

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 21 JULY 2005

Present: Councillors Mrs Y Clarkson (Chairman); Anne Bradshaw; Mrs J Hully; M McVeigh; A Norwood; G Sunderland; P D Tyson; Mrs C Watson

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs C Giel and F Heathcote

Officers: T Capper, Democratic Services Manager; M Jepson, Head of Legal and Democratic Services (Items 5-6); Mrs S Borwick, Head of Finance and Business Development; R Keech, Revenues and Benefits Manager

Minutes

Minutes of the meetings held on 9 and 28 June 2005 were agreed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

OSC-PR77 Benefits Fraud Inspectorate Report

Further to a discussion at an earlier meeting, further consideration was given to progress on the Action Plan following publication of the Benefit Fraud Inspectorate Report.

RESOLVED that Members' comments on progress with implementation of the Action Plan be noted and a further review of progress be made in autumn 2005.

(Note: Councillor J G Sunderland declared a personal interest in this item in his capacity as a private landlord).

OSC-PR78 Benefit Fraud Service Plan

Further consideration was given to progress on the Benefits Fraud Investigation Service Plan.

RESOLVED that progress on the plan be noted.

OSC-PR79 Budget Strategy

Consideration was given to a proposed strategy for preparation of budget proposals for submission to Full Council, including proposals as required in Part 4 of the Constitution for consultation with the public and with overview and scrutiny and a robust challenge of the budget process and content. It was noted that there would be particular

requirements in the next round of CPA for local authorities to demonstrate a rigorous and thorough scrutiny of the budget.

RESOLVED that

- (a) the proposed budget strategy be approved
- (b) the process detailed in the report is followed
- (c) a further report be submitted on proposals for consultation with the public.

OSC-PR80 **Forward Plan**

Members received and noted the forward plan of key decisions to be taken by the Executive.

OSC-PR81 **Work Plan**

The Work Plan of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees was received and noted.

The Meeting closed at 4.10pm

Chairman