

**Cheltenham Borough Council**  
**Social and Community Overview and Scrutiny Committee -**  
**12th January 2005**

**Revised Budget 2004/05 and Interim Budget Proposals**  
**2005/06 for Consultation**

**Report of the Deputy Exchequer**

**1. Executive Summary and recommendation**

**1.1** The Council's constitution requires the Cabinet to prepare an interim budget for consultation before making recommendations to full Council in February 2005 as part of the council tax setting process. The consultation period is between 15<sup>th</sup> December 2004 and 19<sup>th</sup> January 2005 and all interested parties are invited to comment on the proposals, including the Council's various overview and scrutiny committees.

**1.2** The 2004/05 revised budget and proposals for 2005/06 were agreed by Cabinet at its meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2005. Members are advised to consider this set of papers (Cabinet 14<sup>th</sup> December 2004 item 11b) prior to the meeting and bring them along to the meeting for reference purposes

**1.3** I therefore recommend that Members determine any formal feedback to the Cabinet on the interim budget proposals for 2005/06.

**1.4 Summary of implications**

**1.4.1 Financial** 


**1.4.2 Legal** 

**1.4.3 Human Resources** 

**1.4.4 Equal opportunities, social justice and anti-poverty** 

**1.4.5 Environmental** 

**1.5 Links to Business Plan and Corporate Objectives**

**1.5.1** 

## 1.6 Statement on Risk

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## 2. Introduction

- 2.1 The Cabinet is required to draw up its firm budget proposals having regard to the responses it has received during the consultation process and its report to Council in February 2004 should reflect the Cabinet's response to any feedback.
- 2.2 Members of this committee are invited to offer feedback and comment on the budget proposals relating to the area under the remit of the committee, for consideration by the Cabinet in the formulation of the final budget proposals to the council tax setting meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2005.




## 3. Background

- 3.1 To aid understanding of the budget, a member's pack was prepared for each political group providing the detail behind the summary budget information contained in the Cabinet budget report of which members were made aware. To supplement this, officer support from the Financial Services Division is available to all members during the consultation period should members have any queries or require any explanation of the proposed budget. Due to the complexity of the budget it would be helpful if, prior to the meeting, detailed questions could be put to officers in order to ensure that members receive a satisfactory response.
- 3.2 Members' feedback from the committee will form part of the formal consultation response and a response from the Cabinet will be included in the final set of budget papers to council tax setting meeting in February 2005.

## 4. Consultation

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<b>Background Papers</b>	
<b>Contact Officer</b>	
<b>Accountability</b>	
<b>Scrutiny Function</b>	