

# THE HIGHLAND COUNCIL

## Resources Committee

11 June 2008

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### Finance Service Plan 2007-2011 Update at June 2008

#### Report by Depute Chief Executive and Director of Finance

#### SUMMARY

This report introduces the Finance Service Plan 2007 - 2011, which reflects any changes in the environment in which we are working and its contents and invites Members to give it their approval.

#### 1. Service Plan

- 1.1 The Finance Service Plan sets out the intentions of the Finance Service during the current financial year up to 2010/2011. In doing so it:-
  - defines the context in which the Finance Service operates;
  - sets out the Service's own goals and the strategy adopted in striving to achieve these;
  - provides a review of the Service;
  - defines the Service's Improvement Priorities for this period reflecting the Council's Corporate Plan and the Programme for Administration (PFA); and
  - identifies the impact on the Service of ICT developments planned for the next year.
- 1.2 The Service Improvement Priorities for 2007/2011 can be found in pages 30-38 of this Service Plan.
- 1.3 As well as being a working document, the plan provides a valuable source of information for all our customers, including Council Members, our partners and our staff.
- 1.4 The plan, while setting out the strategic direction of the Service, is not at a level which determines specific programmes, policies and functions which will achieve the commitments of the Plan. These will be developed through operational plans and procedures which support implementation of the Plan. This will be available from the Service.

#### RECOMMENDATION

Members are invited to note the updated Finance Service Plan 2007 – 2011.

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This Service Plan is a high level document impacting on the whole of the Highland population and therefore all aspects of equalities have to be cross referenced against all duties which apply. This Service Plan has been screened for its impact on equalities groups, and does not require a full equalities impact assessment.

As the Service Plan is reviewed, and policy and strategy updated, Equalities Impact screenings will be undertaken where appropriate.