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## **EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE RESOURCES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL HELD ON 29 MARCH 2012**

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### **ROSP.27/12      OVERVIEW REPORT AND WORK PROGRAMME**

The Overview and Scrutiny Officer (Mrs Edwards) presented report OS.10/12 which provided an overview of matters that related to the work of the Resources Overview and Scrutiny Panel's work.

Mrs Edwards reported:

- The Forward Plan of Executive Key Decisions, covering the period 1 April to 31 July 2012 had been published on 16 March 2012 and there were two issues which fell within the remit of the Panel:
  - KD.009/12      Planned Enhancements to Council Properties – This report would be considered by the Executive on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2012 when the decision would be made. The Panel could consider the report at their meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2012, however, it was felt that there would be little value in doing this.
  - KD.005/12      2011/12 Provisional Outturn Reports – The Panel had the opportunity of considering the outturn reports on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2012 prior to presentation to Council on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2012.
- The draft of the Scrutiny Annual Report had been attached to the report and aimed to summarise the work carried out in the Civic Year and discuss issues for the future. Suggestions made by the three Overview and Scrutiny Panels would be used to amend the draft before it was considered by the Scrutiny Chairs Group for agreement prior to being submitted to full Council.

During discussions the Panel asked how effective scrutiny could be carried out on the decisions made by the Executive that were not scheduled to come to Overview and Scrutiny Panels.

The Town Clerk and Chief Executive (Dr Gooding) reminded the Panel that Overview and Scrutiny had access to the Leader's Forward Plan and Executive agendas and reports and they could use the call in process to scrutinise decisions.

A Member asked when discussions would take place with regard to the potential of moving the authority back to the old committee structure.

Dr Gooding informed the Panel that he had received a letter from the Department for Communities and Local Government regarding the process the Council should follow in considering any changes. The letter had been circulated to all Group Leaders and Dr Gooding agreed to circulate the letter to all Scrutiny Members.

RESOLVED – 1) That the Overview Report incorporating the Work Programme and Forward Plan items relevant to this Panel be noted.

2) That Forward Plan item KD.009/12 Planned Enhancements to Council Properties would not be considered by the Panel and item KD.005/12 2011/12 Provisional Outturn Reports be considered by the Panel at their meeting on 14 June 2012.

3) That the Scrutiny Annual report be referred to the Scrutiny Chairs Group for approval.