

THE EXECUTIVE

Thursday 10 February 2005
6.00pm – 6.15pm

PRESENT: Councillors Nimmo-Smith (Chair), Bailey, Coleman, Liddle, C Rosenstiel, J Rosenstiel and Smart.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE COUNCIL

05/EX/01 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 29 January 2004 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

05/EX/02 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were none.

05/EX/03 **DECLARATIONS ON INTEREST**

There were none.

05/EX/04 **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no members of the public present who wished to ask a question. Councillor Bradnack was present to observe. The Chair stated that although there was no provision in the Constitution for the Councillor to speak, he would allow him to address the Executive if he wished. Councillor Bradnack did not wish to speak.

04/EX/05 **GENERAL FUND REVENUE & CAPITAL BUDGETS 2005/06** *(see also Recommendation to Council of the Executive and Record of Decision)*

The Director of Finance's report highlighted decisions taken by Executive Councillors following Environment and Community Development & Leisure Scrutiny Committees. There were no amendments to the Strategy budgets following the Strategy Scrutiny Committee on 7 February.

The Director of Finance tabled a report required under Section 25 of the Local Government Act 2003 whereby the Chief Financial Officer must report to the authority, when it is making the statutory calculations required to determine its Council Tax or precept, on:

- a) the robustness of the estimates made for the purposes of the calculations, and
- b) the adequacy of the proposed financial reserves.

The Executive noted that the Director's view was that the position was satisfactory.

The Director of Finance tabled an amendment to include an additional project to the proposed Capital Plan. The Office of the Deputy Prime Minister has approved a capital grant (of £350,000). A Support Plan to achieve the Council's vision and obligations for the delivery of e-enabled services within the Government's target timeframe. If approved by Council, the Support Plan proposes to make provision of £40,000 in 2004/05 and £310,000 in 2005/06.

The Executive agreed to recommend to Council its budget proposals.

The meeting ended at 6.15pm

CHAIR