

Agenda item  
10(b)(iii)

## **CORPORATE RESOURCES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT TO COUNCIL**

This report has mainly been overtaken by events, i.e. Special Council, however there are some relevant issues that should be brought to the attention of Council.

Once again, there were no members of the public present at the meeting, which was attended by one member of the Executive. I am concerned that we are still not being relevant to the public and I believe that we still have some work to do in this area if we are to achieve the objectives of the new structures.

#### **CROS 7/02 Executive Meetings**

The committee resolved that Chairman of four Overview and Scrutiny Committees be invited to Executive Meetings to give verbal reports when appropriate. There were several reasons for this resolution:

1. To establish a dialogue and a better working relationship with the Executive.
2. To add clarity to referrals. Written abbreviated reports sometimes lose their context and can be misinterpreted.
3. To speed up processes.
4. To partly eliminate the shuffling back and forth of papers between committees.

I'm glad to report that the Executive agreed to this proposal at their last meeting.

#### **CROS 12/02 Developing a Local Strategic Partnership**

Contrary to comment, several resolutions, as detailed in the minutes, were made and referred back to the Executive.

#### **CROS 14/02 Customer Contact Best Value Review**

The Committee received a report of an exceptional standard from the head of IT and made several comments as minuted for referral to the Project Team.

#### **CROS 15/02 Organisational Best Value Review**

The Committee set up a sub-committee of 5 members, plus the two chairmen of the other Overview and Scrutiny Committees to deal with this important review.

#### **CROS 21/02 Political Assistants**

This matter is now the subject of an Employment Tribunal. I therefore, believe that further comment would be unwise at this time.