
OVERVIEW OF THE RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

1. Since the last meeting of Council, the following are the main areas of work undertaken by the Resources Scrutiny Committee :-
 - (a) **Local Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy** – We have commented on the draft Local Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy and we have been assured that our comments will be included in the final Strategy which will be submitted to Cabinet in November, 2004.
 - (b) **Office of the Deputy Prime Minister – Building Capacity Fund** – Following a meeting of the North East Regional Employer’s Association which I recently attended, I brought to Members’ attention the existence of a programme and related funding for Capacity Building. There is capacity for the authority to access funding from the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister for Member and Officer development and we have agreed to support work being undertaken by Officers to access this funding in certain categories.
 - (c) **Work Programme** – Members will recall that one of our early reviews was in relation to Girobanking. We have, as a Scrutiny Committee, agreed that it would now be appropriate to review that work and the Scrutiny Committee will meet to re-consider it or a task and finish review will be undertaken. In view of the budgetary issues which we will need to consider early in the New Year we have agreed not to programme too many issues into our work programme at this stage.
 - (d) **Revenue Medium-Term Financial Plan and Capital Programme Monthly Monitoring Reports – July 2004** - We have, as a standard item on future agendas, requested information on the Revenue Medium-Term Financial Plan and Capital Programme Outturn. In addition we will also receive the monthly monitoring reports to enable us to review the position on a regular basis.
 - (e) **Forward Plan** - We have received a presentation on the revisions to the Forward Plan.

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