

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

Resources Panel

Report of
Chairman:

31 March 2011

The Panel considered the most recent summary of significant projects monitored by the Council's Project Assurance Group. Among those considered was the Connect2 Cycleways/Sustrans Project, the Panel being concerned about the public's perception of the project.

It was acknowledged that the E & E Panel was to scrutinise a more detailed report, but the Panel hoped that lessons could be learnt so that future projects would be more successful.

There was some concern over the Housing Strategy and the implications of the cuts on the Council's ability to meet its statutory requirements. The Panel appreciated the current financial restraints, but urged the development of a strategy for the future that could be implemented as soon as capital became available.

The Corporate Risk Management report was welcomed as being clear and easily understood. One item referred to the Asset Business Plan. The Panel noted its primary aim was to generate revenue, but was also mindful of the need to take account of the views of Ward Councillors in the ongoing process.

With regard to the Draft Scrutiny Annual Report, the Panel agreed with the Community O & S Panel recommendations. With regard to Task & Finish Groups, it was seen to be useful to consider how good practice observed in other models could be included in ours.

The Panel Members recorded their appreciation of the positive roles played by the Chairman and the Scrutiny Officer throughout the past year.

Stephen Layden

Acting Chairman