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# Cabinet

**Thursday**  
**10 December 2009**  
**10.30 am**

meeting papers

## Supplementary Papers for Agenda Item 10

### The Budget Proposals of the Administration

The papers attached set out the budget proposals of the administration. These include proposals for service improvements and a Council Tax increase of 1.9%. This increases a Band D property charge from £183.44 to £186.93, an increase of 7p per week.

A revised Medium Term Financial Plan is also attached incorporating these changes. This shows balances at the end of the 4 years of the plan at £1.524m in line with recommendations in the report.

### Note for Members

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| Councillor Cooper         | Finance                              |
| Councillor Debbie Young   | Housing                              |

## Budget Proposals of the Administration 2010/11

| Service Improvement  | Brief Description  | 2010/11<br>£'000 | 2011/12<br>£'000 | 2012/13<br>£'000 | 2013/14<br>£'000 | Total<br>£'000 | Council<br>Priority                    |
|--|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|--|
| <b>Revenue Funding</b>   |  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                |  |
| Household energy efficiency  | To continue the funding to help households invest in energy efficiency and attain the 40% house  | 50               |                  |                  |                  | 50             | Environment                            |
| Climate Change reserve   | To establish a reserve to enable climate change initiatives to be pursued as required  | 50               |                  |                  |                  | 50             | Environment                            |
| Homelessness Prevention (Note1)  | To match fund the Government Grant supporting Homelessness Prevention  | 20               | 20               | 20               | 20               | 80             | Housing                                |
| <b>Total service improvements requiring funding</b>                    |  | <b>120</b>       | <b>20</b>        | <b>20</b>        | <b>20</b>        | <b>180</b>     |  |
| <b>Items Funded From Reserves/Revenue Savings</b>                      |  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                |  |
| GO-7 Project   | Sharing an Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system with 6 other District Councils. Funded initially from the ICT and the Invest to Save Reserves. Estimated savings of £60,000 annually from 2013/14. (Agenda item x refers) | 100              |                  |                  |                  | 100            | Citizen First                          |
| Hear by Right Officer (Note 2)   | Continuation of the Youth Officer post. Funding will be met from the Community Initiatives budget and the Youth Council grant budget.  | 37               | 37               | 37               | 37               | 148            | Citizen First /<br>Community<br>Safety |
| <b>Total service improvements funded from reserves/revenue savings</b> |  | <b>137</b>       | <b>37</b>        | <b>37</b>        | <b>37</b>        | <b>248</b>     |  |

1. The Homeless Prevention fund is used to provide support for households threatened with homelessness by offering funding up to £1,000 for rent in advance/cost of deposit. During the first half of 2009, 25 households were helped in this way. We also fund a free mediation services to couples and young people facing homelessness because of relationship breakdown and pay a grant to Nightstop, who provide emergency accommodation for young people.
2. This post is essential to the continued success of the Youth Council in Stroud and to the 8 Youth Forums in the District. An average of 35 Youth Council members attending meetings representing the Senior Schools of the District and the Youth Clubs. The post provides support, guidance and training to the Youth Council on a wide range of issues including the democratic process. It also guides Council and staff in respect of Article 12 United Nations articles on Human Rights and because of this post Stroud was the first in the County to adopt the article 12. This means that Stroud District Services are cognisant of the needs of Young People by ensuring Young People have a voice and are heard.

