

ISSUES ARISING FROM THE FORMER FINANCE & PROCEDURES OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 This item of business was referred to the Policy, Finance & Strategic Performance Committee by the former Finance & Procedures Overview & Scrutiny Committee on 23 March 2006 with a number of recommendations. A copy of the officer's report is attached.
- 1.2 As part of its task of monitoring the Comprehensive Performance Assessment's (CPA) Improvement Plan, the Finance & Procedures Overview & Scrutiny Committee was required to endorse the main areas for improvement focus following receipt of the Council's CPA Progress Assessment published in December 2005 and to recommend to this Committee the key areas/activities/outcomes to be monitored during 2006/07 as part of the Performance Management Framework.
- 1.3 Whilst endorsing the following areas for focus, Members noted the following:-
 - the new revised draft of the Corporate Plan would be considered at the April meeting of Full Council.
 - Work on the Performance Management System was ongoing.
 - Value for Money cost comparisons and market testing were already in place via the Council's contract tendering process, although more work was needed.
 - The review of the Council's Planning Committee was underway.
- 1.4 During further discussion, Members identified a number of key areas for regular monitoring in 2006/07.
- 1.5 It is proposed that the Committee **RESOLVES**
 - (1) That the following areas for focus arising out of the CPA progress report be endorsed:-
 - Production of a Corporate Plan.
 - Review and upgrade of the Performance Management System, with greater transparency and linkages between the various elements.

- Development of cost comparison/value for money concepts in service development and the budgeting process.
 - The Member decision-making process around planning.
- (2) That the following key projects/service developments be monitored in 2006/07 as part of the revised Performance Management system.
- Recycling
 - Cherry Orchard Jubilee Country Park
 - Lighting in Alleyways
 - Clean Green and Safe Environment Activities
 - Gardening/Handyman Service
 - Benefits/Council Tax
 - Rochford Cemetery. (CE)

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Background Papers:-

None

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