

**MEDIUM TERM PLAN 2005 TO 2010 - PROGRESS
(Report by the Head of Administration)**

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This report should be read in conjunction with a report by the Director of Commerce and Technology on progress to date in reviewing the Medium Term Plan and the Base Budget Review. Item No. 6(b) of the Agenda refers.

2. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 2.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Planning and Finance) considered the report at their meeting on 9th November 2004.
- 2.2 In considering the report, the Panel were of the opinion that the increase in Council Tax for 2005/06 should be £12 per annum for a Band D property.
- 2.3 In relation to the savings identified in the report from the Base Budget Review, Members of the Panel expressed their disappointment that there did not appear to have been any explicit Member involvement in the review with the exception of discussions with Executive Councillors. Concerns were also expressed that the report contained insufficient detail in relation to the means by which savings had been achieved and in the presentation of the information which was difficult to interpret and analyse. As a result of their request for additional information concerning expenditure and income, the Panel has agreed to establish a sub-Group comprising Councillors D B Dew, P J Downes, J A Gray, P G Mitchell and I R Muir to review the situation and to report back to them.

3. CONCLUSION

- 3.1 The Cabinet is invited to note the comments of the Overview and Scrutiny Panel in formulating their recommendation to Council on 8th December 2004.

Background Papers

Report of the Director of Commerce and Technology – Medium Term Plan 2005 to 2010: Progress
Minutes of the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Planning and Finance) – 9th November 2004.

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