
OVERVIEW OF RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

1. Since the last ordinary meeting of Council, the following are the main areas of work the Resources Scrutiny Committee has undertaken :-
 - (a) **Procurement** – Following some initial work we did as a Scrutiny Committee last year, we have received a report on the progress made against the actions contained within the Council’s Procurement Strategy. A number of the key documents highlighted in the Action Plan have been produced and are available on the Intranet. We will continue to look at the Procurement issue and the various projects being undertaken as part of the Council’s Leading Edge Programme.
 - (b) **Summary Financial Accounts** – We have approved the format for the Council’s summary accounts. The Council is required to produce an annual Statement of Accounts and the approved format is in a readable and meaningful style.
 - (c) **Girobanking Review** – An update report has also been considered on the Girobanking Review which we undertook. Work is being undertaken with Alliance and Leicester PLC to increase the numbers of outlets for payment, including the Post Office and an advertising campaign to promote the direct debit method of payment will be undertaken to coincide with the change to paperless direct debit.
 - (d) **Pedestrian Heart Gas Main Review** - Following the request by Council for Scrutiny to investigate the issues surrounding the finding of the gas main during the Pedestrian Heart Gas Main works, we established a Review Group to look into this matter. The Group met on three occasions and held two site visits to the area concerned. The final report of the Review Group was considered at a special meeting held on 30th June, 2006, and we endorsed the recommendations of that group and referred them to Cabinet for consideration. A further recommendation in relation to the work being undertaken nationally into the mapping of underground services was also included.

I, as Chair, have continued to have various meetings with Officers and have pursued a number of issues raised with me, by Members of the Scrutiny Committee, and reported the responses back to them accordingly.

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