
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) **Hopetown House – Proposed Replacement Offices** – We have considered a number of alternative options for the re-location of those staff currently working at Hopetown House and, following appraisal of those options, we have authorised the Director of Development and Environment to negotiate and agree terms for the lease of office accommodation at the Beehive, Lingfield Point.
 - (b) **Asset Management Plan and Capital Strategy** – We have recommended to Council that the Capital Strategy and the Asset Management Plan be approved. Both of these documents will provide the Council with guidance to follow when capital investment and asset management decisions are being made.
 - (c) **Town Hall Canopy** – Approval has been given to release Corporate Capital resources of £20,000 to replace the Town Hall Canopy. Reports from structural engineers recommend that the canopy is replaced as a matter of urgency for the safety of the public and staff entering the building. The works will be carried out over a period of six weekends to enable the Town Hall to remain operational from the main entrance.
 - (d) **Combined Financial and Service Performance Report 2nd Quarter 2006** – We have received a report combining financial and service performance for the Councils for the period April to September 2006, and it is pleasing to report that, overall the Council is on target for service performance and efficiency gains. In relation to the financial performance, the budget is projected to be overspent by £0.344 million and further work is being done by the Officers to reduce this overspend.

2. Other areas which might be of interest are :-
 - (a) **Capital Programme – Monthly Monitoring Report** – We have considered the current position of the spending and resource levels of the Capital Programme.
 - (b) **Schedule of Transactions** - A number of transactions, provisionally made by the Director of Development and Environment, have been approved.
 - (c) **Land to the Rear of Rosemary Court, Fenby Avenue** – We have agreed to the sale of land at the rear of Rosemary Court to Hanover Housing Association.

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