

## **RESOURCES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL**

### **Chairman's Report**

**Meeting held Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2011**

The Panel noted the report on the Disabled Facilities Grant, scrutinised by the Community O & S Panel, on which I also sat as ROSP representative. Members congratulated the Task Group on an excellent report on a topic of immense importance, now and in the future. They welcomed the idea of a more holistic approach involving several agencies, especially health.

A ROSP Task & Finish group consisting of Councillors Allison, Bainbridge and Bowditch will explore the subject of Shared Services in the New Year.

The Corporate Plan Performance Report was welcomed by the Panel, although asked that future performance reports include more detailed information on how progress was being made. The joint reception service with Council staff and the Police was seen as an exciting development.

Information on the Organisational Development Plan stressed the importance of skills and leadership development, recognition and reward. The ILM Level 3 award and a range of NVQs had been offered to staff and there was a strong emphasis on e-learning.

There was some concern over the funding of health and wellbeing schemes, but it was accepted that it makes good business sense to look after and protect the workforce. The schemes was funded by income from the holiday purchase scheme, not the Council's budget.

Members asked that a report on the City Council's sickness absence be submitted to a future meeting of the Panel.

The Panel received a presentation on the Budget 2012/13 to 2016/17 and updated Medium Term Financial Plan. Members resolved that the Executive give consideration to retaining the Small Scale Community Projects budget.

The Panel received a summary of the new revenue spending pressures.

There was discussion of The Asset Review, Service delivery models and the Transformation Agenda and the Panel received information on the Revised Capital Programme 2011/12 and Provisional Capital Programme 2012/13 to 2016/17.

Members noted background financial reports. Further details on tipping charges and on Decent Homes Strategy and Empty Homes Strategy were to be circulated to members.

Cllr Stephen Layden

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