



Report to Cabinet

Subject **Cabinet Meetings in 2005**

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Some consideration needs to be given to the arrangements for two particular Cabinet meetings during 2005.

It would be helpful for there to be a special meeting of the Cabinet in February in order to give consideration to the budget and to recommend the budget and Council Tax levels for 2005/06 to the budget Council meeting in March. Given the significance of the items that the Cabinet will need to consider in connection with the budget, it is not considered that this would be best done as part of the agenda for an ordinary Cabinet meeting.

An issue also arises with regard to the May Cabinet meeting. This is due to be held on Thursday 5th May, which is of course the day of the County Council elections in May and could well also be the date for the general election. In the circumstances, it is suggested that this Cabinet meeting should be deferred until Thursday 12th May.

Recommendations:

That a date be set in February 2005 for a special meeting of the Cabinet in order to consider the budget and that the Cabinet meeting due to be held on 5th May 2005 be deferred until 12th May 2005.