



Committee: BUDGET AND PERFORMANCE PANEL

Date: TUESDAY, 4 APRIL 2006

Venue: LANCASTER TOWN HALL

Time: 4.30 P.M.

Councillors are reminded that as Members of overview and scrutiny they may not be subjected to the Party Whip, which is prohibited under the Local Government Act 2000.

A G E N D A

1. **Apologies for absence.**
2. **Declaration of interests.**
3. **Minutes of the meeting held on 7th March, 2006 (previously circulated).**
4. **Items of Urgent Business authorised by the Chairman.**
5. **Audit Report on Recruitment (Pages 1 - 10)**
6. **Open Source Software (Pages 11 - 24)**

Update on the work identified in the Project Initiation Document – Report of the Head of IS
7. **IT Cost Analysis - Report of the Head of IS (Pages 25 - 30)**
8. **Corporate Finance Monitoring - Report of the Head of Financial Services (Pages 31 - 44)**
9. **Medium Term Financial Strategy - Report of the Head of Financial Services (Pages 45 - 56)**
10. **BVPI Creditor Payment within 30 days (Pages 57 - 62)**
11. **Update on Star Chamber - Report of Chief Executive (Pages 63 - 66)**
12. **Forward Annual Efficiency Statement - Gershon Targets (Pages 67 - 68)**

Report of the Corporate Director (Finance and Performance)
13. **Procurement Strategy and Improvement Plan Review (Pages 69 - 116)**

Report of the Corporate Director (Finance and Performance)

14. **BVPI Quartile Analysis - Year on Year Comparison - Report of the Best Value Officer (Pages 117 - 130)**
15. **Update on Work Programme (Pages 131 - 138)**

ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

(i) Membership

Councillors Keith Budden (Chairman), John Day (Vice-Chairman), Jim Blakely, John Gilbert, Mike Greenall, Tony Johnson, Peter Robinson, Roger Sherlock and John Whitelegg

(ii) Substitute Membership

Councillors Evelyn Ashworth, Susan Bray, Tina Clifford, Chris Coates, Jean Dent, Paul Gardner, Stuart Langhorn and Sylvia Rogerson

(iii) Queries regarding this Agenda

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(iv) Changes to Membership, substitutions or apologies

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