



Leicester
City Council

WARDS AFFECTED: ALL

**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY
MANAGEMENT BOARD**

3RD FEBRUARY 2011

2011/12 BUDGET PROPOSALS

Report of the Chief Finance Officer

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek views of the Scrutiny Committee on the draft budget plans, for the following divisions:-

Regeneration, Highways & Transport
Planning and Economic Development
Cultural Services
Environmental Services
Housing Strategy
Safer and Stronger Communities
Adult Social Care

2. Summary

- 2.1 Given the huge reductions in Government funding, the 2011/12 budget round has presented the Council with immense challenges and although the Council has sought to protect key priorities, significant cuts are unavoidable.
- 2.2 Divisional budget proposals reflect the significant financial pressures faced by the Council. Budgets are expected to remain under pressure for the next four years as reflected in the Government's Comprehensive Spending Review published in October.
- 2.3 Attached as appendix one to this report are the draft budget proposals for each division, which have been prepared by the divisional director in consultation with the Cabinet Member. Its status is purely a draft for consultation. No formal decisions will be made until the proposals, together with scrutiny comments, are considered by the Cabinet in February.
- 2.4 The Cabinet has asked for the views of your Committee on the attached budget proposals, and in particular has asked:

- (a) whether your Committee has any alternative proposals it would wish the Cabinet to consider;
 - (b) what your Committee's views are on the budget proposals.
- 2.5 In giving its views, your Committee is asked to be mindful of the obligation to balance the budget.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 The Committee is asked to consider the draft budget proposals at Appendix 1 and make its comments to the Cabinet.

4. Financial and Legal Implications

- 4.1 This report is exclusively concerned with financial issues.
- 4.2 As this report deals with next year's budget, Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act, 1992 applies to members in arrears of council tax.

5. Other Implications

<u>Other Implications</u>	<u>Yes/No</u>	<u>Paragraph References within Supporting Papers</u>
Equal Opportunities		
Policy		
Sustainable and Environmental		
Crime & Disorder		
Human Rights Act		
Elderly / People on Low Incomes		
Corporate Parenting		
Health Inequalities Impact		

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