



Policy, Finance & Strategic Performance Committee

agenda

Date

7 December 2006

Time

7.30 pm

Place

Council Chamber
Civic Suite
Rayleigh

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Terms of Reference

To exercise the Council's functions in relation to all matters not otherwise reserved to Full Council or the responsibility of another Committee with particular reference to:-

- Corporate Strategy
- Strategic Performance
- Finance
- Council Budget
- Support Services

Including the formulation and implementation of the policy framework and management of the budget in respect of these functions.

The Council's vision is to make Rochford the place of choice in the County to live, work and visit.

The Council's principal aims are to:-

- Provide quality, cost effective services
- Work towards a safer and more caring community
- Promote a green and sustainable environment
- Encourage a thriving local economy
- Improve the quality of life for people in our District
- Maintain and enhance our local heritage

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| 1 | Apologies for Absence | |
| 2 | Substitutes | |
| 3 | Non-Members attending | |
| 4 | Minutes of the Meeting held on 7 November 2006 | |
| 5 | To Receive Declarations of Interest | |
| 6 | Questions on Notice | |
| 7 | Motions on Notice | |
| 8 | Issues arising from Review Committee | |
| 9 | Progress on Decisions | 9.1 –
9.12 |
| 10 | Strong and Prosperous Communities Local Government White Paper | |
| | To consider the report of the Chief Executive on the White Paper and its implications for this Council. | |
| | The report is to follow. | |
| 11 | Progress Report – Introduction of a Revised Performance Management System | 11.1-
11.2 |
| | To consider the report of the Head of Finance, Audit and Performance Management on Implementation of a revised Performance Management System. | |
| 12 | 2006/07 Mid Year Performance Report to Members | 12.1 –
12.19 |
| | To consider the report of the Chief Executive on the Mid-Year Performance Report covering the period April to September 2006. | |

- 13 The Housing Benefit Performance Standards** 13.1 –
13.47
- To consider the report of the Corporate Director (External Services) on the six monthly update on housing benefit performance standards.
- 14 Revenue and Benefits – Extension of Capita Contract** 14.1 –
14.3
- To consider the report of the Corporate Director (External Services) on an extension to the pilot scheme for extended contact hours telephone cover provided by Capita Plc.
- 15 Evaluation of CCTV Provision** 15.1 –
15.3
- To consider the report of the Chief Executive on the way forward with regard to CCTV provision.
- 16 Disability Equality Scheme** 16.1 –
16.11
- To consider the report of the Chief Executive on the adoption of a Disability Equality Scheme to meet legislative requirements and help the Council meet its obligations under the Act.
- 17 Members' Roles** 17.1 –
17.12
- To consider the report of the Chief Executive which introduces a set of defined activities for each of the Member roles, together with a proposal to create the post of Deputy leader of the Council from 2007/08.
- 18 Exclusion of the Press and Public**
- To agree that the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the remaining business on the grounds that exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 would be disclosed.
- 19 Appointment of Consultants – Post Ballot Phase of Housing Transfer** 19.1 –
19.3
- To consider the exempt report of the Corporate Director (External Services) on the appointment of consultants to the post ballot phase of housing transfer.



Paul Warren
Chief Executive