

## **Motion Item 6 Council 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2015**

The Council:

Commits to continuing to work together positively with our communities, other agencies and our political colleagues at all levels in addressing the financial challenges facing Argyll and Bute;

Welcomes constructive contributions and ideas from our communities, our staff and their representatives, other agencies and our political colleagues at all levels as we plan for our future;

Notes the concerns being expressed by parents and others with regard to the options on Special Educational Needs (SEN) provision and confirms that a commitment is given to consider this particular issue early within the Service Choices process to avoid a lengthy period of uncertainty for them;

Notes the detail in the briefing paper prepared by MSPs Michael Russell and Mike MacKenzie and Brendan O'Hara MP;

Notes that while this paper contains a number of points which we would wish to clarify and others with which we do not agree, it acknowledges that the current situation is not of the Council's making in terms of current required expenditure and available finances;

Endorses the recommendations of the Policy and Resources Committee agreed at their meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> October;

Approves the substituted savings identified in the paper at item 6b for inclusion within the options to be the subject of public consultation;

Agrees to constitute an innovation development fund as outlined in paper 6c

Approves the approach to public consultation as set out in the paper at item 6d, with any minor amendments on the narrative required by members to be advised to the Executive Director of Customer Services by close of business on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October.