

PART 1 - PUBLIC

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**Decision Maker:** Executive and Resources PDS Committee

**Date:** 25<sup>th</sup> February 2010

**Decision Type:** Non-Urgent Non-Executive Non-Key

**Title:** PRE-DECISION SCRUTINY OF EXECUTIVE REPORTS

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**Ward:** N/A

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1. Reason for report

- 1.1 This report draws the Committee's attention to reports on the agenda for the next meeting of the Executive on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2010. Members are requested to bring their copies of the agenda for this meeting to the PDS Committee's meeting.
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2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 The Committee is recommended to select priority issues from the Executive agenda for pre-decision scrutiny.

### Corporate Policy

1. Policy Status: Existing policy. One of the roles of PDS Committees is to scrutinise proposals coming before executive bodies for decision - this supports the Excellent Council BBB priority.
  2. BBB Priority: Excellent Council.
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### Financial

1. Cost of proposal: No cost
  2. Ongoing costs: N/A.
  3. Budget head/performance centre: Democratic Services
  4. Total current budget for this head: £476,706 (2009/10)
  5. Source of funding: Existing budgets
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### Staff

1. Number of staff (current and additional): There are 14 posts in the Democratic Services Team (11.89fte - of which 10fte are dedicated to Committee support.)
  2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours: Preparing this report takes less than one hour per meeting.
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### Legal

1. Legal Requirement: No statutory requirement or Government guidance.
  2. Call-in: Call-in is not applicable. The report does not involve an executive decision.
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### Customer Impact

1. Estimated number of users/beneficiaries (current and projected): This report is intended primarily for the benefit of E&R PDS Committee Members.
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### Ward Councillor Views

1. Have Ward Councillors been asked for comments? No.
2. Summary of Ward Councillors comments: N/A

### 3. COMMENTARY

3.1 At each meeting, E&R PDS Committee Members have the opportunity to carry out pre-decision scrutiny of items for decision at forthcoming LSP, Resources Executive meetings. This report identifies the likely reports for the next meeting of the Executive on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2010 and suggests which ones the Committee should prioritise for pre-decision scrutiny. At the time of writing, this is the draft list of possible reports –

#### **Executive – 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2010**

##### Part 1

Annual Audit Letter 1

CYP Grants in Contingency 1

New Children and Young People Grants 1

Treasury Management – Delegation to Director of Resources

##### Part 2

Highways Maintenance (Major and Reactive) Contract 1 2

Community Links 1

*(Reports marked <sup>1</sup> are recommended for pre-scrutiny; reports marked <sup>2</sup> are key decisions)*

3.2 Under the Council's new arrangements for decision making by individual executive portfolio holders, reports covering the Resources Portfolio Holder's proposed decisions are set out under separate agenda items.

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| <b>Non-Applicable Sections:</b>                       | Policy/Financial/Legal/Personnel |
| Background Documents:<br>(Access via Contact Officer) | None                             |