



BUDGET PANEL

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COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Councillor J Dhindsa (Chair)

Councillor S Rackett (Vice-Chair)

Councillors J Aron, G Derbyshire, S Greenslade, P Jeffree, A Khan, R Martins and P Taylor

AGENDA

PART A - OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE/COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

2. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS (IF ANY)

3. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 11 September 2012 to be submitted and signed. *(All minutes are available on the Council's website.)*

4. UNDERSTANDING BUDGETS

Presentation by the Head of Strategic Finance and the Head Finance Shared Services

5. MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY (MTFS) 2012/2017 (Pages 1 - 16)

Report of the Head of Strategic Finance

This report provides an overview of financial issues affecting the Council over the next five years and enables a strategy to be developed to achieve a sustainable budget and to set a Council Tax for 2013/2014.

6. LOCALISATION OF COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT - UPDATE ON CONSULTATION (Pages 17 - 58)

Report of the Partnerships and Performance Section Head

This report provides an update on the consultation on the proposed local Council Tax Support Scheme for Watford.

7. FINANCE DIGEST 2012/2013: PERIOD 6 (END OF SEPTEMBER)

Report to follow

8. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

- Tuesday 27 November 2012
- Wednesday 16 January 2013
- Tuesday 12 February 2013