

## REPORTS OF THE EXECUTIVE

### **6.1 TREASURY STRATEGY 2013/14 to 2015/16**

A copy of the report is attached.

The relevant minute extract from the Overview Select Committee meeting held on 17 January 2013 will be circulated as soon as it becomes available.

The Council is recommended to approve the Treasury Strategy.

### **6.2 COUNCIL TAX – TAXBASE AND EMPTY PROPERTY DISCOUNTS**

A copy of the report is attached.

The Council is recommended to endorse a taxbase for 2013/14 of 62,070 properties expressed as the equivalent number of “Band D” properties.

The Council to determine the level of discounts as specified in 3.9 of the report.

### **6.3 COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION (LOCAL) SCHEME – SCHEME OPTIONS**

A copy of the report is attached.

Full Council is to asked review the three proposals put forward in the report. The Executive have recommended full council opt for the consulted Localisation of Council Tax Reduction Scheme (Scheme One) excluding removal of backdating.

Full Council is recommended to approve the £315K ( 4.16 page 9) fund for the council tax discretionary relief fund (also known as Section 13A within the Local Government Finance Act) to financially assist the most vulnerable individuals in the city against the adverse impacts these groups may face following the introduction of the Council Tax Reduction Scheme.

### **6.4. GYPSY AND TRAVELLER SITES IN AND AROUND LEICESTER**

In accordance with Rule 12 of the City Mayor and Executive Procedure Rules, Councillors Westley (Proposer), Byrne (Seconder), Meghani, Dempster and Bhavsar have objected to the decision of the City Mayor of 7 January 2013 with regard to the above.

The submitted grounds for objection are:-

“that the residents of Beaumont Leys and Abbey Wards have raised a number of concerns that lead us to believe that the decision should be reconsidered.”

24 January 2013

A copy of the decision is attached.

Arising from the receipt of an objection the issue has been referred to the meeting of the Economic Development, Culture and Tourism Scrutiny Commission scheduled for 16 January 2013. The relevant extract will be distributed to Members prior to the Council meeting.

The City Council is recommended to formally consider the Executive Decision of the City Mayor regarding the development of new Gypsy and Traveller Sites in the City.

Under the provisions of City Mayor and Executive Procedure Rule 12 (h), the Council may either confirm the decision of the Executive which would take immediate effect or refer the matter back to the Executive with an alternative recommendation for Executive to consider.

**Sir Peter Soulsby**  
**City Mayor**