Capital Budget is central to the successful delivery of the Corporate Plan 2011-14.

**Implications for Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications:
Including finance, human, IT and land**

Once approved the 2011/12 budget will become the base year for the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) 2011-14.

The MTFS will be revised and updated in the light of the final 2011/12 budget and settlement implications. Human resources, ICT and asset implications have been fully considered and referred to throughout the report.

Other Implications: e.g. Section 17 Community Safety, Health and Safety, Risk Management, Equalities Impact Assessment, etc.

The Corporate Plan and Revenue and Capital Budget reports both refer to headline risks and equality issues. All Departmental Delivery Plans are covered by Equalities Impact Assessments, signed off by the relevant Director. Each delivery action has considered the impact on: council priorities, legal obligations, customers and other services and partners. Each separate action has been risk assessed in terms of potential barriers to implementation with corresponding mitigation stated where relevant. The Corporate Asset Management Plan deals with issues regarding accessibility, health & safety and equality in respect of the corporate building estate.

Recommendations & Reasons for recommended action:

It is recommended that

Corporate Plan 2011-14

Cabinet commend the Corporate Plan to full council for adoption subject to minor amendments and editorial design changes being delegated to the Chief Executive and the relevant portfolio holder

Corporate Asset Management Plan 2011-15

Cabinet commend the Corporate Asset Management Plan to full council for adoption.

2011/12 Revenue and Capital Budget Report

1. The proposed net revenue budget requirement of £208.237m for 2011/12 and five year Capital Programme (2010/11 – 2014/15) of £192.635m is recommended to Full Council on 28 February 2011, subject to any final amendments

2. Increases to fees and charges as outlined in **Appendix C** be approved by Cabinet.
4. The Revised Prudential Indicators outlined **Appendix E** be recommended to Council for approval.

Alternative options considered and reasons for recommended action:

The Corporate Plan sets the strategic direction for the council and brings together a range of related information in one place. This year more emphasis has been placed on ensuring that all the key elements of sound business planning are represented within the plan.

There is a statutory requirement under Section 33 Local Government Finance Act 1992 for the Council to produce and deliver a balanced budget and to set a Council Tax.

Background papers:

- Finance Settlement Papers Department of Communities and Local Government (CLG)
- The Prudential Code for Capital Finance in Local Authorities
- Equality Impact Assessments
- The Local Government Act 2003 and The Local Authorities (Capital Finance and Accounting) (England) Regulations 2003
- 2010/11 Budget / Prudential Code Working Papers
- Medium Term Financial Strategy
- Capital Financing Regulations
- Workforce development Strategy
- ICT Strategy
- Accommodation Strategy
- Proposed 2010/11 Budget Report to Council 6 December 2010
- Treasury Management Strategy report to Audit Committee 21 January 2011

Sign off

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