

## **RESOURCES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**THURSDAY, 13 NOVEMBER 2014**

**PRESENT:-** Councillors Steve Allsopp, Oliver Donachie, Toby Elliott (Chair), Mary Martin, Nick Martin, Gemma McCracken and Robert Wright

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors John Ballman, Mark Edwards and Stan Pajak.

### **10. Minutes**

Resolved – That the minutes of the meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2014 be confirmed and signed.

### **11. Public Question Time**

There were no public questions

### **12. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest

### **13. Web replacement and digital by default**

The Group Director Resources submitted a report reviewing the Council's approach to the replacement and improvement of its current website, consistent with the existing communications strategy and emerging strategy for customer service.

The Group Director and the Head of Information and Technology Services answered questions on the costs, design, timescales and implementation of the Council's approach referred to in the report.

Resolved – (1) That the report is welcomed

(2) That the Committee has concerns that the budget identified is capable of delivering the project

(3) That the Committee would like sight of a list of other Councils who were using the services listed in the report.

(4) That a further report be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee once the project has been implemented concerning (a) the design (b) the complete and on-going costs to the Council and (c) the potential savings and business benefits of the project.

### **14. Budget Management 2014-15 and Draft Budget 2015-16**

Out of Borough The Group Director Resources submitted a report concerning the Budget proposals submitted to Cabinet on the 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2014.

Attached as Appendix One was the Cabinet report which set out the projected out-turn for 2014/15, the initial draft Budget proposals for 2015/16 and the context for the Council's Medium Term Financial Plan.

Members of the Committee asked the Group Director a series of questions

concerning the draft Budget 2015/16 and Budget management for 2014/15  
Resolved – That the report and Cabinet report attached as Appendix One to the report be noted.

**15. Out of Borough Placements**

Councillor Wright raised concerns he had concerning the Council's long term strategy for Out of Borough placements.

Resolved – That the financial aspects of the Council's long term strategy for Out of Borough placements be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee.