

Recommendations made jointly by the **Overview Board** and **Scrutiny Board** at its meeting held on 2nd December 2008 relating to the Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) are as follows:

- (a) **that a rise in car parking charges, at approximately the rate of inflation, be included in all years of the Medium Term Financial Plan for 2009/2010 to 2011/2012 (as supported by the Budget Jury);**

(REASON: It was believed by Overview and Scrutiny Members that it is better to include a smaller increase each year rather than no increase followed by a high increase in future years.)

- (b) **that Worcestershire County Council be approached for funding towards the new bids ‘Disability Group and Finding a Voice’ and ‘Self Advocacy’;**

(REASON: These new bids relate to the work of Worcestershire County Council and therefore they should be requested to contribute towards the relatively small amount of funding required.)

- (c) **that the £25K bid in 2009/10 to fund an improvement manager for 6 months be withdrawn;**

(REASON: It was felt that this was not value for money and the existing Senior Management Team should be able to carry out this role.)

- (d) **that West Mercia Police be requested to consider making a financial contribution towards the replacement of CCTV equipment; and**

(REASON: It is understood that there is evidence to suggest that CCTV significantly reduces anti-social behaviour, however, it was felt by Overview and Scrutiny Members that CCTV benefits the Police as it assists them in “doing their job”. Therefore, it was believed the Police could be asked to make a financial contribution.)

- (e) **that the Cabinet consider ensuring all funding relating to the chargeable green waste collections is separate to the funding required for the refuse and recycling collection service.**

(REASON: It was felt that it should be clear to all that funding for the chargeable green waste is separate, covered by the annual charge (currently £30) and not subsidised by the refuse and recycling collection service. (Note: Further information relating to this was requested by Overview and Scrutiny Members and was supplied by the Head of Street Scene and Community after the meeting.))

Further details of the discussion on the budget proposals can be found in the minutes of the Joint Meeting of the Overview Board and Scrutiny Board held on 2nd December 2008.