Finance & Procedures Overview & Scrutiny Committee – 19 June 2003

Minutes of the meeting of the Finance & Procedures Overview & Scrutiny Committee held on 19 June 2003 when there were present:-

Cllr T G Cutmore (Chairman)
Cllr J Thomass (Vice-Chairman)

Clir P A Capon Clir Mrs J R Lumley
Clir C C Langlands Clir C R Morgan

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs H L A Glynn and T Livings.

SUBSTITUTES

Cllr Mrs S A Harper

OFFICERS PRESENT

P Warren Chief Executive

R Crofts Corporate Director (Finance & External Services)
J Honey Corporate Director (Law, Planning & Administration)

T Metcalf Audit & Process Review Manager

M Martin Committee Administrator

281 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 10 June 2003 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

282 OVERALL WORK PROGRAMME

The Committee considered the report of the Chief Executive which set out the main areas of this Committee's work programme for the 2003/04 municipal year. Members also noted the progress made by this Committee over the past 12 months.

Resolved

That the 2003/04 work programme, as set out in Appendix 2 to the report, be agreed. (CE)

283 ASSET MANAGEMENT – PROPERTY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

The Committee considered the report of the Corporate Director (Finance & External Services) which advised Members on the requirements of the Single Capital Pot 2003, in relation to Property Performance Indicators, and the issues around Best Value indicators. The report also provided information for

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Local Performance Indicators to assist the Council in developing the Asset Management Plan 2003, due to be presented in draft to the next meeting of this Committee.

Members noted:-

- the changes in performance indicators from 2001/02 to 2002/03.
- that some incorrect figures had been quoted in the report under paragraph 4.6. The results of a survey which had been carried out of user satisfaction of the repairs service connected to the Council's operational buildings, should have read – Poor, 3%; Satisfactory, 3%; Good, 69%, Very Good, 25%.

Resolved

That the revised Local Performance Indicators listed in Appendix B be incorporated in the draft Asset Management Plan 2003. (CD(F&ES))

284 HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL

The Committee considered the report of the Chief Executive which invited Members to consider the commissioning of an art project to commemorate the Holocaust and other conflicts.

Members noted that, since writing the report, it had been realised that there would be a small cost to the Council in the provision of a plinth for the sculpture and for treating it. A ceiling of £500 was suggested.

The Chairman of the Committee wished to thank the Chairman of the Council for the excellent suggestion.

However, Members considered that more detailed consideration be afforded to this and on a Motion moved by Cllr P A Capon and seconded by Cllr C C Langlands it was:-

Resolved

- (1) That a Holocaust Memorial Sub-Committee be set up to consider the commissioning of an art project to commemorate the Holocaust and other conflicts.
- (2) That the Sub-Committee comprise 4 Members of the Council; one from each political group and one independent Member. (CE)

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Exclusion of the Press and Public

Resolved

That the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the remaining business on the grounds that exempt information as defined in Paragraph 14 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 would be disclosed.

285 AUDIT REPORT

The Committee considered the exempt report of the Chief Executive which drew Members' attention to completed audit investigations and provided an update of audit recommendations.

Members noted that the IT Facilities Management contractor was due to attend in September and that it was opportune for consideration to be given to IT Services by the Committee in the next cycle.

Resolved

- (1) That the conclusions and results from the above audits be agreed.
- (2) That the updated information on the audit recommendations, outlined in Appendix 2 be agreed. (CE)

The meeting closed at 8.07 pm.

Chairman
Date