

REPORT TO:	CORPORATE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM:	4
DATE OF MEETING:	27th JANUARY 2003	CATEGORY:	DELEGATED
REPORT FROM:	CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER	OPEN	
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SUBJECT:	SPENDING PLANS 2003/4	REF:	TN/CTS
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	ALL	TERMS OF REFERENCE:	

1.0 Recommendations

1.1 The Corporate Scrutiny Committee is asked to:-

- ⇒ Consider the outline Budget Proposals agreed by Finance & Management on 16th January 2003.
- ⇒ Identify any further information it may require prior to responding formally to the Finance & Management Committee, scheduled for 18th February 2003.

2.0 Purpose of Report

2.1 To provide outline budget proposals for scrutiny.

3.0 Content

3.1 The Finance & Management Committee meeting on 16th January 2003 agreed initial budget proposals subject to scrutiny and public consultation.

3.2 Annex A sets out the proposals for the Council's Revenue Budget. The proposed Capital Programme is set out in Annex B.

3.3 These proposals are now subject to public consultation via:-

- ⇒ **Area Meetings** to seek the views of local people.
- ⇒ **NNDR Meeting (27th January)** to seek the views of business and voluntary organisations.
- ⇒ **Joint Negotiating Group** to seek the views of Council staff.

3.4 The results of this consultation will be reported to the next meeting of this scrutiny committee.

3.5 Further background information is provided in Annex C. This sets out the External Auditor's view of the Council's current financial position.