

## **Item 11 - Question Time**

### Response to Mr A Christie

I have covered the main issues in my response to Question (iii).

In terms of the timetable, it is too early to give detail, however Officers are of the view that the Council will not be able to make final budget decisions for 2016/17 until February 2016. At present the Council has no notification of what its likely grant settlement will be, and this information is not expected to be received until December. Due to the significant uncertainty over grant implications, as outlined in the Director of Finance's report, no final budget decisions can be taken until the grant position is determined.