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**Report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance)**

**Council**

**Date:** 23rd February 2011

**Subject: Council Budget Motion**

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<p><b>Electoral Wards Affected:</b></p>	<p><b>Specific Implications For:</b></p> <p>Equality and Diversity <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Community Cohesion <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Narrowing the Gap <input type="checkbox"/></p>
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**Executive Summary**

The Budget motion before Council arises from recommendations contained in a number of reports. This report assembles those reports and identifies their relationship to the recommendations before Council to assist members in consideration of the decision.

**Purpose of Report**

To present the various reports which are relevant to the consideration of the budget motion by full Council on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2011.

**Information**

There have been a number of post Executive Board changes to some reports as detailed in appendix 1 of this report.

Reports are attached to this covering report as follows:

Item 4(i) Revenue Budget 2011/2012

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This report sets out the Council's budget for 2011/12 as recommended by the Executive Board on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2011. Recommendations (i), and (ii) at paragraph 12.1 form part of the budget motion.

Subsequent to the recommendation of the Revenue Budget by the Executive Board the Council has been notified that it is to receive a Community Safety grant of £946,779 in 2011/12 from the Home Office.

This grant had not been anticipated as previously it was included as part of the Council's Area Based Grant which, for 2011/12, has ceased.

Given that the submitted budget for 2011/12 does not include this additional grant, it is proposed that this adjustment is effected through the contingency provision within the Strategic Budget.

It is also proposed that additional funding be allocated to support the following initiatives:-

	£000
• Burglary initiatives within Community Safety	450
• Hardship fund for the third sector	100

The balance of £397k will be held in contingency and released following discussion with the Community Safety Partnership

Item 4(ii) Council Tax 2011/12 - Page 1 - 12

This is the detailed report in relation to the setting of the Council Tax the recommendation from which forms the bulk of the motion before Council.

Item 4(iii) Capital Programme Update 2010 to 2014 - Page 13 - 250

This report sets out the updated capital programme for 2010/2014 as recommended by the Executive Board on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2011. Recommendations at paragraph 10.1(a) to (c) are part of the budget motion.

Item 4(iv) Treasury Management Policy and Strategy Statements 2011/2012 -Page 251 - 276

This report sets out the Treasury Management Strategy for 2011/12 and provides an update on the implementation of the 2010/11 strategy. The Executive Board considered the report on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2011 and the recommendations at 7.2 to 7.5 of the report are the final part of the budget motion.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

The recommendation for full Council arising from these reports is that which is included on the Council Summons as the budget motion.

### **Background documents**

The reports referred to in 4 above.