

BUDGET AND PERFORMANCE PANEL

Work Programme Report 13th July 2010

Report of Head of Democratic Services

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To update Members regarding the Panel's Work Programme.

This report is public

RECOMMENDATIONS

- (1) That the Panel consider whether to include the referral from Overview and Scrutiny Committee in its Work Programme.
- (2) That the Panel notes the items to be carried forward for consideration at future meetings, as detailed in Appendix A to the report.

1.0 Introduction

This report provides Members with recommendations for inclusion in the Panel's Work Programme and advises of upcoming items for consideration.

2.0 Report

1.0 Referral from Overview and Scrutiny Committee

At its meeting on 9th June 2010, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered the Member briefing that had taken place on the restructure and questions regarding Member involvement. It was reported at that meeting that the Leader had confirmed that Cabinet had made decisions in relation to funding. The Personnel Committee had decided on the allocation of posts. The reports had been exempt, but Overview and Scrutiny Committee Members had access to them and would have had the opportunity to call-in the decision.

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee had resolved:

That in light of the Member briefing on the restructure, the Budget and Performance Panel be requested to seek clarification as to the likely reduction in the Council's budget that the restructure will produce (Minute 6 (9) 2010/11 refers).

The Panel is requested to add this referral to its Work Programme and agree to request a report on the matter.

1.2 Upcoming Reports to the Panel

At the Panel's meeting on 8th June 2010, it was resolved:

- *That the presentation regarding the Community Engagement Service and the future management of Partnerships, Performance, Projects and Programmes be deferred and presented to the Panel's meeting on 7th September 2010.*
- *That the Panel's Work Programme include a report to its meeting on 7th September 2010 on Monitoring Delivery and Effectiveness of Service Level Agreement targets.*

It was also resolved that a briefing note be provided on the report to Cabinet regarding Williamson Park. Cabinet is to consider a further report on Williamson Park and this will be tabled at the Budget and Performance Panel meeting on the 7th September 2010.

The Panel further resolved that a briefing note be provided on pension liabilities and the impact of these liabilities on the budgets of the Council up to and including 2014-15 and this has been actioned for consideration at the Panel's next meeting.

There were several outstanding items in the Panel's Work Programme, including the report on Invest to Save schemes that would provide a greater rate of return than Council investments and the development of whole life-cycle costing (WLCC) approaches by the Procurement Manager and benchmarking to progress through the levels set. These items were actioned, but not completed.

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