Report of Executive Cabinet

Capital Programme 2009/10 to 2011/12 – Monitoring report.

- 1. The Executive Cabinet considered at its meeting on 12th November 2009 a report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Business Transformation) proposing changes to the Capital Programme for 2009/10 to 2011/12.
- 2. We were requested to consider the submission of an application to capitalise (i) the anticipated redundancy payments arising from planned restructure proposals; and (ii) the impairment of the Icelandic investment that would otherwise be charged to the revenue budget for 2010/11. The report also recommended the increased used of the VAT Shelter income from Chorley Community Housing in order to minimise the temporary increase in borrowing in 2009/10 to offset the rephasing of asset sales receipts to a later year when market values are expected to rise.
- 3. After taking account of the proposed expenditure increases, the rephasing of capital receipts to 2010/11 and the increased use of the VAT Shelter income, together with other minor or neutral changes, the borrowing requirement in the current financial year is expected to rise by £786,180, albeit that a significant element will be temporary pending the receipt from asset sales which have been postponed pending an upturn in the market.
- 4. A copy of the report presented to the Executive Cabinet on 12th November 2009 is attached so that the Council is able to take account of the relevant factors before taking decisions on the Capital Programme.

Recommendations:

- 5. The Council is recommended:
 - (a) to approve the revised Capital Programme for 2009/10, as set out in Appendix 1 to the attached report;
 - (b) to note the proposed amendments to the provisional Capital Programme for 2010/11, as shown in Appendix 1 to the attached report;
 - (c) to authorise the submission of applications for Directions to enable the capitalisation of redundancy and pension strain costs and the impairment of the Icelandic investment;
 - (d) to request budget holders to review their uncommitted 2009/10 budgets in order to identify whether any expenditure could be re-phased to a later financial year.

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There are no background papers to this report.