

21. SUBMISSION ON DRAFT COUNCIL FINANCIAL PLAN FOR 2001

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The purpose of this report is to propose a process to enable the Board to provide input to the draft Council Financial Plan for 2001/02, as part of the consultative process.

The timetable for the balance of the programme leading up to the Council's adoption of the Plan is as follows:

19 April	Draft Plan available for public submission
28 May	Closing date for submissions
14 to 19 June	Hearing of Submissions
5 July	Council meeting to adopt the 2001 Plan

Beyond its ordinary meeting on 1 May, the Board does not meet again prior to the closing date for submissions and, as in previous years, it would seem appropriate that the Finance and Planning Committee should be granted power to act to prepare and forward a submission on behalf of the Board.

- Recommendations:**
1. That the Finance and Planning Committee be granted power to act to prepare the Board's submission on the Council's Financial Plan for 2001 for forwarding to the Council.
 2. That the Chairman, Deputy Chairman and the Chairman of the Committee present the submission to the Hearings Panel on behalf of the Board.

Chairman's Recommendation: That the foregoing recommendations be adopted.