
APPENDIX C

COMMENTS OF SCRUTINY – 2011/2012 CAPITAL FORWARD PLAN

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1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 In accordance with the Budget and Policy Framework Rules in the Council's Constitution the draft proposals agreed by the Executive on 19 January 2011 on the 2011/2012 Capital Forward Plan are required to be considered by the Scrutiny Overview Committee with comments then reported to the Executive before the final budget proposals are recommended to Council.
- 1.2 The Scrutiny Overview Committee established a Strategic Topic Group to consider the draft proposals and this Group met on 31 January 2011.

2. COMMENTS OF SCRUTINY

- 2.1 The Topic Group agreed with the approach of the Executive and the Council's Strategic Officers regarding the prioritisation of Capital schemes from A to D, which would mean that the Council would only embark on those priority schemes when the actual funds from capital receipts were available.
 - 2.2 The Topic Group were of the view that the Capital Strategy would have major challenges over the 5 year period, and ultimately could be unsustainable. Given that there was so little capital available to the Council it would not be able to benefit from match funding schemes that it had in the past, such as the Town Centre Gardens scheme. This was of major concern to Members, but there were few options open to the authority other than borrowing to undertake schemes to meet the Council's statutory duties.
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