

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY CHAIRMAN:

CORPORATE RESOURCES

Report of
Chairman:

COUNCILLOR JOHN GUEST

There are two sets of minutes on which I have to comment: those of the meeting on 24 July 2003 and a special meeting on 13 August 2003.

MEETING 24 JULY 2003.

CROS 82/03 Forward Plan Items

Ward Councillors will be pleased to see that we have requested their inclusion as consultees in the Asset Management Plan – Review of Economic Assets.

CROS 83/03 (b) Area Working

You will see by the Resolves in the Minutes that Members raised several concerns on the lack of progress and the format of Area Working. These were referred to the Executive for consideration. However, the Political Groups have been requested to submit names of Wards (two urban and one rural) to be included for consideration as 'pilots'.

CROS 89/03 Counter Fraud Strategy

The Committee noted the performance of the Revenues and Benefits Services Unit and passed its congratulations to the Unit Head and the members of staff involved.

SPECIAL MEETING 13 AUGUST 2003.

CROS 92/03 Discussion with Portfolio Holders

The Committee welcomed Cllr. Mrs Geddes to the meeting. She discussed several forthcoming issues with Members. Having found the discussion useful, Members thanked her for her participation. The purpose of the discussion was to heighten Member's awareness of future issues facing the Council, so that it could prepare and assist the Executive by conducting necessary reviews prior to Executive decisions.

A further invitation was extended to Cllrs. Michelson and Firth at the earliest possible opportunity.

CROS 93/03 General Fund Provisional Outturn 2002/03

The Committee considered the bids outlined in the Minutes and where necessary, asked searching questions and sought justification for the requests.

Councillor J M Guest
Chairman
Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee