

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM CABINET ADVISORY COMMITTEES

- a) Provisional Outturn 2013/14 and Carry Forward Requests (Minute 11 , Finance and Resources Advisory Committee – 3 June 2014)

The Head of Finance presented a report which provided the provisional financial outturn figures for 2013/14 that would be presented to Cabinet on 5 June 2014. The report also set out the requests to carry forward unspent budgets into 2014/15. She was pleased to report that a provisional favourable variance of £299,000 had been achieved.

(Cllr. McGarvey left the room)

In response to a question, the Chief Finance Officer advised that in the past year the Council had presumed a 50% collection rate from new Council Tax Support payers, but a rate of over 80% had been achieved. The proposed carry forward of £77,000 was equivalent to about 3 staff who would be employed only if needed to promote collection rates.

It was clarified that should all carry forward requests be approved then £170,000 could still be put into the Budget Stabilisation Fund.

The Chairman explained that he had asked Officers whether it would be appropriate for staff involved in assessment and enabling of Disabled Facility Grant works to be brought in-house or bought in externally so as to lower dependence on Kent County Council and reduce delays.

Action: The Finance Manager to circulate to Members of the Committee the response from the Chief Housing Officer once received.

Public Sector Equality Duty

Members noted that consideration had been given to impacts under the Public Sector Equality Duty.

Resolved: That it be recommended to Cabinet that

- a) the Revenue ‘carry forward’ requests totalling £129,000 as set out in paragraph 16 of the report be approved;
- b) the Capital carry forward request totalling £66,594, as set out in paragraph 17 of the report be approved; and
- c) Flood Support Earmarked Reserve be established, and the income receipt of £172,000 be transferred to that reserve at the end of March 2014.