

Key Decision Required:	Yes	In the Forward Plan:	Yes
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CABINET

13 DECEMBER 2013

REPORT OF FINANCE AND ASSET MANAGEMENT PORTFOLIO HOLDER

A.4 SPECIAL EXPENSES AND ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

(Report prepared by Richard Barrett)

PART 1 – KEY INFORMATION

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To consider special expenses, including alternative options, along with associated comments from the Corporate Management Committee to determine the Council's approach to special expenses from 2014/15.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At its meeting on the 6 September 2013, Cabinet considered a reference report on special expenses from the Corporate Management Committee. The Committee had made the following recommendation to Cabinet after it had considered a presentation on this matter at an earlier meeting:

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

After considering the report and the presentation by the Chairman of the Corporate Management Committee, Cabinet resolved (minute 54 refers)

a) The views of the Corporate Management Committee be taken into account when the re-examination of special expenses, already requested of Officers, was considered as part of the 2014/15 Budget- setting process;

(b) When the report regarding special expenses was produced, it be referred to the Corporate Management Committee for its comment; and

(c) The Corporate Management Committee be requested to consider the implications of special expenses on non-parished areas of the District.

In accordance with the recommendations above a report was presented to the Corporate Management Committee at its 2 December 2013 meeting. A copy of the report is attached as **Appendix A**.

Special expenses calculations will be included in the formal Budget Report to Council on 11 February 2014. These will incorporate any changes to the proposed budgets resulting from any decisions in respect of the Updated Financial Baseline 2014/15 and detailed estimates presented elsewhere on the agenda. In order to ensure that the Corporate Management Committee have the final position on special expenses when they consider the Cabinet's detailed budget proposals in January, it is proposed that the Finance and Asset Management Portfolio Holder agrees the detailed special expenses calculations for consultation with them once Cabinet have determined the approach to special expenses

from 2014/15.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS / COMMENTS TO CABINET

After considering the report mentioned above, the Corporate Management Committee resolved (minute 45 refers):

That the Committee recommends to Cabinet that Alternative1 [pass a contrary resolution for all special expenses] is adopted.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO CABINET

That Cabinet:

- a) Considers both the report set out in Appendix A and the comments from the Corporate Management Committee and determines the Council's approach to special expenses from 2014/15.**
- b) That subject to a) above, the Finance and Asset Management Portfolio Holder agrees the detailed special expenses calculations for 2014/15 for consultation with the Corporate Management Committee.**

APPENDICES

Appendix A – Report to Corporate Management Committee 2 December 2013