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**OVERVIEW OF RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PORTFOLIO**

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1. Since the last meeting of Council, the following are the main areas of work under my Resource Management Portfolio :-
  - (a) **Creation of New Allotment Associations** – New Allotment Associations have been established at Smithfield Road, Dodmire and Brinkburn in accordance with the wishes of representatives from these sites. In establishing these, the Associations will have the opportunity to improve their sites and to attract external funding and it will also reduce the Council’s management and maintenance responsibilities.
  - (b) **Smithfield Road/Barton Street Land Exchange** – Two parcels of land at Smithfield Road and Barton Street have been exchanged.
  - (c) **91 Dinsdale Crescent** – Flat 91, Dinsdale Crescent has been acquired and will be incorporated into the Council’s stock.
  - (d) **2 Chancery Lane** – In order to accommodate staff from various sections of the Authority who are working on the Council’s Leading Edge Projects, we have leased accommodation at 2 Chancery Lane for a period of three years. A break clause is included in the agreement to terminate after 2 years if the Council wishes.
  - (e) **Snipe House Farm** – We have agreed, in principle, to the use of Council land at Skerne Park to access, facilitate and enhance development of land to the south. In doing this we have also agreed to the site of the former Skerne Park Club and adjacent grassed area being released for potential disposal as it is surplus to requirements.
  - (f) **Schedule of Transactions** - A number of transactions, provisionally made by the Director of Development and Environment, have been approved.
  - (g) **Revenue Budget Management – Monthly Monitoring Report** – Each Director presented to Cabinet projected expenditure for the year compared with approved budgets.
  - (h) **Capital Programme – Monthly Monitoring Report** – We have considered the current position of the spending and resource levels of the Capital Programme.
  - (i) **Contracts Undertaken for External Clients in 2005/06** – We have been advised of the work undertaken by the Community Services Department for external clients during 2005/06.

2. I have also had discussions with the Director of Corporate Services on the implementation of single status and voluntary sector funding and have made a number of decisions in respect of financial assistance under my delegated powers.

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