

BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL

FROM: Director of Finance

REPORT NUMBER

H60

TO: COUNCIL

DATE OF MEETING

26 June 2008

URGENT ACTION - NO SPECIFIC POWERS

**ACTION FOR WHICH CHIEF EXECUTIVE HAS DELEGATED
POWERS SUBJECT TO CONSULTATION WITH CHAIRMAN**

SERIAL NO 500

SUBJECT MATTER: Combined Strategic Plan and SFP Task Group

COMMITTEE TO WHICH MATTER RELATES: Council

REASON FOR ACTION BEING TAKEN OUT OF MEETING:

Cancellation of Council meeting on the 3 June, which would have considered the Strategy Committee's recommendations on the establishment of a Medium Term Planning Task Group. The first meeting of the Group needs to be arranged before the next Council meeting on the 26 June.

BACKGROUND:

Strategy Committee considered the above on the 1st May 2008 (Paper H15 refers). It recommended the creation of a single, combined Task Group to deal with work on developing the Strategic Plan and this year's Service and Financial Planning Process and Budget for 2009/10.

The recommendations were as follows:

1. That a Medium-Term Planning Task Group be set up consisting of 6 Members with appropriate political representation.
2. That the Task Group be made up of two-thirds Strategy Committee/one-third Overview and Scrutiny Committee Members and contains the Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the Strategy Committee.
3. That the key areas of work for the Task Group relating to its Terms of Reference, as set out in paragraph 5.7 of the report, be approved.

The following Members have been nominated to serve on the Task Group:

Chairman of Strategy Committee - Nick Ridley

Other Strategy Committee Members – Jennie Jenkins, Nigel Bennett and Dr. Michael Miller
Overview and Scrutiny (Stewardship) – Humphrey Todd and John Brand

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (IF ANY):

None directly although the work of the Task Group will obviously have a significant influence on the allocation of financial resources towards key outcomes and will cover a number of very important issues relating to the delivery of the Council's plans for the next few years.

ACTION AUTHORISED:

To set up the combined Task Group and the Member appointments as detailed above.