

CABINET**26 June 2013****Minute Extract****114. GENERAL FUND REVENUE OUTTURN 2012-13**
(Report CAB2493 refers)

Cabinet noted that the above Report had not been made available for publication within the statutory deadline. The Chairman agreed to accept the item onto the agenda as a matter requiring urgent consideration to enable Cabinet Members to consider its contents prior to The Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 1 July 2013.

Councillor Godfrey stated that the proposed carry forwards detailed in the Report were justified, particularly where the Council was investing in essential projects and resources. For example, he reported that the Council were intending to employ up to 20 apprentices in 2013/14.

At the invitation of the Chairman, Councillor Evans spoke regarding Appendix B of the Report and welcomed the proposals for a Market Towns' Development Officer. With regard to the proposed carry forward in relation to the development of Local Plan Part 2, she queried whether this was sufficient in view of the recent secondment of one Strategic Planning Team officer to work as Head of Policy.

The Chief Executive explained that the carry forward related to a consultancy budget to enable the Council to bring in specialist knowledge regarding Local Plan Part 2. He confirmed that the vacancy in the Strategic Planning Team caused by the secondment referred to by Councillor Evans would be filled. Cabinet agreed to the following for the reasons set out above and outlined in the Report.

RECOMMENDED:

THAT THE REQUESTS FOR GENERAL FUND CARRY FORWARD OF ONE-OFF EXPENDITURE BUDGET TO 2013/14 BE APPROVED FOR THE PURPOSES SPECIFIED IN APPENDIX B OF THE REPORT, AND THE AMOUNTS TO BE SUPPORTED FOR CARRY FORWARD BE CONFIRMED, IN ACCORDANCE WITH FINANCIAL PROCEDURE RULE 7.9.

RESOLVED:

1. That the General Fund Revenue outturn position as set out in the Report be noted.
2. That the transfers to/from the Major Investment Reserve and other earmarked reserves be noted and the reserves and closing balances at 31 March 2013 (as set out in Appendix D) be approved.