# MTFP including Budget Proposals of the Administration and a Council Tax rise of 1.9%



## General Fund Medium Term Financial Strategy 2009/10 to 2013/14 - December 2009

| Ref       |   | Revised<br>2009/10<br>£'000 | 2010/11<br>£'000 | 2011/12<br>£'000 | 2012/13<br>£'000 | 2013/14<br>£'000 |
|-----------|---|-----------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 1         | Service revenue expenditure                   | 14,708                      | 14,539           | 14,539           | 14,539           | 14,539           |
| 2         | Net transfers to / from (-) Pension reserve   | - 86                        | - 264            | - 264            | - 264            | - 264            |
| 3         | Transfers to / from (-) other reserves        | 285                         | 285              | 85               | 85               | 85               |
| 4         | Service changes                               | 190                         | 275              | 218              | 235              | 270              |
| 4a        | Service improvements                          | -                           | 120              | 20               | 20               | 20               |
| 5         | Increase in Employers Pension Contributions   | -                           | -                | -                | 250              | 674              |
| 6         | Leisure Options Appraisal                     | -                           | 100              | -                | -                | -                |
| 7         | Capital Contingency (to Capital reserve)      | 50                          | 50               | 50               | 50               | -                |
| 8         | Contingency                                   | 50                          | 50               | 50               | 50               | 50               |
| <b>9</b>  | <b>Adjusted Service Expenditure</b>           | <b>15,197</b>               | <b>15,155</b>    | <b>14,698</b>    | <b>14,965</b>    | <b>15,374</b>    |
|           | <u>Corporate Income &amp; Expenditure</u>     |                             |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| 10        | Drainage Board                                | 81                          | 83               | 85               | 88               | 91               |
| 11        | Interest payable & similar charges            | 150                         | 210              | 350              | 460              | 470              |
| 12        | Interest & investment income                  | - 340                       | - 390            | - 580            | - 810            | - 910            |
| 13        | Reversal of depreciation charge               | - 861                       | - 861            | - 861            | - 861            | - 861            |
| 14        | Reversal of FRS17 credit charge               | 818                         | 826              | 826              | 826              | 826              |
| <b>15</b> | <b>Net Expenditure</b>                        | <b>15,045</b>               | <b>15,023</b>    | <b>14,518</b>    | <b>14,668</b>    | <b>14,990</b>    |
|           | <b>Funded by:</b>                             |                             |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| 16        | Precept on Collection Fund                    | 7,833                       | 8,002            | 8,022            | 8,042            | 8,062            |
| 17        | Government revenue support                    | 7,060                       | 7,184            | 6,825            | 6,466            | 6,107            |
| 18        | LABGI / PSA grants                            | 54                          | -                | -                | -                | -                |
| 19        | Collection Fund surplus/-deficit              | 61                          | -                | -                | -                | -                |
| 20        | Use of / addition to (-) working balances     | 37                          | - 164            | - 329            | 160              | 821              |
| <b>21</b> | <b>Total Funding</b>                          | <b>15,045</b>               | <b>15,023</b>    | <b>14,518</b>    | <b>14,668</b>    | <b>14,990</b>    |
| <b>22</b> | <b>BUDGET REQUIREMENT (21 less 18 and 20)</b> | <b>14,955</b>               | <b>15,187</b>    | <b>14,847</b>    | <b>14,508</b>    | <b>14,169</b>    |

| General Fund Balances |  | 2009/10<br>£'000 | 2010/11<br>£'000 | 2011/12<br>£'000 | 2012/13<br>£'000 | 2013/14<br>£'000 |
|-----------------------|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 23                    | Working balances brought forward   | 2,049            | 2,012            | 2,176            | 2,505            | 2,345            |
| 24                    | Change in balances   | - 37             | 164              | 329              | - 160            | - 821            |
|                       | <b>Balance carried forward</b>   | <b>2,012</b>     | <b>2,176</b>     | <b>2,505</b>     | <b>2,345</b>     | <b>1,524</b>     |
|                       | Reductions in expenditure, or increases in income, to maintain balances at £1m | -                | -                | -                | -                | -                |

**Notes:**

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|---|-----------|
| 1. The tax base for 2010/11 has been estimated as | 42,809.18 |
| 2. Future years are shown at 2010/11 prices       |           |
| 3. Based on Council Tax increase in 2010/11 of    | 1.90%     |
| 4. Band D Council Tax in 2010/11                  | £186.93   |