**Report of Head of Scrutiny and Member Development**

**Report to Scrutiny Board (Resources and Council Services)**

**Date: 9th January 2012**

**Subject: Initial Budget Proposals**

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| Are specific electoral Wards affected?<br><br>If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): | ☐ Yes | ☐<br>No |
| Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration? | ☐ Yes | ☐<br>No |
| Is the decision eligible for Call-In? | ☐ Yes | ☐<br>No |
| Does the report contain confidential or exempt information?<br><br>If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number:<br>Appendix number: | ☐ Yes | ☐<br>No |

**Summary of main issues**

1.     In accordance with the Council's Budget and Policy Framework, the Director of Resources submitted to the Executive Board the attached report which sets out the Executive's initial budget proposals for 2012/13.

2.     The Executive Board on 14th December 2011 agreed this report as the initial budget proposals for the Council and for these to be submitted to scrutiny for review and consideration.

3.     Any comments or recommendations made by this Board on the Executive's initial budget proposals will need to be submitted to the Director of Resources no later than 20th January 2012 in order that the Executive Board can consider these comments at its meeting on 10th February 2012 prior to submission of the proposed budget to full Council on the 22nd February 2012.

4.     Councillor Wakefield has been invited to today's meeting to discuss the Executive's initial budget proposals.

5.     The Chair has indicated that she will take questions on the initial budget proposals first and then allow a general question and answer session with the Councillor

Wakefield on issues within his portfolio that have not been covered in the previous discussion.

**Recommendations**

6.      Members are asked to;

(i)      Consider the Executive's initial budget proposals as set out in the report of the Director of Resources and make any comments or recommendations

(ii)      Engage in a discussion with the Executive Member, Resources and Corporate Functions on matters falling within his portfolio

Background Papers
None used