

**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**  
**PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 10<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2005**

Present: Cllrs Mrs Y Clarkson; Mrs C Giel; F Heathcote; M McVeigh; A Norwood; G Sunderland; P Tyson; Mrs C Watson

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Mrs A Bradshaw

Also present: Cllr Miss E Woodburn (Leader)

Officers: Mrs S Borwick, Head of Finance and Business Development; Mrs K Corby, Benefits' Manager; T Capper, Democratic Services Manager; Ms J Murray, Scrutiny Support Officer

**Minutes**

Minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2005 were agreed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

**OSC-PR88      CPA Consultation**

Members received and noted a presentation on the consultation by the Audit Commission with respect to future assessments of District Councils and

**RESOLVED** – that this Council should respond to the consultation, with option B the preferred option.

**OSC-PR89      Value for Money Statement**

Members received, questioned and noted the Value for Money Statement and made the following comment:

5.1 The cost of Sellafield to the Council should be quantified.

**OSC-PR90      Benefits Fraud Inspectorate Report**

Mrs Karen Corby, who had recently taken up post as Benefits Manager, was introduced to Members. Among the points made was that staff were now processing 25 applications per day, exceeding targets, but there was a significant backlog. There continued to be problems with the IT system.

**RESOLVED:**                      to note the report and request a further update.

**OSC-PR91      Report from the Audit Sub-group**

Members received and noted a report back from the audit sub-group

**OSC-PR92      Forward Plan**

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

**OSC-PR93      Work Plan**

The work plan of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees was received and noted.

**OSC-PR94      Membership of the IT Sub Group**

**RESOLVED:**              That Cllr Keith Hitchen be invited to join the IT Sub group.

**OSC-PR95      Exclusion of Press and Public**

**RESOLVED** – That pursuant to Section 100(A) of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds of likely disclosure of exempt information as defined by paragraph 7 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

**OSC-PR96      Report from IT Sub-group**

The Report was received and noted.  
The meeting closed at 4.20 pm

CHAIR: .....

DATE:.....