

ESSENTIAL REFERENCE PAPER 'A'

IMPLICATIONS/CONSULTATIONS:

<p>Contribution to the Council's Corporate Priorities/ Objectives</p>	<p>The budget and MTFP apply resources to achieve all the Council's priorities:</p> <p>People</p> <p>This priority focuses on enhancing the quality of life, health and wellbeing, particularly for those who are vulnerable, and delivering strong services.</p> <p>Place</p> <p>This priority focuses on sustainability, the built environment and ensuring our towns and villages are safe and clean.</p> <p>Prosperity</p> <p>This priority focuses on safeguarding and enhancing our unique mix of rural and urban communities, promoting sustainable, economic and social opportunities.</p>
<p>Consultation:</p>	<p>Consultation on the budget happens through a number of sources, including the input of Scrutiny committees and through more targeted consultation.</p>
<p>Legal:</p>	<p>None at this stage but there are legal implications when the Council sets its budget for 2015/16</p>
<p>Financial:</p>	<p>This report does not propose any spending or income changes but establishes priorities for future budgets from 2014/15</p>
<p>Human Resource:</p>	<p>Where savings options may cause redundancy the relevant HR policies will apply and those savings remain subject to the outcome of the application of those policies.</p>
<p>Risk Management:</p>	<p>Financial forecasts are inherently uncertain particularly given uncertainty around future funding.</p> <p>Risks around sensitivity of the information used has been identified and risk management includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Making best estimates on the most relevant and

	<p>up to date information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adoption of the financial strategy• Proposed contingency sums• Adequate levels of earmarked and general reserve• Clearly defining assumptions made
Health and Wellbeing:	<p>There are no specific implications in regard to Health and Wellbeing that need to be considered as part of this report. Health and Wellbeing is one of the Councils priorities and as such funding for activities will be included when budgets are set</p>