

**ABERDEEN CITY & SHIRE
STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT PLANNING AUTHORITY**

Date: 27 March 2009

Title : SDPA Budget 2009/10

1 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is for the Strategic Development Planning Authority (SDPA) to agree a Budget for 2009/10.
- 1.2 A report concerning the implications of the decision by Audit Scotland has been considered earlier in the agenda and has a bearing on this report.

2 Background

- 2.1 As part of the Minute of Agreement between Aberdeen City Council and Aberdeenshire Council, the costs of the SDPA are shared on a 50/50 basis.
- 2.2 At its meeting of 18 September 2008, the SDPA considered a report on a proposed budget submission to the two councils and agreed to submit a budget request of £158k to each council to inform their budget setting processes.
- 2.3 With the late decision from Audit Scotland we have had to make some adjustments to the presentation of the budget.

3 Proposal

- 3.1 The budget proposal for 2009/10 is attached as Appendix 1 to this report and it is further proposed that the SDPA receive a budget monitoring report at each meeting.
- 3.2 Members will be aware from the report elsewhere on the agenda of the implications and concerns arising from the change of status. These implications include the impact of Value Added Tax on activities and other, more minor implications arising from the change in status. We are still investigating the full financial impact of these implications and we will update the SDPA of developments at future meetings.
- 3.3 As agreed at the meeting of 18 September 2008, a 3-year financial plan will be prepared prior to the end of September 2009. This will be completed in parallel with a draft project plan for the first strategic development plan and inform future budget submissions.

4 Recommendations

4.1 It is recommended that:

- a) the SDPA agrees the Budget for 2009/10;
- b) the SDPA agrees to receive a budget monitoring report to each future meeting;
- c) the SDPA notes the overall budget situation and that it further agrees that further reports will be brought forward to future meetings as the situation is clarified:

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