



# Meeting of the Council

## 5 March 2014

**Time** 5.45pm **Public meeting?** YES **Type of meeting** Full Council

**Venue** Civic Centre, St Peter's Square, Wolverhampton WV1 1SH

**Room** Council Chamber (4<sup>th</sup> floor)

**Membership** (Quorum for this meeting is 15 Councillors)

**Mayor** Cllr Milkinder Jaspal (Lab)  
**Deputy Mayor** Cllr Michael Heap (Lib Dem)

### Labour

Cllr Ian Angus  
Cllr Harbans Bagri  
Cllr Harman Banger  
Cllr Philip Bateman  
Cllr Payal Bedi  
Cllr Peter Bilson  
Cllr Alan Bolshaw  
Cllr Ian Brookfield  
Cllr Paula Brookfield  
Cllr Ian Claymore  
Cllr Craig Collingswood  
Cllr Susan Constable  
Cllr Claire Darke  
Cllr Bishan Dass  
Cllr Jasbinder Dehar

Cllr Steven Evans  
Cllr Valerie Evans  
Cllr Bhupinder Gakhal  
Cllr Valerie Gibson  
Cllr Dr Michael Hardacre  
Cllr Julie Hodgkiss  
Cllr Keith Inston  
Cllr Jasbir Jaspal  
Cllr Andrew Johnson  
Cllr Roger Lawrence  
Cllr Linda Leach  
Cllr Elias Mattu  
Cllr Lorna McGregor  
Cllr Peter O'Neill  
Cllr Philip Page

Cllr Rita Potter  
Cllr John Reynolds  
Cllr John Rowley  
Cllr Judith Rowley  
Cllr Sandra Samuels  
Cllr Zahid Shah  
Cllr Caroline Siarkiewicz  
Cllr Stephen Simkins  
Cllr Tersaim Singh  
Cllr Paul Sweet  
Cllr Jacqueline Sweetman  
Cllr Thomas Turner  
Cllr Martin Waite

### Conservative

Cllr Mark Evans  
Cllr Barry Findlay  
Cllr Christopher Haynes  
Cllr Matthew Holdcroft  
Cllr Christine Mills  
Cllr Neville Patten

Cllr Patricia Patten  
Cllr Arun Photay  
Cllr Paul Singh  
Cllr Wendy Thompson  
Cllr Andrew Wynne  
Cllr Jonathan Yardley

### Liberal Democrat

Cllr Malcolm Gwinnett  
Cllr Richard Whitehouse

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# Agenda

*Item No. Title*

## **MEETING BUSINESS ITEMS**

1. **Apologies for absence**
2. **Declarations of interests**
3. **Minutes of the previous meeting (5 February 2014)**  
[For approval]
4. **Communications**  
[To receive the Mayor's announcements]

## **DECISION ITEM**

5. **Budget for 2014/15:**
  - **Five Year Budget and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2014/15 to 2018/19**
  - **Treasury Management Strategy 2014/15**
  - **Capital Programme 2013/14 to 2017/18: Quarter Three Review and 2014/15 to 2018/19 Budget Strategy**
  - **Council Tax Formal Resolutions**

[To consider and determine the Council's budgetary provisions for the forthcoming municipal year]



# Meeting of the Council

## Minutes – 5 February 2014

### Attendance

**Mayor** Cllr Milkinder Jaspal (Lab)  
**Deputy Mayor** Cllr Michael Heap (Lib Dem)

#### Labour

Cllr Ian Angus	Cllr Jasbinder Dehar	Cllr Peter O'Neill
Cllr Harbans Bagri	Cllr Steven Evans	Cllr Philip Page
Cllr Harman Banger	Cllr Valerie Evans	Cllr Rita Potter
Cllr Phil Bateman	Cllr Bhupinder Gakhal	Cllr John Reynolds
Cllr Payal Bedi	Cllr Valerie Gibson	Cllr John Rowley
Cllr Peter Bilson	Cllr Dr Michael Hardacre	Cllr Judith Rowley
Cllr Alan Bolshaw	Cllr Julie Hodgkiss	Cllr Sandra Samuels
Cllr Ian Brookfield	Cllr Keith Inston	Cllr Zahid Shah
Cllr Paula Brookfield	Cllr Jasbir Jaspal	Cllr Caroline Siarkiewicz
Cllr Ian Claymore	Cllr Andrew Johnson	Cllr Stephen Simkins
Cllr Craig Collingswood	Cllr Roger Lawrence	Cllr Tersaim Singh
Cllr Susan Constable	Cllr Linda Leach	Cllr Paul Sweet
Cllr Claire Darke	Cllr Elias Mattu	Cllr Jacqueline Sweetman
Cllr Bishan Dass	Cllr Lorna McGregor	Cllr Thomas Turner
		Cllr Martin Waite

