

## **COUNCIL CABINET 21 FEBRUARY 2006**

### **MINUTE EXTRACT**

#### **268/05      Revenue Budget and Council Tax Setting**

The Council Cabinet considered a report from the Director of Resources updating the Cabinet on developments since the consultation budget was launched including:

- details of the final Government Grant settlement for 2006/7
- comments on feedback from Overview and Scrutiny Commissions
- an updated position for service budgets following the consultation document produced in January 2006
- a statement of reserves held by the Council.

The report would provide the basis for Council Cabinet to formulate its final recommendation to Council on 1 March 2006 consistent with its aim to set a council tax at or below inflation levels.

### **Decision**

To recommend Council:

1. To note the final local government finance settlement announcement.
2. To approve for 2006/7 the departmental estimates and associated virements and use of reserves included in Appendices 2 and 4, incorporating the proposals listed in sections 4 and 6, subject to further recommendations of Council Cabinet at a special meeting arranged for 4.45pm on 1 March 2006.
3. To note the latest 2005/6 budget monitoring position provided in Appendix 8 of the report.
4. To approve the measures proposed to manage budget risks in 2006/7 and in future years, set out in section 11.
5. To note the budget plans for 2007/8 and 2008/9 set out in this report for budget planning purposes and their indicative status.
6. To approve the incorporation of specific grants and income as shown in Appendix 4 of the report, into the detailed budgets and in doing so authorise the relevant Chief Officers to publish any required notices and implement any increases in fees and charges that are consistent with the budget proposals.

7. To authorise the publication of the requisite notices in accordance with the provisions of Section 38(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.
8. To note the comments of the Overview and Scrutiny Commissions.

The Council Cabinets response to the Culture and Prosperity Commission's recommendations were included in Appendix 6 of the Council Cabinet report and are summarised here:

Recommendation / Comment	Response
1. The Culture and Prosperity Commission urges Council Cabinet to review the spending cuts in the Museums Service that are proposed in the draft Revenue Budget.	The Cabinet is reflecting on the feedback regarding the museums service and will finalise its views prior to Council on 1 March 2006.
2. The Commission is in agreement with the budget proposal to hold arts grants at their cash level for 2005/06.	Noted.
3. The Commission supports the proposal to allocate £100k to Derby Marketing in 2006/07 and £200k in 2007/08.	Noted.
4. The Commission recommends that some of the income resulting from the increased sales and revised pricing at the Assembly Rooms should be ringfenced and itemised in subsequent budgets.	Income generated from the success of the Assembly Room has consistently been reinvested in the service.