

### 13. SUBMISSION ON DRAFT 2003 FINANCIAL PLAN

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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 2002/03 as part of the consultative programme.

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

8 April 2002	Council meeting to adopt draft Plan
29 April 2002	Draft Plan available for public submission
30 May 2002	Closing date for submissions
24 June – 1 July 2002	Hearing of Submissions
16 July 2002	Council meeting to adopt the 2003 Plan

Beyond its ordinary meeting on 30 April, 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 draft 2003 Annual Plan 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 Recommendations:**
1. That the foregoing recommendations be adopted.
  2. That the Committee consider meeting in the week 20 to 24 May, in lieu of the scheduled date of 15 May.