

BUDGET AND PERFORMANCE PANEL

Budget and Performance Panel 20th October 2009

Report of Head of Democratic Services

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To provide Members with an update of the Budget and Performance Panel 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 24th November 2009, as detailed in the report.**
- (2) That Members be invited to attend the three scheduled training sessions.**
- (3) That Members note that proposals for a work programme, structured in-line with the Panel's Terms of Reference, will be presented to the November meeting of the Panel.**

1. The following items will be considered at the Panel's meeting on the 24th November 2009:

- Report of the Head of Health and Strategic Housing Services on the Monitoring of the Contract for Homelessness Prevention Services

At the meeting of the Panel on 24th February 2009 (Minute No. 51 2008/09), it was resolved that the monitoring of the Contract for Homelessness Prevention Services be added to the Budget and Performance Panel's Work Programme (following the recommendation of Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 29th January 2009).

- Update Report of the Corporate Director (Finance & Performance) on the Evaluation of the Council's Major Partnerships

- Cabinet Portfolio Holders' Reports on the Range of Options Identified for Making Savings and Efficiencies in Areas of Service Activity

At the meeting of the Panel on 8th September 2009, it was resolved that the Panel's Work Programme be amended to include an item to receive future reports from Cabinet portfolio holders on the range of options identified for making savings and efficiencies in areas of service activity (Minute No. 14 (5) (b) 2009/10 refers). The second presentation of Cabinet portfolio holder reports, including the report of the Leader, will be given in the areas of Children and Young People, Education, Skills and Opportunities, Valuing People, Internal and Finance.

- Chairs of the Lancaster District Local Strategic Partnership's Thematic Groups

At the meeting of the Panel on 8th September, it was resolved that the Budget and Performance Panel include in its Work Programme regular invites to its meetings of the Chairs of the LDLSP Thematic Groups (Minute No. 14 (1) 2009/10 refers). At this stage, details are to be confirmed.

2. In addition to the items to be considered at the meeting, training for Budget and Performance Panel Members has been arranged on

- Risk Management – 3rd November 2009, commencing at 6.00 p.m. at Lancaster Town Hall - Stephen Moger
- Scrutiny Training – 19th November 2009, commencing at 3.00 p.m. at Lancaster Town Hall - Frances Taylor
- Treasury Management Training – 24th November 2009, commencing at 4.00 p.m. at Lancaster Town Hall - Head of Financial Services

Programmes for the Risk Management and Scrutiny Training are attached.

3. Members are asked to note that the creation of a Work Programme, structured in-line with the Panel's Terms of Reference, has taken longer than anticipated and proposals will be presented to the November meeting of the Panel.

BACKGROUND PAPERS	Contact Officer: Jane Glenton Telephone: 01524 582068 E-mail: jglenton@lancaster.gov.uk Ref: JEG
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WORK PROGRAMME

Matter for consideration	Officer Responsible	Meeting date
Homelessness Prevention Services Contract	Head of Health and Strategic Housing Services	24 th November 2009
Update on the evaluation of the Council's major partnerships	Various	24 th November 2009
<p>Reports from Cabinet Portfolio Holders on the range of options identified for making savings and efficiencies in areas of service activity:</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">Councillor Stuart Langhorn – Leader of the Council Councillor June Ashworth – Children and Young People Councillor Abbott Bryning – Education, Skills and Opportunities Councillor Jane Fletcher – Valuing People Councillor Roger Mace – Internal Councillor Malcolm Thomas – Finance</p>		24 th November 2009
Report of Chair from one of the Lancaster District Local Strategic Partnership Thematic Groups (Members to be notified of details)		24 th November 2009

Training

Topic	Date/Time	Venue
Risk Management Training	3 rd November 2009 at 6.00 p.m.	Lancaster Town Hall
Scrutiny Training	19 th November 2009 at 3.00 p.m.	Lancaster Town Hall
Treasury Management Training	24 th November 2009 at 4.00 p.m.	Lancaster Town Hall