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To all Members of the Cabinet

11th February 2019

Our ref: C/LMK

Dear Member,

Supplementary Agenda – Meeting of the Cabinet - Tuesday, 12th February, 2019

The papers for the above meeting were circulated on 4th February 2019. The item listed below was considered by the Finance and Corporate Services Scrutiny Board (1) at its meeting on 6th February 2019. A briefing note detailing their discussions and recommendations is now available and attached to this letter.

- **Agenda Item 7. CONSULTATION RESPONSES: LOCAL AUTHORITIES' RELATIVE NEEDS AND RESOURCES AND BUSINESS RATES RETENTION REFORM (Pages 3 - 4)**
Report of the Deputy Chief Executive (Place)

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Lara Knight
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Membership:

Cabinet Members:- Councillors F Abbott, K Caan, G Duggins (Chair), P Hetheron, AS Khan (Deputy Chair), K Maton, J Mutton, J O'Boyle, E Ruane and P Seaman

Non-voting Deputy Cabinet Members:- Councillors P Akhtar, R Ali, B Kaur, R Lakha, T Skipper, and D Welsh

By invitation:- Non-voting Opposition representatives:- Councillors A Andrews and G Ridley



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Briefing note

To: Cabinet

Date: 12th February 2019

Subject: Consultation Responses: Business Rates Retention Reform and Review of Local Authorities' Relative Needs and Resources

1 Purpose of the Note

- 1.1 To inform Cabinet of the outcome of Finance and Corporate Services Scrutiny Board's consideration of the Consultation Responses: Business Rates Retention Reform and Review of Local Authorities' Relative Needs and Resources at their meeting on 6th February 2019.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 The Finance and Corporate Services Scrutiny Board supported the robust wording of the consultation response and further recommend that the response be amended to ask Government to undertake suitable Equality Impact Assessments on the proposed changes.

3 Information/Background

- 3.1 The Finance and Corporate Services Scrutiny Board considered the consultation responses above.
- 3.2 The Board agreed with and were supportive of the robust wording on the response.
- 3.3 The Board were concerned that any changes to Council funding schemes which impacted negatively on the Council's budget would have a disproportionate impact on vulnerable people. The onus to ensure this would not happen sits with Government to undertake satisfactory Equality Impact Assessments as part of the process.

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