

Item 5(a) – Financial Strategy 2010-2021

Performance and Governance Committee's Recommendation to Council

At its meeting on 16 November 2010 the Performance and Governance Committee considered the matter as follows:

Members agreed page 18 of the Strategy should be updated from the references to October 2008. A Member notified Officers that amendment would be needed to page 18 to clarify that only plastic milk bottles are recycled, not plastics in general. Members agreed the pictures included had little direct relevance to the strategy. Therefore they suggested the pictures should either be directly relevant or removed.

Members also noted the assumptions did not include a freeze on council tax which would allow increases in Government grant of 2.5% per annum for the next four years. The Director of Corporate Resources said this could be added.

Action: Officers to adjust the strategy with regard to council tax, energy certificates, recycling and the pictures.

The Director of Corporate Resources told Members that stewardship of community resources was guided by this strategy, financial arrangements put in place and the budget, among other factors. When asked how long cuts would be made to low priority services he said it was an ongoing process guided by Members, such as in the proposals put forward by Cabinet.

Resolved: That Cabinet be recommended to recommend that the Council approve the Financial Strategy with the changes suggested by the Committee.

This matter was also considered by the Cabinet on 13 December 2010 and the minute from that meeting will be available at the Council meeting.

