

Corporate Issues Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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Fairness of Local Government Funding

Report of Don McLure, Corporate Director Resources

Purpose of the Report

- 1 To provide members with an introduction to a presentation to be given by Jeff Garfoot, Head of Corporate Finance, on an assessment of the fairness of the current local government funding system.

Background

- 2 A number of fundamental changes to the funding of local government have been introduced by the current government. At the same time local government has faced reductions in government funding of in excess of 40%. These changes have had a wide and varied impact upon the relative funding of all local authorities. The presentation will seek to consider these changes whilst considering what the future may hold post the General Election in 2015.

Next Steps

- 3 The presentation is seen as being opportune in providing the Corporate Issues Overview and Scrutiny Committee with the required information to enable a broader understanding of the background and impact of Government funding reductions. This will assist the Committee in understanding and commenting upon MTFP (5) Cabinet reports and inputting into the budget setting process.

Recommendations

- 4 Members of the Corporate Issues Overview and Scrutiny Committee are asked to note this report and consider and comment upon the content of the presentation.

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Appendix 1: Implications

Finance – The presentation will provide details on the fairness of government funding settlements since the 2010 Comprehensive Spending Review and expectations in relation to the MTFP (5) period.

Staffing – None

Equality and Diversity – None

Accommodation – None

Crime and Disorder – None

Human Rights – None

Consultation – None

Procurement – None

Disability Discrimination Act – None

Legal Implications – None