SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CABINET

Wednesday, 5th January, 2005 at 6.00 pm

PRESENT:-

Councillor Caunt (Leader of the Council)(Chairman)
Councillors Evans, Fraser-Macnamara, Jones, Mrs Martin, Miller,
Mrs Millward, Mrs Shakespeare and J Woodall; together with the
following Minority Group Members nominated to attend meetings of the
Cabinet: Councillors Ali, Crumpton, G.H. Davies, Ms Foster, Sparks
and C.L. Woodall (Labour Group); and Councillors Burt and Tyler
(Liberal Democrat Group)

OFFICERS:-

The Chief Executive, the Director of Finance, the Director of Law and Property, the Director of Social Services, the Director of the Urban Environment, the Assistant Director of Housing (Strategy and Private Sector Housing), the Head of Personnel and Support Services and Mr. Sanders (Directorate of Law and Property)

77 MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the Meeting of the Cabinet held on 15th December, 2004, be approved as a correct record and signed.

78 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No member declared an interest, in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct, in relation to any matter to be considered at this meeting.

79 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence from the meeting was received on behalf of Councillor Adams.

80 REVENUE BUDGET STRATEGY, 2005/06

A joint report of the Chief Executive and Director of Finance was submitted seeking consideration of the Revenue Budget Strategy for 2005/06 and later years and presenting proposals for spending and funding options for consultation with Select Committees, representatives of business ratepayers and other interested bodies and individuals.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the preliminary strategy outlined in the report submitted to the meeting be approved as a basis for further consultation.
- (2) That the various issues and risks which will need to be taken into account and finalised in Budget proposals for 2005/06, and the longer term financial strategy, be noted.

The meeting ended at 6.45 p.m.

LEADER OF THE COUNCIL