#### Conservative

Cllr Mark Evans	Cllr Patricia Patten	<b>Liberal Democrat</b>
Cllr Barry Findlay	Cllr Arun Photay	Cllr Malcolm Gwinnett
Cllr Christopher Haynes	Cllr Paul Singh	Cllr Richard Whitehouse
Cllr Christine Mills	Cllr Wendy Thompson	
Cllr Neville Patten	Cllr Andrew Wynne	
	Cllr Jonathan Yardley	

#### Employees

Keith Ireland	Strategic Director Delivery
Tim Johnson	Strategic Director Education and Environment
Sarah Norman	Strategic Director Community
Martyn Sargeant	Head of Democratic Services
Mark Taylor	Assistant Director - Finance
John Wright	Democratic Support Manager

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The proceedings opened with prayers

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## BUSINESS ITEMS

### 1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Cllr Matthew Holdcroft.

### 2. Declarations of Interests

The following Councillors declared the interests set out below in Agenda Item 5 - Housing Revenue Account:

Cllr Ian Claymore	Disclosable pecuniary interest	Council tenant
Cllr Constable	(a) Disclosable pecuniary interest (b) Disclosable non-pecuniary interest	(a) Council tenant (b) Member of the board of Wolverhampton Homes
Cllr Dr Michael Hardacre	Disclosable pecuniary interest	Member of the board of Wolverhampton Homes
Cllr Leach	Disclosable pecuniary interest	Leaseholder
Cllr Lorna McGregor	Disclosable pecuniary interest	Leaseholder
Cllr Peter O'Neill	Disclosable pecuniary interest	Council tenant
Cllr Rita Potter	Disclosable non-pecuniary interest	Member of the board of Wolverhampton Homes
Cllr Paul Singh	Disclosable non-pecuniary interest	Member of the board of Wolverhampton Homes
Cllr Tersaim Singh	Disclosable non-pecuniary interest	Member of the board of Wolverhampton Homes

### 3. Minutes of the previous meeting (18 December 2013)

It was moved by the Mayor, seconded by the Deputy Mayor and

Resolved:

That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 18 December 2013 be approved as a correct record

### 4. Mayor's Communications:

#### The Late Bert Williams and the Late Steve Evans

The Mayor referred to the recent deaths of Bert Williams and Steve Evans and asked the meeting to stand for a minute's silence in their memory.

#### The Queen's New Year's Honours

The Mayor referred to a number of people from Wolverhampton or with links to the City

who received recognition in the Queen's New Year's Honours including Dr Sadhu Singh Gakhal, Sylvia Harris, Jacqueline Brookes and former Chief Superintendent Neil Evans. The Mayor had written to all recipients expressing the Council's congratulations on their richly-deserved awards.

The Mayor invited Cllr Claymore to speak in respect of Sylvia Simpson.

## **DECISION ITEMS**

### **5. Petition – “Against The Proposal To Curtail The Teaching Of Mother Tongue Classes”**

Mr Devsi presented a petition against the proposal to curtail the teaching of mother tongue classes.

Cllr Mattu, Cabinet Member for Leisure and Communities responded to the petition

It was moved by Cllr Mattu, seconded by Cllr Page and

Resolved:

1. That the terms of the petition be noted.
2. That the saving proposal to reduce the Council subsidy to the teaching of Community Languages over a period of time was approved as part of the 2013/14 budget process and was not included in the 2014/15 budget consultation.
3. That the Cabinet receive a further report to look at how voluntary and faith groups could be encouraged to support the teaching of Mother tongue languages.

