
Overview & Scrutiny Panels

Report of the meetings of the Overview & Scrutiny Panels held on 5th, 7th, 12th, 14th, 19th, 20th & 28th November and 3rd & 4th December 2013

Matters for Information

1. FACING THE FUTURE

In recognition of the financial position facing the Council and at the request of the Cabinet, the Panels have commenced a programme of work to review services delivered by the Council and to identify opportunities for savings. To help them complete this work each service within the Council has been asked to complete a Strategic Service Review template, which contains details of its statutory duties, performance standards, manpower and other financial information. It also includes a series of options for the future delivery of the service, which Members have been asked to assess.

At the date of the Agenda despatch, the following service areas have been reviewed:-

- ❖ Development Management
- ❖ Planning Policy
- ❖ Strategic Housing
- ❖ Economic Development
- ❖ CCTV
- ❖ Legal
- ❖ Democratic Services
- ❖ Elections and Land Charges
- ❖ Licensing
- ❖ Document Centre
- ❖ Facilities Management
- ❖ Environment
- ❖ Building Control
- ❖ Projects and Asset Management
- ❖ Refuse and Recycling including vehicle management
- ❖ Grounds Maintenance
- ❖ Street Cleansing
- ❖ Parks, Open Spaces and Countryside
- ❖ Car Parking and Street Rangers
- ❖ Operational Housing
- ❖ Customer Services
- ❖ Revenues
- ❖ Benefits
- ❖ Information Management Division
- ❖ Accountancy
- ❖ Audit and Risk Management
- ❖ Procurement

The following services have yet to be scrutinised, but will have been by the time of the Council meeting:-

- ❖ Environmental Health
- ❖ Community Health
- ❖ One Leisure
- ❖ Estates
- ❖ Corporate Office (remainder)
- ❖ Communications.

Following completion of the reviews of individual services, the identified actions will be prioritised. The priority list will be submitted to Overview and Scrutiny Panels before being presented to the Cabinet in February 2014. It is intended that the Cabinet's decision will initiate a series of reports back to the Panels containing more detailed proposals for implementation.

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