



Resources and Governance Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Date: Monday 23 February 2009

Time: 10.00 am

Venue: Committee Room 11, Town Hall

Note:

There will be a pre-meeting for members at 9.30am in Committee Room 3

Membership of the Committee:

Councillors -

F Bhatti

M Clayton

C Glover

J Hitchen

B Jones

M Khan

E McCulley

P Morrison

P Murphy

D Sandiford

J Smith

A Trotman

M Watson

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The Resources and Governance Overview and Scrutiny Committee has responsibility for looking at how the Council and partners make the best use of their resources and deliver good value services.

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AGENDA

1. Urgent business

To consider any items which the Chair has agreed to have submitted as urgent.

2. Appeals

To consider any appeals from the public against refusal to allow inspection of background documents and/or the inclusion of items in the confidential part of the agenda.

3. Interests

To allow Members an opportunity to [a] declare any personal or prejudicial interests they might have in any items which appear on this agenda; and [b] record any items from which they are precluded from voting as a result of Council Tax/Council rent arrears [c] the existence and nature of party whipping arrangements in respect of any item to be considered at this meeting. Members with a personal interest should declare that interest at the start of the item under consideration. If members also have a prejudicial interest they must withdraw from the meeting during the consideration of the item.

4 The Council's Revenue and Capital Budgets 2008/2009

- I. To receive a Statement by the Executive Member for Finance and Human Resources on the Executive's budget proposals and the key issues underlining the budget process.
- II. To consider any issues arising from individual Business Plans that Chairs of overview and scrutiny committees wish to draw specific attention to.
- III. To consider issues raised during the public consultation round
- IV. To receive a Statement from the Executive Member for Neighbourhood Services regarding the Housing Revenue Account calculations and to consider any amendment proposed in relation to the Housing Revenue account 2008/9
- V. To consider any amendments to the budget proposals,
- VI. To summarise its findings and to formulate any recommendations to the City Council on 5th March 2008

In this connection the following documents were considered by the Executive on 11th February 2009

Budget 2009/10 – 2011/12

- a) Legal Framework
- b) Medium Term Financial Plan 2009/10 – 2011/12 and Revenue Budget for 2009/10
- c) Capital Strategy and Budget 2009/10 – 2011/12
- d) Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Borrowing Limits, and Annual Investment Statement 2009/10
- e) Housing Revenue Account

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In connection with 4 II - To consider any issues arising from individual Business Plans that Chairs of Overview and Scrutiny Committees wish to draw specific attention to, the following document will follow in a supplementary agenda.

- f) Business Plans 2009/10: Comments and Observations of Overview and Scrutiny Committees

A Report of the City Solicitor is attached including the minutes of Overview and Scrutiny's consideration of Business Plans in January 2009.

In connection with 4 V – To consider any amendments to the budget proposals, the following document will follow.

- g) Details of amended budget proposals submitted by the Opposition Group

(The Constitution provides that amendments to the Executive's budget recommendation are to be submitted by the seventh day after the meeting of the Executive.)