

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

### **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 17<sup>th</sup> JULY 2006**

Present: Cllr Mrs Y Clarkson (Chair); M McVeigh; A Johnston; A Norwood; R Salkeld; P Tyson; P Watson.

Apologies were received from Cllr E Brennan

Officers: Ms S Borwick, Head of Finance and Business Development; Ms C Nicholson, Accountancy Services Manager, Ms J Murray, Scrutiny Support Officer.

#### **Minutes**

The minutes of the meetings held on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2006 were agreed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

#### **OSC-PR121 Budget Strategy**

(Cllrs Norwood and Watson declared a personal interest as Members of the Budget Working Party) .

Members received and noted the Budget Strategy and timetable. It was recognised by members that with respect to budget strategy-setting and scrutiny, the Council was far ahead of the field for which the Head of Finance and Business Development was congratulated.

#### **OSC-PR122 Budget Criteria Review**

Members noted a need for a review of the budget criteria which was 'effective 95% of the time', but occasionally threw up the wrong result – for example giving Member training a low score.

After further discussion, during which it was established that Members of the budget working party were privy to the scoring system and given that the budget criteria was a 'process', it was agreed that there was no prejudicial interest in Members of the Budget Working Party taking part in the review process although there would be a need, as always, for the full committee to sign off the findings.

**RESOLVED:** Cllrs Alistair Norwood and Peter Watson assist the review.

**OSC-PR123    Forward Plan**

The Forward Plan of key decisions to be taken by the Executive was received and noted.

**OSC-PR124    Work Plan**

The work plan of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees was received and noted. As Members had requested a monitoring report of Customer Service Commitments for September, it was agreed that

**THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING SHOULD BE CHANGED TO 20 SEPTEMBER 2006 AT 2.00PM**

The meeting closed at 1.45pm.

Signed:.....

Date:.....