### **6. Petition – ‘Save Central Baths’**

Ms Bailey presented a petition which called for the retention of Central Baths

Cllr Mattu, Cabinet Member for Leisure and Communities responded to the petition. He indicated a range of work that was underway to try to keep the baths open. He indicated that a report would be submitted to Cabinet (Resources) Panel on 11 March.

It was moved by Cllr Mattu, seconded by Cllr Collingswood and

Resolved:

That a report on the future of Central Baths be submitted to Cabinet (Resources) Panel on 11 March.

### **7 Housing Revenue Account Business Plan (Including 2014/15 Budget, Rents and Service Charges)**

It was moved by Cllr Bilson, seconded by Cllr Johnson and

Resolved:

1. That the business plan, set out at appendix A of the Cabinet report, be approved as the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) business plan, including:
  - (i) The revenue budget for 2014/15;
  - (ii) The capital programme for 2013/14 to 2017/18.

2. That the rents for HRA dwellings be increased by an average of 6.23%, in accordance with the Government's rent restructuring formula (including its constraints on individual rent increases), with effect from 7 April 2014.
3. That the rents for HRA garages be increased by 6.23%, with effect from 7 April 2014.
4. That HRA service charges and district heating charges be set at the levels detailed in appendix B3 of the Cabinet report, with effect from 7 April 2014.
5. That Hostel and Carelink rents and charges be set at the levels detailed in appendix B4 of the Cabinet report, with effect from 1 April 2014.
6. That the charges to be levied on tenants and leaseholders by Wolverhampton Homes set out in appendix B5 of the Cabinet report be noted.
7. The Council places on record its sincere thanks to all those tenants' representatives and other stakeholders and partners who put forward views and comments during the consultation process.

## 8 **Amendments to the Constitution**

It was moved by Cllr Turner , seconded by Cllr Wynne and

Resolved:

That the revisions to the Constitution, detailed in the report submitted, be approved.

## 9 **Summary of Executive Business – 24 November 2013 to 23 January 2014**

Councillor Simkins asked Councillor Reynolds, as Cabinet Member for City Services what action had been taken in the city to promote Fairtrade products over the previous ten years. Councillor Reynolds detailed the action that had been taken.

## 10 **Questions**

The following questions, which had been submitted in accordance with the Council's procedure rules, were asked by Cllr Findlay:

### **Question 1**

"Could the Portfolio Holder for City Services tell Council how many residents bins did not get collected after Christmas for failing the Council's policy of putting the wrong type of Christmas paper (shiny) in their recycling?"

Cllr Reynolds, as Cabinet Member for City Services, detailed the percentage of bins for the previous five months which had not been collected. He was unable to give a percentage relating specifically to shiny paper but stated that it had not been collected, as recyclable material since 2010.

Cllr Findlay asked a supplemental question about the value of leaflets which had been circulated. Cllr Reynolds stated that the leaflets had not caused confusion and shiny wrapping papers were not accepted at paper mills and had to be sent to landfill

### **Question 2**

"At a time when the Council is making cuts to vital services does he really think this is the

time and best use of taxpayers money to recruit Bin Buddies?”

Cllr Reynolds, as Cabinet Member for City Services, responded to the question and stated that the funding had come from central government for a specific purpose and funded services which would not have been otherwise provided

**Question 3**

“Could the Leader of the Council tell Council what arrangements have been put in place by the City Council to commemorate the starting of World War 1 100 years ago this August?”

Cllr Lawrence responded and detailed a range of events that were planned across the City. He stated that full; details of the list of events would be circulated to all Councillors once it had been finalised.

**Question 4**

“Children from similar backgrounds and abilities can end up with different prospects just because of which school they attend. Fewer pupils in Wolverhampton attend a good or outstanding school than any other area in the country. Does he think this is good enough?”

Cllr Page, Cabinet Member for Schools Skills and Learning responded and detailed the recently announced examination results.

Cllr Findlay asked, as a supplementary question, whether the Council would work more closely with schools to monitor performance.

Cllr Page responded and explained the Council’s role in school improvement.



