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# FORWARD TIMETABLE OF CONSULTATION AND MEETINGS: Cabinet

3<sup>rd</sup> September 2007

## NEW POLICY DEVELOPMENTS

#### **Report of the Chief Finance Officer**

#### 1. Introduction

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to ask Cabinet to consider any new service provision it wishes to introduce in advance of the budget for 2008/09.
- 1.2 It is intended that a formal proposal, based on member guidance, will be circulated in advance of your meeting.

#### 2. Recommendations

2.1 The Cabinet is asked to consider which policy developments it wishes to introduce quickly, requiring consequential changes to the 2007/08 budget or capital programme.

#### 3. Report

- 3.1 A new administration was appointed by the Council at May's Annual General Meeting, following local elections earlier that month.
- 3.2 The Council is presently in the process of revising its corporate plan and financial strategy, which will reflect the policy direction of the new administration.
- 3.3 Detailed planning does of course take time, and members may take the view that they would wish to introduce some new policy developments early, for maximum impact. To the extent that these have financial consequences, they will require changes to the agreed budget or capital programme. Some such policy developments have already been provisionally announced.

#### 4. Financial and Legal Implications (Mark Noble/Peter Nicholls)

- 4.1 Implementation of urgent new developments needs to take place selectively, to the extent that decisions pre-commit more detailed planning of the budget and capital programme for the next three years.
- 4.2 The full financial and legal implications will be included in the proposal to be circulated.

### 5. Other Implications

5.1 The standard assessment will be completed at the time the proposal is circulated.

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## **DECISION STATUS**

Key Decision	No
Reason	N/A
Appeared in Forward Plan	N/A
Executive or Council Decision	Executive (Cabinet)