

	<p style="text-align: center;">Meeting of the Budget Panel 13th November 2008</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Report from the Director of Finance and Corporate Resources</p>
For Action	Wards Affected: ALL
First Reading Debate	

1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Full Council will be holding its First Reading Debate on the 2009/10 budget at its meeting on 24th November.
- 1.2 The attached draft First Reading Debate report from the Director of Finance and Corporate Resources sets out the financial issues that will form the background for that debate. A draft of the separate report on priorities of the Administration will be circulated prior to the meeting of the Budget Panel.
- 1.3 The final reports will be sent out to all councillors on Friday 14th November.
- 1.4 The Leader of the Council will be attending the meeting to answer questions from the Panel on the draft reports.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 The Budget Panel is asked to consider the draft First Reading Debate reports and seek clarification on the issues raised within them from the Leader of the Council and officers.

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