

# **STATEMENT BY THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

**18 February 2014**

Whilst many councils, including some very close to us, are having to make tough choices regarding budget reductions, our long-term financial planning and early action to address grant reductions has put the Council in a position that shows a projected budget surplus for the next 4 years. A position that I expect will improve further once savings from our impending restructure exercise have been added.

Once the Directors have completed their proposed structures it is my intention to share them with you all. Early indications show an estimated saving of around £500,000.

We have now received the findings from GVA relating to our Economic Study. In due course, once we have analysed these, there will be a presentation to Members.

**Councillor Mark Robson  
Leader of the Council**