
OVERVIEW OF RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PORTFOLIO

1. Since the last meeting of Council, the following are the main areas of work under my Resource Management Portfolio :-
 - (a) **Energy Policy** – We have recommended to Council that this Council adopts an Energy Policy, which will demonstrate the Council’s commitment to reducing its energy consumption through energy efficiencies; to protect finite resources; and help combat climate change through investment in renewable energy from sustainable sources.
 - (b) **Treasury Management and Annual Report and Actual Prudential Indicators 2004/05** - We have received a report on the actual Prudential Indicators for 2004/05, in accordance with the requirement of the Prudential Code and noted the Treasury Management Annual Report from 2004/05, as required by the Council’s reporting procedures.
 - (c) **Employee Survey** – It is pleasing to report the results of the third employee survey conducted at the beginning of 2005. At a corporate level the results are again very positive, with positive responses averaging 70.0 per cent across all areas and negative responses averaging only 10.0 per cent.
 - (d) **Surplus School Sites** – We have considered the short-term treatment of sites and longer-term options available to the Council for individual school sites and buildings about to become surplus to requirements. These are principally schools vacated as a result of the opening of the Education Village.

2. Another area which might be of interest is :-
 - (a) **Schedule of Transactions** - A number of transactions, provisionally made by the Director of Development and Environment, have been approved:
 - (b) **SureStart, 2A McNay Street** – Additional corporate Capital resources totalling £56,000, have been released to allow the financing of the Surestart, McNay Street to be completed.
 - (c) **Revenue and Capital Out-Turn** – We have received the Capital and Revenue out-turn positions for 2004/05. In relation to the Revenue account, the overall results for 2004/05 are very satisfactory, with the Council’s financial position being further improved by these out-turn results. In relation to the Capital out-turn, a balanced

programme has been achieved with a wide variety of capital improvements undertaken throughout the Borough during 2004/05.

- (d) **Revenue Budget Management – Monthly Monitoring Report** – Each Director presented to Cabinet projected expenditure for the year compared with approved budgets.
- (e) **Capital Programme – Monthly Monitoring Report** – We have considered the current position of the spending and resource levels of the Capital Programme.
- (f) **205 Grange Road** – We have agreed to realign the boundaries between No. 205 Grange Road to incorporate part of the South Park and to the development opportunities relating to the disposal of 205 Grange Road in order to maximise capital receipts from the sale of the property.
- (g) **Former Ernest Bennett Saws Site, Middleton St George** – We have agreed to dispose of land at Yarm Road, Middleton St George, for incorporation into a proposed residential development at the former Ernest Bennett Saws site.

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