

POLICY AND RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 9TH JUNE 2009

SUBJECT: BUDGET 2009/10 – CORPORATE SERVICES

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To present to Members the detailed budgets for 2009/10 for the Corporate Services and Miscellaneous Finance areas of the Chief Executive's Directorate.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 The total net budget for Corporate Services and Miscellaneous Finance shows a net increase due to the various factors outlined in the report.

3. LINKS TO STRATEGY

- 3.1 The contents in this report are in accordance with the Budget Strategy agreed by Council at its meeting on 5th March 2009.

4. THE REPORT

- 4.1 Attached to this report as Appendix 1, Members will find the summary budget for Corporate Services, which has been produced taking into account the following.
- 4.2 Pay inflation 2.75%, non-pay inflation at 2% and superannuation increase of 0.3% in accordance with the budget strategy, giving increases to the budget of some £579k, £202K and £42k respectively.
- 4.3 Whole Authority Cost pressures of £5393K relating predominantly to loan charges, reductions in investment income, job evaluation costs and increases in energy costs.
- 4.4 Service area savings totalling some £1419k. Inclusive of £446K savings from the non-filling of vacant posts.
- 4.5 Budget transfers due to the impact of various service changes approved by Members of £529K. The main changes relate to the centralisation of the recruitment advertising budgets, the transfer of various staff to Customer First relating to the continuing development of the centres, and the transfer of Salaries and Wages staff from Social Services to the Employee Service Centre.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The financial implications are those set out in the attached budgets.

6. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 There are no personnel implications.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 It is recommended that the report together with the summary budget page be noted.

8. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

8.1 That Members are aware of the content of the budget for the Corporate Services and Miscellaneous Finance areas of the Chief Executive's Directorate.

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Appendices:

Appendix 1 Summary Budget – Performance & Policy

Background Papers: Budget working papers – Accountancy Section