

## RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

Tuesday, 18 June 2013

**Decision No:** (CAB 13/14 10621)

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET
PORTFOLIO AREA:	CABINET MEMBER FOR CHANGE AND COMMUNITIES
SUBJECT:	RESPONSE TO OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE WELFARE REFORMS INQUIRY
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### THE DECISION

- (i) To approve, in principle, subject to resources, all recommendations from the Scrutiny Panel A Welfare Reforms Inquiry for implementation, as set out in Appendix 1.
- (ii) To note that the Scrutiny Panel's recommendations 1 and 2, relating to Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme, were agreed by Council on the 16<sup>th</sup> January 2013. Recommendations 3 and 4, relating to Social Fund/Local Welfare Provision were agreed by Council on the 13<sup>th</sup> February 2013.
- (iii) To delegate authority to the Head of Communities, Change and Partnerships and the Head of Finance and IT, following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Change and Communities and the Cabinet Member for Resources, to agree allocation of Local Welfare Provision funding for 2013/14 and 2014/15.
- (iv) To allocate £128,800 from the General Fund Revenue Budget contingency of £458,500 in order to provide the additional resources as set out in Appendix 2, which it is forecast will enable the implementation of the recommendations from the Scrutiny Panel A Welfare Reforms Inquiry detailed in Appendix 1 in full.
- (v) To agree the establishment of a city-wide, Welfare Reforms Monitoring Group, chaired by the Cabinet Member for Change and Communities.

### REASONS FOR THE DECISION

Cabinet considered Scrutiny Panel A's Inquiry report on Welfare Reforms on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2013 and has to make a formal response within 2 months. Therefore, this report details Cabinet's response to the recommendations of the Welfare Reforms Inquiry.

**DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

None. Cabinet is required to consider and respond to outcomes of Scrutiny Panel Inquiries.

**OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION**

None.

**CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

None.

**CONFIRMED AS A TRUE RECORD**

We certify that the decision this document records was made in accordance with the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2000 and is a true and accurate record of that decision.

Date: 18<sup>th</sup> June 2013

Decision Maker:  
The Cabinet

Proper Officer:  
Judy Cordell

**SCRUTINY**

Note: This decision will come in to force at the expiry of 5 working days from the date of publication subject to any review under the Council's Scrutiny "Call-In" provisions.

Call-In Period expires on

Date of Call-in *(if applicable) (this suspends implementation)*

Call-in Procedure completed *(if applicable)*

Call-in heard by *(if applicable)*

Results of Call-in ( <i>if applicable</i> )