

RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

3 FEBRUARY 2010

1. The Resources Scrutiny Committee, at a special meeting held on the 3 February, 2010, agreed that Cabinet be advised that this Scrutiny Committee, having considered the draft Medium-Term Corporate Plan, incorporating the Medium - Term Financial Plan 2010 to 2014, supports the recommendations contained therein.

Reason – The Resources Scrutiny Committee understands the objectives of the Medium Term Financial Plan and the financial pressures on the Council.

2. In addition, for Cabinet's information, the Scrutiny Committee also agreed the following:-

- (a) that the Budget Monitoring and Efficiency Review Group continue to meet for the foreseeable future.

Reason – The Budget Monitoring and Efficiency Review Group needs to continue the work undertaken by it over the last 12 months and use the knowledge and understanding gained through its work. The Group, together with the Resources Scrutiny Committee, has an important role to play in continuing to oversee that the planned savings are delivered and that the budget is 'on track' and being delivered;

- (b) that the implementation of the Business Model for the Future be monitored and reviewed by the Budget Monitoring and Efficiency Review Group.

Reason – The delivery and outcome of the Business Model is critical to the delivery of public services and the implementation of the Medium Term Financial Plan and the Budget Monitoring and Efficiency Review Group has an important role to play in reviewing the implementation and outcomes of that Business Model;

- (c) that the Budget Monitoring and Efficiency Review Group and the Resources Scrutiny Committee continue to monitor the revenue account on a monthly basis.

Reason – The monitoring of the revenue account is an essential part of ensuring that the budget is 'on track' and this needs to be done on a frequent basis; and

- (d) that the Budget Monitoring and Efficiency Review Group be advised of any increase in employees which are outside of budgets.

Reason – Employee costs are a major part of the Council's revenue spend and the Budget Monitoring and Efficiency Review Group wishes to monitor and review any variances outside of the individual budgets.