# Meeting of the City Council

## 5 March 2014

<b>Report title</b>	5 Year Budget and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2014/15 to 2018/19 Treasury Management Strategy 2014/15 Capital Programme 2013/14 to 2017/18: Quarter Three Review and 2014/15 to 2018/19 Budget Strategy Council Tax Formal Resolutions	
<b>Referring body</b>	Cabinet	
<b>Councillor to present report</b>	Councillor Roger Lawrence	
<b>Wards affected</b>	All	
<b>Cabinet Member with lead responsibility</b>	Councillor Roger Lawrence Leader of the Council  Councillor Andrew Johnson Resources	
<b>Strategic director</b>	Simon Warren, Chief Executive Sarah Norman, Community Keith Ireland, Delivery Tim Johnson, Education and Enterprise	
<b>Originating service</b>	Delivery	
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<b>Report to be/has been considered by</b>	Strategic Executive Board Cabinet	14 February 2014 25 February 2014



**Recommendation(s) for action or decision:**

The Council is recommended to approve:

**Cabinet recommendations from the Five Year Budget and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2014/15 to 2018/19 report:**

1. The net budget requirement for 2014/15 of £237.6 million for General Fund services
2. The implementation of the additional savings proposals subject to the outcome of appropriate scrutiny, consultation and equality analyses.
3. A Council Tax for council services in 2014/15 of £1,316.72 for a Band D property, being an increase of 1.99% on 2013/14 levels.
4. The agreement and arrangements to phase the increased cost of pension contributions to West Midlands Pension Fund, following the results of the 2013 actuarial valuation, over the following six financial years.
5. That authority to agree a composite employer's contribution rate with the West Midlands Pension Fund be delegated to the Assistant Director Finance (Section 151 Officer).
6. The formal response to the budget consultation, and in particular the reinstatement of three Neighbourhood Warden posts, which has been reflected in the 2014/15 net budget requirement presented to Councillors for approval.
7. That a minimum of £25 million of additional savings for 2015/16 should be identified and reported to Cabinet in June 2014, in order to demonstrate that a balanced budget can be achieved and that general reserves can be partially replenished.
8. That additional savings for 2014/15 should be identified and reported to Cabinet in June 2014 and then Council in July 2014 in order to revise the 2014/15 budget and reduce the call on general reserves.
9. That a further £35 million of additional savings should be identified, taking the total additional savings to be identified to £60 million, in order to address the projected budget deficit over the medium term to 2018/19.
10. That due to the extreme uncertainty facing the Council and the potentially significant impact that this has on the accuracy of financial projections the period of the medium term financial strategy should continue to extend to 2018/19 only, for the foreseeable future.
11. That the existing Wolverhampton City Council scheme for awarding Discretionary Rate Relief under Section 47 Local Government Finance Act 1988 be ended on 31 March 2015, in order that a new scheme can be implemented with effect from 1 April 2015.

**Cabinet recommendations from the Treasury Management Strategy 2014/15 report:**

1. That the authorised borrowing limit for 2014/15 as required under Section 3(1) of the Local Government Act 2003 be set at £1,006.6 million (PI 5, page 32).
2. The Treasury Management Strategy as set out in Appendix A to the report.
3. The Annual Investment Strategy as set out in Appendix B to the report.
4. The Prudential and Treasury Management Indicators as set out in Appendix C to the report.
5. The Annual Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Statement setting out the method used to calculate MRP for 2014/15 onwards as set out in Appendix D to the report.
6. That the method used to calculate MRP for 2013/14 as set out in the Annual Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Statement approved by Council on 6 March 2013 be amended to the method as set out in Appendix D to the report.
7. The Treasury Management Policy Statement and Treasury Management Practices as set out in Appendix F to the report.
8. That Cabinet (Resources) Panel and Council will receive regular Treasury Management reports during 2014/15 on performance against the key targets and Prudential and Treasury Management Indicators in the Treasury Management Strategy and Investment Strategy as set out in Appendices B and C to the report.
9. That authority continues to be delegated to the Assistant Director Finance to amend the Treasury Management Policy and Practices to ensure that they remain aligned with the Treasury Management Strategy, the Prudential and Treasury Management Indicators, the Investment Strategy and the Annual MRP Statement. Any amendments will be reported to the Cabinet Member for Resources and Cabinet (Resources) Panel as appropriate.

