Item Called-in following an Executive

Title of Report: Decision

**Provisional Outturn Report 2010-11** 

Report to be considered by:

Overview and Scrutiny Management Commission

Date of Meeting: 28 June 2011

Forward Plan Ref: EX2116

Purpose of Report: To inform the Executive of the provisional outturn for

the 2010-11 financial year

**Recommended Action:** That the Overview and Scrutiny Management

Commission reviews the decision.

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# **Supporting Information**

## 1. Executive Decision

1.1 The Provisional Outturn Report 2010-11was presented for consideration by the Executive Member for Finance, Property, Health & Safety as an Executive Decision on 16 June 2011. The recommended action in the report was to note the report which the Executive duly did.

#### 2. Call-In of the Decision

- 2.1 In accordance with the Council's Constitution five Elected Members (Councillors David Rendel, Jeff Brooks, Keith Woodhams, Julian Swift-Hook and Tony Vickers) called in the Executive Decision (EX2116) on the basis that:
  - 1. There has been no proper discussion of why the underspend shot up between Month 9 and year-end by nearly £1million.
  - 2. In particular no explanation has been given in public about the underspend on "Levies and Interest" of over £1.7 million (approximately 37% of the budgeted amount)
  - 3. There has been no proper discussion of what lessons need to be learnt to avoid the next year's budget being set on the basis of such inaccurate figures in future.
  - 4. There has been no indication that the Executive understands the importance to the local economy in a time of economic difficulty of spending its full budget.
  - 5. There has been no acknowledgement by the Council that the report contained an error worth over £350,000 which had not been corrected at the time they took their decision to accept the report.

# 3. Role of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Commission

3.1 The role of the Overview and Scrutiny and Management Commission is to review the decision and determine whether it concurs with the decision (in which case it will take immediate effect) or refer it back to the Executive for further consideration.

## 4. Recommendation

4.1 It is recommended that Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Commission review the decision to note Provisional Outturn Report 2010-11

Appendix A - Provisional Outturn Report 2010-11 and appendix1.

Outturn by Directorate and service

Appendices 2a to 2d – Directorate summaries