

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
SPECIAL - PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 30 NOVEMBER 2006

Present: Councillors M McVeigh (Deputy Chairman in the Chair); E Brenan; A Norwood; R Salkeld.

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Mrs Y Clarkson.

Also Present: Councillor F Gleaves; G Sunderland

Officers: S Borwick, Head of Finance and Business Development; C Lloyd, Business Development Manager; R Quayle, ICT Project Manager; T Capper, Democratic Services Manager; L Taylor, Member Services Technical Support Officer

Arrangement of Agenda

It was agreed that a verbal update on the IT Sub Group would given as Item 6

OSCPR138 Financial Management System

Members received an update on the implementation of a new Financial Management System

The Committee were informed that a project team had been formed and would be responsible for the overall management and direction of the project, it was hoped that the system would be fully tested and live by 1 April 2007. Members were informed that the new Financial Management System would be better able to monitor and report on all aspects of the Council's finances.

It was **AGREED** that the report be noted.

OSCPR139 Asset Management Plan and Capital Strategy

The Committee considered the revised asset management plan and capital strategy. Members were updated on developments in the Asset Management Plan which included

- Income from disposals were well up on target.
- Discussions on land disposal with two major supermarkets was underway

- Improvements had been made at Moresby Parks offices and further improvements are about to commence to external areas linked to the sale of part of the warehouse area
- Retained Garage Sites – Work underway to improve appearance of garage sites

OSCPR140 IT Sub Group – Update

The Committee were given an update on the IT Sub Group meeting which had taken place on 24 November 2006. Members were informed that following a survey requesting views on IT services from Members the following actions had been agreed :-

- a) That all laptops would be standardised and locked to avoid software conflicts
- b) Clear instruction and better communication for Members
- c) The introduction of a limited number of Laptops, to be made available for meetings
- d) That a review of the helpdesk should take place
- e) To provide a Service Level Agreement to all Members detailing what they should expect from them

The Head of Finance and Business Development stressed to Members that one of their priorities was to make sure that every Member who wishes to should be able to access the system. It was also noted that one to one Member Training was also available.

The Meeting Closed at 3:00pm

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