

Key Decision Required:	NO	In the Forward Plan:	NO
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CABINET

6 SEPTEMBER 2013

A.2 - REFERENCE FROM CORPORATE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF 24 JUNE 2013

FINANCIAL PLANNING – SPECIAL EXPENSES

BACKGROUND

The Committee received a presentation by the Council's Corporate Finance Manager entitled "An Overview of Special Expenses."

The presentation addressed some issues and considerations with regard to special expenses, which included what special expenses were; examples as to how these were calculated; the effect of special expenses in each area within Tendring; contrary resolutions; and steps in preparing special expenses, together with the pros and cons associated with them and possible alternatives.

The Committee, in considering the pros and cons of the Special Expenses Scheme, was of the view that the perception of fairness was fine but there was a lack of transparency in the process. In simplifying the system, the Committee felt it would be easier to understand.

Members raised a number of questions with regard to the transparency of special expenses and the time spent by officers in managing the scheme.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS / COMMENTS TO CABINET

Cabinet is now asked to consider the recommendations and comments of the Committee and determine its response if any:

The Committee **RECOMMENDS** that **CABINET** considers this presentation, and any other information it may wish to consider with a view to abolishing special expenses.

PORTFOLIO HOLDER'S COMMENTS / RECOMMENDATIONS TO CABINET

That Cabinet has regard to the views of the CMC Committee when it considers the re-examination of Special Expenses which it has already requested from officers as part of the 2014/15 Budget setting process.