**Cabinet recommendations from the Capital Programme 2013/14 to 2017/18 Quarter Three Review and 2014/15 to 2018/19 Budget Strategy report:**

1. The revised medium term General Fund (excluding housing revenue account) capital programme of £315.6 million for the period 2013/14 to 2018/19.
2. Additional resources for existing schemes totalling £3.6 million.
3. Additional resources for new schemes totalling £5.3 million.
4. The capitalisation of redundancy costs of £1.3 million under the capitalisation direction received from the Secretary of State on 17 January 2014.

## Council Tax formal resolutions for 2014/15:

The resolutions as follows:

1. That it be noted that the Council Tax base for the year 2014/15 is calculated at £57,029.97 (Item T in the formula in Section 32 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the "Act"), as reported to Cabinet on 22 January 2014 and subsequently amended under delegated authority by the Cabinet Member for Resources in consultation with the Assistant Director Finance.
2. Calculate that the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2014/15 is £76,587,000.
3. That the following amounts be calculated for the year 2014/15 in accordance with Sections 32 to 37 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 as amended:-
  - (a) £760,990,000 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32(2) of the Act.
  - (b) £684,403,000 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32(3) of the Act.
  - (c) £76,587,000 being the amount by which the aggregate at 3(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 3(b) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 32(4) of the Act as its Council Tax requirement for the year. (Item R in the formula in Section 32 of the Act).
  - (d) £1,342.92 being the amount at 3(c) above (Item R), all divided by Item T (section 1 above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 33(1) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year (including Parish precepts).
  - (e) £0 being the aggregate amount of all special items (Parish precepts) referred to in Section 34(2) of the Act.
  - (f) £1,342.92 being the amount at 3(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 3(e) above by Item T (1(a) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no Parish precept relates.
4. To note that the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Fire Authority have issued precepts to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 for each category of dwellings in the Council's area as indicated in the table below.

Precepting Authority	Valuation Bands			
	A	B	C	D
	£	£	£	£
West Midlands Fire & Rescue Authority	35.91	41.90	47.88	53.87
West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner	69.65	81.25	92.86	104.47

Precepting Authority	Valuation Bands			
	E	F	G	H
	£	£	£	£
West Midlands Fire & Rescue Authority	65.84	77.81	89.78	107.73
West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner	127.69	150.90	174.12	208.94

5. That the Council, in accordance with Sections 30 to 37 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the aggregate amounts shown in the tables below as the amounts of Council Tax for 2014/15 for each part of its area and for each of the categories of dwellings.

6.

**Wolverhampton City Council Precept 2014/15**

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
895.28	1,044.49	1,193.71	1,342.92	1,641.35	1,939.77	2,238.20	2,685.84

7. That, having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at (iii) (f) and (iv) above, the City Council, in accordance with Section 30(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the following amounts as the amounts of the Council Tax for the year 2014/15 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:-

**Valuation Bands**

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1,000.84	1,167.64	1,334.45	1,501.26	1,834.88	2,168.48	2,502.10	3,002.51

8. That a notice of the amounts payable in respect of chargeable dwellings in each valuation band for the year commencing on 1 April 2014 be published in at least one local newspaper and that in accordance with Section 38(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, this notice shall also make reference to the National Non-Domestic Rating Multiplier set by the Secretary of State, and specify that the Council Tax and the non-domestic rate demands are annual demands which cover the full financial year.

9. That it be noted that the amount calculated for the purposes of Section 52ZX of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 is not excessive under Section 52ZB of that Act, and accordingly the Council does not need to hold a referendum on its Council Tax for 2014/15.

