

APPENDIX C(ii)

Minute Extract

Executive: 25 March 2013

140. Towards Financial Sustainability Ceasing of Ward Budgets

Purpose of Report

To advise on a proposal to discontinue the provision of Ward Budgets.

Decision

That the Ward Budgets scheme be discontinued.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None.

Reason for Decision

As part of recent budget proposals consideration had been given to discontinuing the Ward Budgets scheme. Ceasing the scheme would provide a saving of £33,000 per annum.

The scheme had been established to provide funds to be spent on a wide variety of schemes in order to benefit the residents of a councillor's ward. It was unlikely that the ceasing of the scheme would cause any undue consequences for any individual or organisation as funding had not been provided towards everyday running costs.

Members noted the comments of the Policy Scrutiny Committee, with particular regard to the utility of the scheme and the request that consideration should be given to the scheme's reinstatement once the Council had met its financial sustainability targets.