



Buckinghamshire County Council Select Committee

Finance, Performance and Resources Select Committee

Report to the Finance, Performance and Resources Select Committee

Title: Prudential Borrowing for Highway Infrastructure

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Purpose of Agenda Item

The following recommendation was made in the last budget scrutiny report:-

“We queried the amount it would take to bring roads back to an acceptable level and restated our view that borrowing should be the main funding method, as opposed to the use of reserves. We also noted several of the Cabinet Members [at that time] had endorsed this view during the hearings and that successive budget scrutiny reviews had made this a recommendation. We restate this recommendation and go further in requesting that it be formally evaluated as an option in public by Cabinet.”

At the July meeting Members discussed a report which looked at the value for money arguments for prudential borrowing in public to identify whether there were any recommendations that could be made around financing of the capital programme. Following this discussion Members views would be welcomed on whether they would like to make any recommendations to Cabinet by considering Appendix 1 of this report.

Recommendations

- 1. To note the discussion on prudential borrowing but take no further action**
- 2. To ask Cabinet to consider using prudential borrowing to invest in highway infrastructure by looking at the options in the report (para 42 to 52) whilst being mindful of the need to minimise the impact on revenue by using existing revenue contributions to capital to finance any supported borrowing.**

