

**CORPORATE RESOURCES  
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY  
COMMITTEE**

Report of  
Chairman

**COUNCILLOR JOHN GUEST**

The first meeting of the Committee was, as expected, not without some problems. This was due mainly to the new arrangements, and Members' inexperience with those arrangements. One or two teething problems also presented themselves, but we hope to overcome these in the near future. The Chairman arranged a meeting with the Support Officer to discuss this.

All decisions taken were unanimous and no votes were required. Events took place as minuted and I would only bring a few points to Members' attention.

1. We requested that two additional items be included in the Committee's proposed Work Programme for the year:
  - (i) Monitoring of the way forward for the City Council on e-government, based on achieving the Government's targets for e-government and that a position statement be submitted to the next meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee Corporate Resources.
  - (ii) Monitoring of the effectiveness of the Communications Action Plan which had been drawn up as a result of the recent Best Value Review.
2. The Committee was agreed that all future Web Site development by the Authority be managed corporately.
3. The Committee was concerned about the level of charges for Bereavement Services and the Crematorium in general and in particular the proposal to increase the level of charges for those services by more than twice the rate of inflation as opposed to the proposed rate of increases for other services which were lower and in line with Council policy. Consequently, we requested that the Portfolio Holder be summoned to a special meeting of the Committee and explain the reasons and justification for this.

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