

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY CHAIRMAN:

CORPORATE RESOURCES

Report of
Chairman:

COUNCILLOR JOHN GUEST

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT TO COUNCIL

There are two sets of minutes on which I have to comment: those of the meeting on 4 September 2003 and another meeting on 16 October 2003.

Meeting 4 September 2003

CROS. 105/03(a)

Councillor Firth addressed the Committee on the budget progress and I think all members would agree that he was very open and frank with us. He was also very keen that budget items ran to the timetable so that the O/S Committees would all have the opportunity to express their views.

CROS. 105/03(b)

The Performance Management Training event provided by a member of the Audit Commission was very successful and extremely useful to members. Attendance was very good indeed.

CROS. 108/03

This item referred to consultative arrangements with the trade unions, however, for reasons outside the control of the Committee, this was deferred until 16 October 2003.

Meeting 16 October 2003

CROS. 114/03

This item was deferred from 4 September 2003 meeting and was attended by representatives from Unison (a written response was received from Amicus). By and large, the Committee was satisfied by the Union comments with regard to current consultative arrangements and with the exception of a little tidying-up, the Report was accepted.

CROS. 119/03

Although substantial progress was made on the issue of Area Working, the events in the report have been super-ceded by a joint meeting between this Council and the County Council. I understand that this will be reported to Council shortly.

CROS. 120/03

As expected, the thorny issue of Member Support provided a lively debate and little agreement. However, group representatives are to meet with the Head of Member Support and Employee Services to outline their group's requirements and set out the basis for a further report in the next cycle.

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Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee