

## **NOTES OF STAR CHAMBER**

**10 NOVEMBER 2005**

### **COUNCIL HOUSING**

- agreed 10 recommended recurring savings as listed, additional £5K savings on office running costs and to defer annual contribution to Lifeline Equipment Reserve.
- action report to Cabinet to replace the Xembrace proposal with extended TASK to include impact on CCS overheads
- review grounds maintenance work programme including tree maintenance programme and increasing demand from older people to maintain their gardens
- need for investment/redirection of resources into:
  - statutory tenants BVPI survey (estimate £12K)
  - energy performance standards (estimate £7K)
  - improved call handling system (estimate £13K)
- Central Control review will need to take place ahead of phase 3 of CSC rollout and linked to County-wide review through Supporting People. Future report to Cabinet.

### **HEALTH AND STRATEGIC HOUSING**

- retain ECOS on existing basis
- general increase for pest control charges to £20 with 50% reduction to £10 for people on qualifying benefits
- 2.3% inflationary increase on cemeteries fees with work on base budget to reflect reduction in interments
- retain DFG admin costs at 12%
- introduce fees for Immigration Inspections
- clarify expectations on Pest Control Service and South Lakeland
- look at use of Planning fees income to pay for work required to assess contaminated land reports submitted by developers