

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY CHAIRMAN:

CORPORATE RESOURCES

Report of
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COUNCILLOR JOHN GUEST

CROS CHAIRMAN'S REPORT TO COUNCIL

This is my final report of the municipal year, but I hope to report to you again in the future. As we face the uncertainty of the elections, I wish all of you well in your campaigns and hope that you are as nearly as successful as we will be. I could not resist that, but to be serious for a moment, this is a year in which many things have happened: some good and some bad, depending on your political leaning. I know that the members of the Corporate Resources Committee have fulfilled their role to the best of their ability throughout that year. I'm proud to have chaired a Committee of dedicated members of this Council who have done no less than their best for the people of this City. I wish to take this opportunity to extend my thanks to them all for their contributions.

There has only been one meeting of the Committee since last full Council and that was on Thursday 10th April 2003. One of our functions is to hold the Executive to account and those of you who have read minute **CROS.40/03** will have seen that we are doing just that. The vital subject of **Area Working** is not progressing to the satisfaction of the Committee and we have unanimously made that clear.

At the last Council meeting I reported delays in performance monitoring and I'm now pleased to report that this is no longer the case (**CROS.45/03**), and we are now back on track.

The most controversial issue discussed at this meeting was related to the forthcoming Comprehensive Performance Assessment (**C.P.A.**), however it was decided to defer this matter to a special meeting of all of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees on 24th April 2003. Consequently, I cannot report on that meeting because of the timetable for report submissions.

Further to the above, I am happy to answer questions on any part of the Minutes, and in conclusion, once again thank my Committee colleagues for the hard ride they have given me. Additionally, this Committee could not function without the assistance of its Support Officers and the co-operation of Council Officers at all levels: thank you all.

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Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee