

Meeting Date: 5 November 2013

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Title: **Chairman's Report – Councillor Reg Watson**

Overview Work Programme

If any members of the Council not on the Resources Panel have any ideas that they would like the Panel to examine please get in touch. After the successful start made by the Saving Paper Task Group I had talks with Councillor Tickner and we believe this work would be better added to a reinstated Environmental Group that has gained improvement in the past. We now await Executive approval.

Sickness Absence

The Panel was pleased to see that the sickness absence continues to improve and we thank the officers for their efforts.

Council Financial Position

The Council's financial position will continue to be closely scrutinised more fully in the next quarterly report and I agree that we must maintain a prudent approach to ensure a sustainable budget position in future years.

Budget identified savings of £890K for 2013/14 will challenge us all in the next 12 months.

Automated Services project

Aims to shift services from written, telephone and face to face contact has moved forward at a good pace and will pay dividends in future years.