

COMMITTEE: COUNCIL

DATE: 16TH April 2013

**SUBJECT: REPORT UNDER STANDING ORDER 42- DECISIONS
TAKEN BY THE EXECUTIVE UNDER THE SPECIAL
URGENCY PROVISIONS OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES
(EXECUTIVE ARRANGEMENTS) (ACCESS TO
INFORMATION) (ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2012**

REPORT BY: THE EXECUTIVE LEADER

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IMPLICATIONS:

LEGAL COMMUNITY SAFETY

EQUALITIES ENVIRONMENT

FINANCIAL CONSULTATIONS

STAFFING OTHER

WARDS AFFECTED: ALL

PURPOSE

1. The purpose of this report is to advise the Council of decisions taken by the Executive in accordance with the Special Urgency provisions of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.

RECOMMENDATION

2. That the report be noted.

BACKGROUND

3. The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 and the Council's Standing Order 42 require me, as

Executive Leader, to submit an annual report to the Council on decisions taken by the Executive in pursuance of the Special Urgency provisions set out in Regulation 19 of the Regulations and in the Council's Standing Order 40.

REPORT

4. Set out below are details of the Executive's decisions taken during the last year in pursuance of the Special Urgency provisions referred to above:

Date of Meeting	Subject	Decision(s)
1 st October 2012	Repurchase of Former Council Properties	<p>(i) That the repurchase of the three former council properties listed in the report of the Head of Housing (Ref: 19.1) be approved.</p> <p>(ii) That the Head of Housing, following consultation with the Portfolio Holder with responsibility for Housing, be authorised to exercise the Council's right of first refusal to repurchase former suitable Council properties, provided that:</p> <p>(a) the purchase to be at market value,</p> <p>(b) the purchase to be with vacant possession, and</p> <p>(c) the owner to be offered no alternative accommodation.</p> <p>(i) only: Exempt from call-in: Category 3</p> <p>(ii) The above item was considered in private by virtue of Paragraph 1 of Part 3 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, Part VA.)</p>
7 th January 2013	Council Tax Base	<p>That Executive Decision EX/175/12 be amended so that the Council's net Council Tax base for 2013/14 be set to 44,699 Band D equivalents, as calculated in accordance with the Local Authority (Calculation of Tax Base) Regulations 2012.</p> <p>Reason: To amend the Council</p>

		Tax base to the figure calculated in accordance with the Local Authority (Calculation of Tax Base) Regulations 2012.
11 th February 2011	Finance Review Group Response to reference from Council – Petition in relation to Rent Increases	<p>1) That the following response of the Scrutiny Finance Review Group in relation to the Petition presented to Council on 15th January 2013 with regard to rent increases be noted:</p> <p>“Finance Review Group: (a) understands and supports the reasons for changing the Charging Policy, (b) feels that implementation could have been handled better, (c) feels that, for those organisations that will be encouraged to seek alternative funding, rent increases should not be implemented until that alternative funding is in place.”</p> <p>(2) That the Head of Policy and Performance notify the lead petitioner of the decision of the Executive in relation to rent increases.</p> <p>That the following additional recommendation be agreed:</p> <p>(3) That, for those organisations that will be encouraged to seek alternative funding, rent increases should not be implemented until an application for funding has been determined.</p> <p>Reason: To receive the views of Scrutiny in relation to a Petition.</p>
11 th February 2013	Reference from Finance Review Group: Comments	1. That the Executive's thanks to the Scrutiny Finance Review Group for their work on the

	on the Budget	<p>Council's Budget Proposals and their considered and helpful recommendations be recorded.</p> <p>2. That the Executive endorse the advice and recommendation of the Scrutiny Finance Review Group (FRG), as set out below:</p> <p>(i) That the Head of Finance's reserves proposals, as set out in his report to the Executive (Ref: 11), which was reviewed by the FRG on 22nd January 2013, be commended to the Executive, and in addition,</p> <p>(ii) That the Executive be recommended to consider that the minimum reserve does not address the specific risks relating to capital construction schemes and associated contributions, and that these issues should be considered when reviewing the Council's specific reserves.</p> <p>Reason: To receive the views of Scrutiny.</p>
11 th February 2013	Sale of Land: Ely Close	<p>That recommendations contained within the report of the Head of Fixed Assets (Ref: 18.1) be approved.</p> <p>Reason: To achieve maximum capital receipts</p>

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS
LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972, SECTION 100D

5. Executive Decisions No'd. EX/144/12, EX/2/13, EX/27/13, EX/28/13 and EX/39/13.