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**OVERVIEW OF RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PORTFOLIO**

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1. Since the last meeting of Council, the following are the main areas of work under my Resource Management Portfolio :-
  - (a) **Capital Programme – Release of Funding** - £250,000 has been released from the 2006/07 Capital Medium-Term Financial Plan to undertake capitalised repairs to this Council's operational and non-operations property portfolio. In addition, funding of £100,000 has also been released to implement works to Council occupied buildings to ensure compliance with the Disability Discrimination Act, the Fire Precautions (Workplace) Regulations and BVPI 156, and £133,000 has been released to cover the refurbishment of the two lifts at the North side of the Town Hall building and the repair of one of the lifts at the South side of the building.
  - (b) **Proposed write-off of Irrecoverable Sundry Debts and Non-Domestic and Council Tax Arrears** - To enable the Council's accounts to be maintained in accordance with Financial Procedure Rules, we have agreed to write off both sundry debtor arrears in respect of invoices with individual values greater than £500 and arrears of non-domestic rates and Council tax that are considered to be irrecoverable. The total of the sundry debtor arrears which have been written off is £33,105.86 and the total of non-domestic and Council Tax arrears is £292,595.66. Officers are satisfied that all practical steps for the recovery of these debts have been taken.
  - (c) **Revenue Out-turn Report 2005/06** – We have received the revenue out-turn report for 2005/06 and it pleasing to report that overall the financial results for 2005/06 are satisfactory. Corporate reserves are £0.010 million better and departmental reserves are in total £0.364 million better than the agreed Medium-Term Financial Plan.
  - (d) **Capital Out-turn Report 2005/06** – Information on the Capital Programme out-turn has also been presented to us. Overall a balanced programme has been achieved with a wide variety of capital improvements undertaken throughout the Borough in 2005/06.
  - (e) **Treasury Management Annual Report and Actual Prudential Indicators 2005/06** – In accordance with the Council's reporting procedures, we have approved the actual 2005/06 Prudential Indicators and noted the Treasury Management Annual report for 2005/06.
2. Other areas which might be of interest are :-
  - (a) **Audit Services – Annual Report 2005/06** – We have considered the Audit Services' Annual Report for 2005/06, in accordance with the Audit Services' role and terms of

reference.

- (b) **Schedule of Transactions** - A number of transactions, provisionally made by the Director of Development and Environment, have been approved.
- (c) **Land Adjacent to Faverdale East Business Park – Proposed Access** – We have agreed in principle to grant permission to a developer to construct access roads on, and across, Council-owned land at Faverdale in order to bring forward industrial warehousing development, subject to planning permission being obtained and subject to satisfactory terms being negotiated.
- (d) **Land at Lingfield Way** – We have agreed to dispose of 0.33 acres of land at Lingfield Way on Yarm Road Business Park to the Environment Agency to provide them additional space to park works machinery and to gain a capital receipt for the Council.
- (e) **Land adjacent to Skerne House, Lakeside** – Following a request, we have agreed to dispose of 87square metres of land a Lakeside and Hammond Drive.
- (f) **78 Whitby Way** – We have accepted the surrender of the lease of 78 Whitby Way and agreed to dispose of the property on the open market. The proceeds from the sale will be ring-fenced for use by the Learning Disability Service.
- (g) **Finance and Human Resources Systems Replacements** – Following a full assessment by the Officers, authorisation has been given to replace the Council’s Human Resource Management and Finance Management systems.
- (h) **New Car Park at Park Place** – Construction of the new car park at Park Place which has been built to Secure Car Park status is now finished and is due to be handed over to the Council in the very near future.

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