### **Recommendations for noting:**

The Council is asked to note:

Cabinet recommendations from the Five Year Budget and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2014/15 to 2018/19 report:

1. That the budget for 2014/15 is in balance after the use of £11.8 million of general balances (paragraph 6.6).
2. The changes to the 2014/15 draft budget for General Fund services, previously approved by Cabinet on 8 January 2014, as detailed at paragraph 6.2.
3. That all other aspects of the draft 2014/15 budget and medium term financial strategy, previously approved by Cabinet on 23 October 2013 and 8 January 2014, remain unchanged.
4. That, in the opinion of the Assistant Director Finance (Section 151 Officer), the 2014/15 budget estimates are robust (paragraph 6.7).
5. That, in the opinion of the Assistant Director Finance (Section 151 Officer), the proposed levels of reserves, provisions and balances is adequate in respect of the forthcoming financial year, noting also that projections indicate that the general balance will fall below the approved minimum of £10 million during 2014/15 and that whilst the policy on the use of reserves permits this, this can only be the case for a short period (paragraph 7.1.3).
6. The Medium Term Financial Strategy as summarised at paragraph 2.2.
7. The work that is in progress on fees and charges for 2014/15, which will be reported to Cabinet (Resources) Panel on 11 March 2014 (paragraph 7.1.4).
8. That due to the uncertainty surrounding the future of public finances in 2015/16 and beyond, and the existing assumptions concerning the successful delivery of savings amounting to £66.7 million, the projected additional savings requirement of £60 million over the medium term could change significantly over the coming years as more information becomes available (paragraph 2.9).
9. That having identified savings in excess of £100 million over the last four financial years, the extent of the financial challenge over the medium term represents the most significant that the council has ever faced (paragraph 6.4).
10. That councillors must have due regard to the public sector equality duty (Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010) when making budget decisions (paragraph 14.8).

## **1.0 Purpose**

- 1.1 To obtain Full Council approval for the annual revenue budget, capital budget and treasury management strategy as recommended by Cabinet and to pass the statutory formal Council Tax resolutions.

## **2.0 Background**

- 2.1 The Council's revenue and capital budgets together with the treasury management strategy require approval by Full Council on an annual basis. In addition Full Council has to pass statutory resolutions in respect of Council Tax before the commencement of each financial year.

## **3.0 Reports**

- 3.1 The budget setting information and recommendations from Cabinet are all set out in the relevant reports to Cabinet:
- Five Year Budget and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2014/15 to 2018/19 – 25 February 2014
  - Capital Programme 2013/14 to 2017/18: Quarter Three Review and 2014/15 to 2018/19 Budget Strategy – 25 February 2014
- 3.2 Cabinet recommendations in relation to the treasury management strategy are set out in the report to Cabinet:
- Treasury Management Strategy 2014/15 – 25 February 2014
- 3.3 The setting of the Council Tax Base is set out in the report to Cabinet:
- Council Tax Base and NNDR (Business Rates) Net Rate Yield 2014/15 – 22 January 2014

The report delegated authority to the Cabinet Member for Resources in consultation with the Assistant Director Finance to approve amendments to the Council Tax Base as a result of any data revisions and changes in projections. A minor change was made under this delegated authority to increase the tax base from £56,299.12 to £57,029.97.

- 3.4 All reports are available on the Council's website and may be accessed via the following link [2013/14 Cabinet Reports](#)

## **4.0 Financial implications**

- 4.1 The financial implications of all the recommendations are included in the relevant Cabinet reports referenced in this report.

## **5.0 Legal implications**

5.1 The legal implications of all the recommendations are included in the relevant Cabinet reports referenced in this report.

## **6.0 Equalities implications**

6.1 The equalities implications of all the recommendations are included in the relevant Cabinet reports referenced in this report.

## **7.0 Environmental implications**

7.1 The environmental implications of all the recommendations are included in the relevant Cabinet reports referenced in this report.

## **8.0 Human resources implications**

8.1 The human resources implications of all the recommendations are included in the relevant Cabinet reports referenced in this report.

## **9.0 Schedule of background papers**

5 Year Budget and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2014/15 to 2018/19 – Cabinet 25 February 2014

Capital Programme 2013/14 to 2017/18 Quarter Three Review and 2014/15 to 2018/19 Budget Strategy – Cabinet 25 February 2014

Treasury Management Strategy 2014/15 – Cabinet 25 February 2014

Council Tax Base and NNDR (Business Rates) Net Rate Yield 2014/15 – Cabinet 22 January 2014