

Item 11(iv)

**PORTFOLIO:**

**INFRASTRUCTURE AND  
SCRUTINY**

Report of Vice Chairman

**COUNCILLOR  
MISS M J MARTLEW**

The Committee met on 29 November, 2007 to consider budgetary matters as well as other items on a rather full agenda.

1) Budgetary items: Because insufficient information was available at the time, it was agreed that several of the budget items could not be progressed, and it was, subsequently, agreed to hold a special meeting on 7 January to deal with these.

2) Discussions took place at the 29 November meeting on whether the Committee should set up Task and Finish Groups on possibly two items on the Agenda, namely Waste Management and the Council's Green Travel Plan.

a) Waste Management/Recycling: As the Committee had received a comprehensive report on the Council's recycling activities and recommendations for future actions, and as i) the Committee had been heavily involved, via a Task and Finish Group, with the original investigations into improving the Council's recycling efforts, and ii) the Committee's expressed interest in the past in the need to investigate commercial waste recycling, it was agreed that priority be given to that item. A Task and Finish Group, comprising four members of the Committee, was duly set up, with a preliminary meeting scheduled for 7 January, ie immediately after the Special Budget Meeting.

b) The City Council's Green Travel Plan: As further information will be forthcoming on various aspects of the Travel Plan, it was agreed that a Task and Finish Group would be more appropriate at a later stage. It was also agreed that one Task and Finish Group at a time would be more productive.

3. Among other items considered at the 29 November meeting were the recommendations for the Historic Quarter, and the implications for traffic management of the area. The Committee welcomed the ideas being put forward, but had some reservations about West Walls being used for the outflow of traffic onto the Viaduct, given that West Walls itself is an important integral part of the Historic Quarter.

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