

**Subject:** Update to the Medium Term  
Financial Strategy

**Status:** For Publication

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**Report to:** Cabinet

**Date:** 21<sup>st</sup> February 2007

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**Report of:** Head of Financial Services

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**Portfolio**

**Holder:** Finance & Risk Management

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**Key Decision:**

NO (Policy and Budget Framework Matter  
for Council Approval)

Forward Plan

General Exception

Special Urgency

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**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1 The Purpose of the report is to present for approval an update to the Councils Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) reflecting the Cabinets policy proposals.

**2. CORPORATE PRIORITIES**

2.1 The matters discussed in this report are linked to and support the following corporate priorities:

- Financial Management: *embedding financial management throughout the organisation.*

**3. RISK ASSESSMENT IMPLICATIONS**

3.1 The foundations of this report are an assessment of risk. These issues are therefore dealt within the report particularly in the area of revenue and capital.

**4. BACKGROUND AND OPTIONS**

4.1 This is the second update to the MTFS and the first since February 2006. The detailed MTFS in full is attached as Appendix 1

- 4.2 The key assumptions to the MTFS have not changed significantly from those of previous years, but new concepts and reports have been introduced.
- 4.3 The MTFS has set a savings target of £750k over the two years 07/08 and 08/096 for the Council.
- 4.4 The strategy introduces the concept of budget savings carry forward for Service Departments
- 4.5 The annual Treasury Strategy has now been incorporated into the MTFS

## **5. COMMENTS OF THE HEAD OF FINANCIAL SERVICES**

- 5.1 Financial matters are dealt with in the report and the attached MTFS.

## **6. COMMENTS OF THE HEAD OF LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES**

- 6.1 Unless specifically commented upon within the report, there are no implications for Legal and Democratic service matters.

## **7. COMMENTS OF THE HEAD OF HUMAN RESOURCES**

- 7.1 Unless specifically commented upon within the report, there are no implications for Human Resource matters.

## **8. CONCLUSION**

- 8.1 That the updated MFTS is a robust document for the Council's financial planning over the medium term

## **9. RECOMMENDATION(S)**

- 9.1 That Members approve the update to the MTFS, subject to any final amendments arising from the Council's final budget approval

## **10. CONSULTATION CARRIED OUT**

- 10.1 Area Forums – re policy
- 10.2 Lancashire Local - re policy
- 10.3 Overview & Scrutiny - re policy
- 10.4 Local businesses and business forums/Chamber - re policy
- 10.5 Community Network e-mail database (via Head of Community & Partnerships) - re policy
- 10.6 The Executive Director of Resources

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<b>Background Papers</b>	
<b>Document</b>	<b>Place of Inspection</b>
2007/08 Budget Proposal for Consultation document	Rossendale Borough Council - Website
MTFS (Feb 06 update)	Rossendale Borough Council - Website