

BUDGET WORKING PARTY

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 26 JUNE 2006

Present: Councillors Miss E Woodburn (Chairman); M J Ashbrook; Anne Bradshaw; Mrs J K Johnston; AWM Norwood; J G Sunderland.

An apology absence was received from Councillor P Watson

Officers: L Murphy, Chief Executive; T J Chilcott, Corporate Director (Quality of Life); S Borwick, Head of Finance & Business Development; C Nicholson, Accountancy Services Manager; T Capper, Democratic Services Manager; H Mitchell, Head of Policy & Performance; J Salt Head of Customer Services

Minutes of 12 June Meeting

Agreed.

Upgrade on Service Reviews/Statutory PI's

Hilary Mitchell circulated comparative information on CBC performance against audited performance indicator information for other Cumbria authorities for 2004/2005. Updates for each indicator for 2005/2006 were given in the meeting.

There was a discussion on each indicator, and explanations given for upward or downward trends.

Noted that statutory PI's covered only a limited range of Council services. Most central services not included. Some local PI's for these, but inconsistencies in approach across services.

Members discussed the way forward on both next year's budget and service reviews in view of the information presented on statutory PI's. Noted that a list of services to be reviewed had already been issued (attached)

AGREED – that the next meeting considers a short term strategy for identifying savings needed in the 2006/2007 budget and a longer term plan for addressing services which are discretionary or where there are shortfalls in performance and/or capacity problems.

Cash Collection

Noted report from PIT team to BWP in August..

Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 25 July 2.00 pm