

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

Resources Panel

Report of
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I was pleased to be able to participate, along with Members of other Scrutiny Panels in the workshop reviewing the Council's Policy Framework. This provided an opportunity to rationalise it and assign responsibilities, either to the Executive or Elected Members via the Scrutiny Panels.

There are currently two active Task and Finish Groups one looking at the Capital Programme and the other is a joint one on Shared Customer Services. At the time of writing a progress report from the latter group is on the agenda of the next meeting.

At our meeting of 6th January we concluded our Scrutiny of the Budget, which had been a major part of the Panel's workload this year, and is of particular significance given the cutbacks in grant support.

As we approach the end of the Municipal Year, the Scrutiny Chairs Group will have the opportunity to assess the impact of the reduction in Scrutiny Support and closer direct collaboration with the Senior Management Team. It will be interesting to share the view of the three panels on how this change has impacted on the Scrutiny function.

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