
OVERVIEW OF RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

1. Since the last ordinary meeting of Council, the following are the main areas of work undertaken by the Resources Scrutiny Committee
 - (a) **Xentrall Shared Service** – Xentrall Shared Services has now been live for over a year and we have received an update from the Partnership Manager on the progress made since implementation. There were some initial performance concerns, however, these have been dealt with and performance across all service areas within the Partnership is generally good.
 - (b) **Combined Financial and Service Performance Report 4th Quarter 2008/09** – We have received a report combining financial and service performance for the Council for the period April 2008 to March 2009 and showing progress against the Sustainable Community Strategy, the Local Area Agreement and the Council’s Corporate Plan. It is pleasing to report that performance for all but one of the indicators is on target.
 - (c) **Revenue Budget Management Update** – As part of the on-going work we are doing in relation to budget monitoring, we have considered the latest revenue budget management projections for 2009/10. The latest projection to 31st March, 2010 is an overall surplus of £381,000 compared with the Medium Term Financial Plan 2009/13 and the 2009/10 revenue budget. The outlook is still very challenging and management actions is ongoing to control expenditure and income, seek further opportunities for savings within existing policies and commitments and to review future service and spending plans. Linked to this, our Task and Finish Review Group continues to meet and during the last Committee cycle we have met twice and had some detailed and in-depth discussions.
 - (d) **Project Management Task and Finish Review** – This is an on-going review and we are currently looking at the status of all construction projects currently being undertaken by the Council. At a future meeting of this Group we will be taking the opportunity to look at the North Road School build project.

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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