

# **BUDGET AND PERFORMANCE PANEL**

## **Work Programme Report**

**10<sup>th</sup> June 2008**

### **Report of Head of Democratic Services**

#### **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To update Members with regard to the Work Programme.

**This report is public**

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- (1) That Members note the items that will be available for consideration at the meeting of the Budget and Performance Panel scheduled to take place on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2008, as detailed in the report.
- (2) That Members note the scheduled financial training event taking place at Lancaster Town Hall on Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> September 2008.

#### **1.0 Introduction**

This report provides Members with recommendations for additions to its Work Programme for consideration and advises of upcoming items to be dealt with by the work of the Panel.

#### **1.1 Upcoming Reports to the Panel**

The Panel is requested to note that the Head of Health and Strategic Housing Services will be attending the next Panel meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2008 to address issues raised by Members at the meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> April 2008 regarding:-

- (a) Measures to reduce the number of 'sites of potential concern' with respect to land contamination.
- (b) Measures to increase the number of sites for which sufficient detailed information is available to decide whether remediation of the land is necessary, as a percentage of all 'sites of potential concern'.

- (c) Measures to increase the percentage of pollution control improvements to existing installations completed on time.
- (d) How Members can access details of noise complaints received by the Council and additional issues of anti-social behaviour reported to the Council.
- (e) Statistics reflecting the district's air quality in comparison with previous years.

Members should note that a report will also be available for consideration at the meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2008 regarding proposals for monitoring and evaluation of the City Council's current Partnership arrangements.

The Panel should also be advised that the Head of Cultural Services will provide an interim report for the Panel's consideration regarding the City Council's funding to Museums across the district at the meeting scheduled for 15<sup>th</sup> July 2008. The Head of Cultural Services will be accompanied by a representative of the Museum's Partnership to answer any queries Members may have.

Members were advised at the meeting of 29<sup>th</sup> April 2008 that a report on Service Level Agreement Monitoring would be available for consideration at this meeting. However, the review of Monitoring procedures is still underway and it will also coincide with a six month period since the Non-Housing Voluntary Organisation Grants were set in January 2008 if the report is considered at the next meeting of the Panel on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2008.

## 1.2 Training Event

Members should be advised that Financial Services have organised a short training event for Members of the Budget and Performance Panel, covering the basics of treasury management. In particular, it will include an overview of the economy and other factors to be taken account of by the Council, in formulating its borrowing and investment plans for the forthcoming year.

Richard Dunlop, a Director of Butlers (i.e. the Council's Treasury Advisors), will be presenting the session. The training will also be available to other Members and Officers involved in financial monitoring or decision making and is due to take place at the meeting scheduled for 9<sup>th</sup> September 2008.

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