

CORPORATE RESOURCES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT TO COUNCIL

The Committee has had one formal meeting since the last Council. The report of the special meeting (8/1/02) called to scrutinise the Executive's budget proposals will be presented to a future meeting of the Council

At the formal meeting (6/12/01) there was a call in of a decision by the Portfolio holder for Corporate Resources (EX.078/01 – Review of Member Support Needs). Following questions, the committee decided unanimously that the decision was based on limited and unpublished research that was not available to the Executive or the Committee. It was therefore decided that the further report requested, should go to the Executive before going to Council so that it would be subject to the scrutiny process.

The Committee then proceeded with its usual business, and various budgetary papers that were received and noted following questions to the Treasurer headed this part of the agenda.

Under the Best Value process, the Committee received reports from Heads of Departments. These reports were: Communications Best Value Action Plan, Website Development, E-Government, Asset Management Plan/Corporate Property Management, and Customer Contact Best Value Review Update. The Committee asked several questions related to these reports but were generally satisfied that progress was being made, or that appropriate remedial measures were being put into action according to advice received.

The remaining business was to receive a report from the Audit Manager which outlined the Committee's role in the Audit Process (Internal and External).