

Council, 14th November 2013, RESOLVED (unanimously) as set out below.

Council resolves:

1. To request that Cabinet ask officers to produce and publish an Advice and Information Services Strategy which details the Council's approach, including its aims and objectives, to the provision of both general and specialist advice and information services over the coming years.
2. To request that the Advice and Information Services Strategy addresses any issues with duplication and overlap of Council commissioned advice services and details the resource requirements necessary to deliver the Strategy.
3. To request that the recommendations of the Advice and Information Services Strategy are taken into account in the Cabinet's budget proposals for 2014/15, with consideration given to providing additional resources to deliver the Advice and Information Services Strategy if necessary.
4. To request that Cabinet therefore pause the current tender process until an Advice and Information Services Strategy has been produced and reviews the proposed budget for the advice services contract once the new Strategy has been published and its resource requirements known.