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OPERATING BUDGET REVIEW

Item No. 4 Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services - Operating Budget Recommendations
File FE(2005)

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EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

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February 28 to March 7, 2005	Standing Policy Committees - Review
March 14, 2005	Executive Policy Committee - Delegations
March 16, 2005	Executive Policy Committee - Recommendations to Council
March 22, 2005	Council Meeting