

Taunton Deane Borough Council

Council Meeting – 12 April 2011

Part I

To deal with written questions to and receive recommendations to the Council from the Executive.

Councillor Williams

Financial and Performance Monitoring – Quarter 3 2010/2011

On 16 March 2011, the Executive considered a report which provided an update on the financial position and performance of the Council to the end of Quarter 3 of the 2010/2011 financial year.

As a result of this consideration, there are two matters where financial adjustments are required to be approved by Full Council.

The 2011/2012 General Fund Budget, approved at the last meeting, included savings plans that have resulted in the redundancy of three staff, with the expectation that any associated redundancy costs will be met from General Reserves.

The Executive agreed that a recommendation should be made to Full Council to ensure the requisite approval was in place for a Supplementary Budget allocation in 2010/2011. This did not alter any budget decisions, but would ensure that budget approval regulations are adhered to.

The financial information provided in the report also included a variance in spending between capital and revenue maintenance within the Housing Revenue Account (HRA).

Given the amounts involved, the Executive agreed to recommend that £400,000 from the Revenue Maintenance Budget should be transferred to the 'revenue contributions to capital' budget within the HRA. It was also agreed that a further recommendation is made to ensure the requisite approval was in place for a Supplementary Budget allocation in the 2010/2011 HRA Capital Programme, to reflect the increased capital maintenance spend (to maintain the Decent Homes Standard).

It is therefore **recommended** that:-

- (i) a supplementary budget in the 2010/2011 General Fund Revenue Budget of £28,000 for redundancy costs, to be funded from General Reserves;
- (ii) a budget transfer ("virement") of £400,000 from Housing Revenue Account Maintenance to Housing Revenue Account Revenue Contributions to Capital; and

(iii) a supplementary budget of £400,000 in the 2010/2011 Housing Revenue Account Capital Programme for Decent Homes Maintenance, to be funded by Revenue Contributions from the Housing Revenue Account budget,

all be approved.