



RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISIONS

The following is a record of the decisions taken at the meeting of **CABINET** on **THURSDAY 29 JANUARY 2009**.

These decisions will come into force and may be implemented from **10 FEBRUARY 2009**, unless the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee or its Committees object to any such decision and call it in.

Budget 2009/10 incorporating the Medium Term Financial Plan 2008/09 – 2010/11

[Key Decision Corp/TR/01/08

Summary

The Cabinet considered a Report of the Corporate Director, Resources providing information to enable Cabinet to make recommendations to the meeting of the County Council on the 27th February about the 2009/10 Budget.

Decision

The Cabinet agreed that the following recommendations be adopted for inclusion in the report to the County Council on 27 February 2009 with regard to the County Council Budget -

- 1 That the recommendations be approved as set out in:-
 - Section B Priorities, Section C – Consultation Responses, Section D Local Government Finance Settlement, Section E - Area Based Grants, Section F - Housing Revenue Account and other associated issues
 - Financial Reserves,
 - Sections Section H - Capital Budget, Section I - Prudential Code and Treasury Management, Section J - Dedicated Schools Grant, Section K - Durham Charter Trust
 - Section L – Council Tax Base and Estimated Collection Fund Surplus/Deficit
 - Section M Risk and N. Section 25 Report
- 2 That the County Council be recommended to agree an average Council Tax increase of 2.94% (ranging from an increase of 4.75% to a reduction of 1%) and authorise incorporation into the Cabinet's report appropriate recommendations to put this into effect.
- 3 That, as a consequence of adopting 2 above, it be noted the Budget gap is now £5.961m

- 4 That Section G – Service Investments and Service Savings be agreed subject to the following variations:

That the County Council be recommended to close the Budget gap by:

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| a) | Additional support recharged for Area Action Partnerships, reduced from Bid (£1.4m), saving | £1.200m |
| b) | In Adults Wellbeing and Health, assume that if necessary any double running costs will be met from the County Council contingency provision, saving | £0.200m |
| c) | In Children's & Young People's Services assume that the staffing for the 14-19 planning will not be in place soon enough to incur the total investment proposed, saving | £0.050m |
| d) | In Corporate Resources, removing the additional support to replacing the lost grant, saving | £0.053m |
| e) | In the calculation of the additional revenue cost of capital, assuming that the programme will be contained within existing levels of budget provision, saving | £1.000m |
| f) | That earmarked reserves and trading account profits from across the Council contribute the balance of | £3.458m |
- 5 That the Corporate Director, Resources be authorised to make any proper accounting transactions that would be in the interests of the County Council in relation to the accounts for 2008/09.

Lesley Davies

Acting Director of Corporate Services

2 February 2009