

Committee:	Cabinet
Date:	26 January 2009
Title of Report:	Reconciling Policy and Resources
By:	Chief Executive and all Chief Officers
Purpose of Report:	To seek Cabinet's approval of the Capital Programme and Revenue Budget for recommendation to the County Council and draft Portfolio Plans

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Cabinet is recommended, having taken into account the views of the Scrutiny Committees set out in Appendix 4, to:

1. recommend the County Council to approve the draft Capital Programme in relation to schemes in progress or about to start and those to start in 2009/10 and 2010/11 and to note the schemes provisionally included in the Capital Programme in future years, as set out in Appendix 1 Annex C;
 2. note the draft Prudential Indicators set out in Appendix 1 Annex D for 2008/09 to 2011/12;
 3. note the financial update and supporting Annexes at Appendix 2, and, subject to any changes agreed by Cabinet, to recommend the County Council to approve the revenue budget estimates for 2009/10 set out in Annex C;
 4. recommend the County Council to issue precepts accordingly to be paid by Borough and District Councils in accordance with the agreed schedule of instalments;
 5. approve the fees and charges set out in Annex I of Appendix 2;
 6. approve the draft portfolio plans at Appendix 3 as the basis for developing the Council Plan and authorise Chief Officers to finalise the portfolio plans, in consultation with the relevant Lead Member; and
 7. note the views of the Trade Unions and business ratepayers set out in Appendix 5.
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1. Financial Implications

1.1 This report proposes the revenue budget and capital programme for 2009/10 and beyond to be agreed by County Council.

2. Capital Programme and Revenue Budget

2.1 The draft Capital Programme (Appendix 1) and Revenue Budget (Appendix 2) have been produced as a result of work that has been underway since the summer on Reconciling Policy and Resources using the Council Tax and savings assumptions that were agreed by County Council as its three year plan in February 2006. The Capital Programme and Revenue Budget have been

drawn up taking into account the Strategic Risks which were reported to Cabinet on 25 November 2008.

3. Portfolio Plans

3.1 Draft three year portfolio plans are attached at Appendix 3 and will receive final approval from the Lead Member before the start of the next financial year. They will be used as the basis for preparation of the Council Plan, a draft of which Cabinet will consider at its next meeting.

4. Views of Scrutiny Committees

4.1 The scrutiny committees, and their specially established RPR boards, have discussed the emerging portfolio plans. Their views are contained in Appendix 4.

5. Consultation

5.1 Consultations have been carried out with the Trade Unions and the views of the business rate payers have been sought on the budget proposals. The issues arising from these consultations will be set out in Appendix 5.

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