

**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**  
**SPECIAL - PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 19 FEBRUARY 2007**

Present: Councillors Mrs Y Clarkson (Chairman); M McVeigh (Deputy Chairman in the Chair); P Watson

An apology for absence was received from Councillors E Brennan; A Norwood; R Salkeld

Officers: M Jepson, Head of Legal and Democratic Services; C Lloyd, Business Development Manager; H Mitchell, Head of Policy and Performance; T Capper, Democratic Services Manager; D James Member Services Officer

**OSCPR141 Draft Procurement Strategy**

Consideration was given to the draft procurement strategy and action plan following consultation with the Council's Corporate Team and management group.

**RESOLVED** – That taking on board comments made by Members the strategy and action plan be recommended to the Executive for approval and implementation.

**OSCPR 142 Budget Strategy 2008/09 – 2010/11**

In July 2006, and previously in 2005, the Executive approved a budget strategy based upon a similar working model to that used by previous budget strategies. During the budget planning programme for 2007/08, however, the Budget Working Party expressed the view that the current strategy was not working as well as it had been previously and requested that a new strategy be developed.

Consideration is now given to a proposed new budget strategy to be called a "resource planning strategy" that aims to deploy the appropriate resources to deliver the priority corporate objectives for a particular year prior to recommendation to the Executive and subsequently Council for formal approval.

During consideration of this item Members stressed the importance of monitoring of this revised process especially from a scrutiny perspective and requested that a flow chart, detailing who is involved and at what point are they being consulted be set up to assist in future monitoring.

**RESOLVED** – That Council be recommended to approve that:-

- 1) The strategy be adopted as the ‘Resource Planning Strategy’; and
- 2) the process detailed in the report be followed.

**OSCPR143 Communications Strategy – First Evaluation**

Consideration was given to the first draft of the revised Communications Strategy which was a recommendation following the Best Value review in 2004/05.

**RESOLVED** – That the Council’s position, with regard to progress made in delivering the Corporate Communication Strategy, be noted.

The Meeting Closed at 3:00pm

Signed:.....

Date:.....