

# **AGENDA**

## **EXECUTIVE (SPECIAL MEETING)**

**FRIDAY 17 FEBRUARY 2012 at 2.30 PM**

**in the Flensburg Room, Civic Centre, Carlisle**

### **Apologies for Absence**

To receive apologies for absence.

### **Public and Press**

To agree that the items of business within Part A of the agenda should be dealt with in public.

### **Declarations of Interest**

Members are invited to declare any personal interests, and any personal interests which are prejudicial, relating to any item on the agenda at this stage.

## PART A

To be considered when the Public and Press are present

### KEY DECISIONS

#### A.1 BUDGET 2012/13 – CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS AGREED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON 7 FEBRUARY 2012

To consider proposed amendments, as set out below, to the Executive's Budget recommendations for 2012/13 carried at the City Council meeting on 7 February 2012.

In dealing with the matter the Executive can –

- (a) Submit a revision to their original proposals (which may be the Council's proposed amendments), together with the Executive's reasons for the amendments, which would then be submitted to the Council for consideration;
- (b) Inform the Council of any disagreement that the Executive has with the Council's proposed amendments and the Executive's reasons for any such disagreement.

It will then be a matter for the Council to determine the final budget at its special meeting on 23 February 2012.

The amendments are as follows:

##### (i) **Environmental Enhancements**

To ensure that funding, £75,000 per annum for two years, is available to support a dog fouling/pavement clean up 'hit squad' with responsibility for both cleaning areas where dog fouling is prevalent and issuing fixed penalty fines to owners that do not clean up after their dogs. This proposal is to be funded from council reserves.

##### (ii) **Education Officer (Dog Fouling)**

To fund a temporary Education Officer post, costing £15,000, for a six month period ending 30<sup>th</sup> September 2012, to provide advice and to educate residents on dog fouling issues, pending the completion of the Local Environment Directorate restructure which will introduce this post from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2012. This temporary position is to be funded initially from council reserves in 2012/13, subject to the finalisation of the 2011/12 outturn position, at which point confirmed under spends within the Organisation Development section will be used to replenish reserves.

(iii) **Grants to Third Party Organisations**

To provide financial support to the:

- (1) Credit Union (£5,000), to fund a publicity campaign against loan sharks and pay day loans;
- (2) Carlisle Churches Together (£5,000), in supporting their homelessness initiatives.

This proposal is to be funded from council reserves.

(iv) **Carlisle Focus**

To ensure that funding is available to fund a part time Dog Warden with responsibility for cleaning areas where dog fouling is prevalent. This proposal is to be funded from reducing the number of Carlisle Focus magazines produced and thus saving £13,000 per annum.

(v) **Consultants and Professional Fees**

To ensure that funding is available to fund a part time Dog Warden with responsibility for cleaning areas where dog fouling is prevalent. This proposal is to be funded from a recurring £10,000 reduction in the fees paid by the Council on consultant and professional fees.

The Executive will table revised Budget Proposals and respond to the Council's proposed amendments.

**Copies of the following documents are attached to this Agenda:**

- (A) Executive Budget Proposals from the Executive meeting on 16 January 2012 (considered by Council on 7 February 2012)
- (B) Amendments / Objections to the Budget Proposals:
  - (1) Amendments regarding Environmental Enhancements; Education Officer (Dog Fouling); Grants to Third Party Organisations; Carlisle Focus and Consultants and Professional Fees, including the observations of the Director of Resources (from Council on 7 February 2012)
  - (2) Summary by the Director of Resources on the cumulative effect of the five amendments to the Executive Budget Proposals on the budget and reserves.
  - (3) Supplementary Briefing Notes by the Director of Local Environment on the proposed amendments regarding Environmental Enhancements; Education Officer (Dog Fouling) and Carlisle Focus; the Director of Community Engagement on Grants to Third Party Organisations; and the Director of Resources concerning Consultants and Professional Fees.  
(Copies to follow - will be circulated as soon as possible)

## **NON KEY DECISIONS**

- NIL -

### **PART B**

**To be considered in Private**

- NIL -

#### **Members of the Executive:**

Councillor Mitchelson	(Leader's Portfolio)
Councillor J Mallinson	(Governance and Resources Portfolio Holder)
Councillor Bloxham	(Environment and Housing Portfolio Holder)
Councillor M Bowman	(Economic Development Portfolio Holder)
Councillor Ellis	(Performance and Development Portfolio Holder)
Councillor Geddes	(Community Engagement Portfolio Holder)

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**Notes to Members:**

**The Mayor will be asked to dispense with call-in procedures in accordance with Paragraph 15(i) of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules, as the matter is due to be considered at a Special Council Meeting on 23 February 2012.**