

TEST VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

HEAD OF SERVICE'S URGENT DECISION

Cabinet/Committee: Cabinet
Chairman: Councillor Carr
Head of Service: Head of Legal and Democratic

Termination of membership of the Local Government Association

REASON FOR URGENCY

In order to maintain a balanced budget, current forecasts indicate savings of £762,400 need to be found in 2011/12. This amount increases by £785,600 to £1.548M which is the level of savings needed to close the forecast budget gap for 2012/13. This represents a significant challenge for TVBC and work has begun to establish the best methods of closing the anticipated budget gap. The need to achieve this level of savings will require the Council to consider all options.

The subscription fee to the Local Government Association (LGA) for 2009/10 was £15,508.58. As a precautionary measure it is proposed to give notice of termination of the Council's membership to the LGA. To terminate membership requires a minimum of 12 months' notice to expire on 31st March.

This course of action provides us with the opportunity to make a decision as to whether or not actually to withdraw from the LGA in about a year's time. If we decide not to withdraw, then we shall simply withdraw our notice.

TVBC will have to give notice prior to 31st March 2010 if it wanted to be in a position to terminate its membership by 31st March 2011. As the next meeting of Cabinet will only take place on 14th April, an urgent decision is required.

DECISION

(After consultation with the Chairman (or in his absence the Vice-Chairman), who has not requested that the matter be referred to a special meeting of the Committee).

That TVBC give formal notice to terminate its membership of the Local Government Association with effect from 31st March 2011.

Head of Finance's Signature *W. Fullbrook* Date: *23/3/10*
Head of L & D's Signature *S. Gray* Date: *23.3.2010*
CE/Corporate Director's Signature: *JD Martin* Date: *23.3.10*

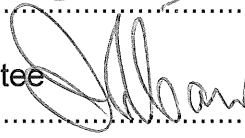
Chairman's/Vice-Chairman's
(Overview & Scrutiny Committee)



Signature:

Date: 23rd / 3 / 2010

Chairman's/Vice-Chairman's of Cabinet/Committee



Signature:

Date: 14.04.2010

Head of Service's



Signature:

Date: 23.2.2010

Reported to Committee on

12/5/2010

Date:

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