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**OVERVIEW OF RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

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1. Since the last ordinary meeting of Council, the following are the main areas of work the Resources Scrutiny Committee has undertaken :-
  - (a) **Capital Strategy and Asset Management Plan** – In order for the Resources Scrutiny Committee to be kept informed, we have considered the changes which have been incorporated into the Capital Strategy and Asset Management Plan, since we considered it at our meeting on the 1st September, 2006. As Members will be aware, the Strategy and Plan have now been approved by Cabinet and Council.
  - (b) **Corporate Services Service Plan 2007/08** – Members have had the opportunity to comment and contribute to the Corporate Services’ Departmental Service Plan for 2007/08. As one of the functions of scrutiny is to assist in the development and monitoring of service planning, Members will continue to monitor the Plan and relevant performance indicators on a regular basis.
  - (c) **Capital Programme – Quarterly Monitoring Report – April to September 2006** – Consideration has been given to the Capital Programme Quarterly Monitoring Report for the period April to September 2006.
  - (d) **Prudential Indicators Update and Treasury Management Half-Yearly Return** – We have considered the Prudential Indicators and Treasury Management Half-yearly review report, which was considered by Cabinet at its meeting held on 5th December, 2006.
  - (e) **Procurement Review** – As Members will be aware, one of our review topics for 2006/07 is to assist the Officers in the work they are undertaking to develop a Procurement Strategy for the Authority. As part of the work being undertaken, some Members of the Resources Scrutiny Committee have visited Wakefield, Liverpool, Leeds and Rotherham, who have all been awarded Beacon Status for Delivering Quality through Procurement in 2006/07 to seek information on best practice. All of the visits were extremely beneficial and worthwhile, not only to the work we are doing on Procurement, but also to the work we have been undertaking in relation to efficiency gains and the Pedestrian Heart contract. Our final report, which recommends that the Council’s Procurement Strategy be reviewed and an Action Plan, incorporating all the points we have suggested, be developed, will be considered by Cabinet at its meeting in January 2007. If the recommendations are adopted, we will continue to monitor the Action Plan.

- (f) **Pedestrian Heart Task and Finish Review** – Another piece of work we have been undertaking, as directed by Council, has been to look into the Pedestrian Heart project to date and to give an oversight to a review of future capital project management. The Task and Finish Review Group, which was established to look into the issues, has met and received various presentations from Clarus Consulting, an external professional management and cost consultancy company, and from Council Officers. In addition to this, we have also received and considered various documentation. Our final report, outlining our recommendations, will be considered by Cabinet at its meeting in January 2007.

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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