

COUNCIL

2009/10 Budget and Policy Framework - General Fund Revenue Budget and Capital Programme

4th March 2009

Supplementary Report of the Head of Democratic Services

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To advise Council of the views of the Budget & Performance Panel on the Cabinet's recommendations to Council.

This report is public

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BUDGET & PERFORMANCE PANEL

That, in consideration of the Panel's recommendation at its meeting on the 27th January 2009 that the budget process fully recognises the need to protect the vulnerable and disadvantaged and those groups most likely to suffer from the credit crunch and recession, the proposed cut of £20,000 to the funding of the two Citizens Advice Bureaux be withdrawn.

1.0 Report

1.1 At its meeting on the 24th February 2009, the Budget and Performance Panel considered Cabinet's recommendations to Council on the Budget. The Panel considered Cabinet Minute 151(1) 2008/09 "That Cabinet recommends that support for the management of the two Citizens Advice Bureaux be reduced by £20,000 for 2009/10 onwards in total (£10,000 reduction for each Citizens Advice Bureau)".

1.2 The Panel resolved:

"That, in consideration of the Panel's recommendation at its meeting on the 27th January 2009 that the budget process fully recognises the need to protect the vulnerable and disadvantaged and those groups most likely to suffer from the credit crunch and recession, the Panel recommend to Council that the proposed cut of £20,000 to the funding of the two Citizens Advice Bureaux be withdrawn."

SECTION 151 OFFICER'S COMMENTS

Should Council choose not to take forward any such savings proposals, clearly these will need to be offset by more savings in other areas, in order to keep the budget in balance.

MONITORING OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The Monitoring Officer has been consulted and has no further comments.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

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