
OVERVIEW OF RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Since the last ordinary meeting of Council, the following are the main areas of work undertaken by the Resources Scrutiny Committee :-

- (a) **Xentrall Shared Services Annual Report** – We have received a progress report on the current performance of Xentrall Shared Services. The performance is generally good and there are no major problems with the service in Darlington and, where targets are not being met, the service is constantly reviewing its performance to look where improvements can be made. A customer satisfaction survey will be undertaken in September 2010 and we have asked that Members be included in that survey.
 - (b) **Resources Scrutiny Committee – Performance Report 4th Quarter 2009/10** - We received information in relation to the 7 service plans for which our Scrutiny is responsible for challenging. It is pleasing to report that the overall aggregated target for the seven service plans is being achieved, however, no data is available for reporting for 18 per cent of the indicators.
 - (c) **Revenue Budget Management Update** – We have considered the projected revenue outturn for 2010/11. The latest projection of revenue reserves at the end of 2010/11, is an overall improvement of £313,000 compared with the Medium Term Financial Report, which consists of a departmental deficit of £2.041 million, a corporately managed surplus of £1.805 million and an improvement of £0.549 million in reserves brought forward from 2009/10. We have noted the overspend in departmental budgets and the reasons for that.
 - (d) **Budget Monitoring and Efficiency Review Group** – The Review Group is continuing to meet and some of the issues we have considered are car parking income for the 2009/financial year; the provision of the new Computer Room at the Town Hall, combined service and financial information for the fourth quarter of 2009/10 and capital and revenue update position.
2. I, as Chair, have continued to have various meetings with Officers and have pursued a number of issues raised with me, by Members of the Scrutiny Committee, and reported the responses back to them accordingly.

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