Overview & Scrutiny Panel (Corporate and Strategic Framework)

Report of the meeting held on 11th November 2008

Matters for Information

6. BUDGET AND MEDIUM TERM PLAN 2009 – 2014 DRAFT PROPOSALS

The Panel has considered and endorsed the draft budget and Medium Term Plan (MTP) for the Council as the basis for the production of the 2009/10 budget, the revised MTP to 2013/14 and the financial strategy to 2023/24. In doing so, the Panel has welcomed the greater involvement of Executive Councillors in the budget setting process and recognised the difficulties created by the current economic climate.

Although the Panel had no specific issues which it wished to bring to the attention of the Cabinet with regard to the proposals, the Panel raised a number of questions relating to the need for Council borrowing to fund capital projects from 2009/10, the likely impact of a reduction in income achieved from National Non-Domestic Rates, the proportion of District Council expenditure between the market towns and villages and extent of Council expenditure on housing services.

J A Gray Chairman