

PART 1 - PUBLIC

Decision Maker: Executive and Resources PDS Committee

Date: 4th April 2012

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

Title: PRE-DECISION SCRUTINY OF EXECUTIVE REPORTS

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Ward: N/A

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 11th April 2012. Members are requested to bring their copy 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: £344, 054 (2011/12 controllable budget)
 5. Source of funding: Existing budgets
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Staff

1. Number of staff (current and additional): There are 9 posts (8.22 fte) in the Democratic Services Team.
 2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours: Preparing this report takes less than one hour of staff time 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 meetings. This report identifies the likely reports for the next meeting of the Executive on 11th April 2012 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 (the Executive's agenda is published on 28th March 2012) –

Part 1

Financial Monitoring 2011/12 ¹

Council Tax Support: Technical Returns of Council Tax ¹

Local Government Resource Review – Proposals for Business Rates Retention ¹

Update on the Implementation of the Flooding and Water Act 2010 ²

(Scrutinised by Environment PDS Committee on 28th February 2012)

Part 2

Extra Care Housing – Award of Contract ²

Capita Secure Information Systems Contract Variation ¹

Internal Audit Investigation Report

(Considered by Audit Sub-Committee on 8th March 2012)

(Reports marked ¹ are recommended for pre-decision scrutiny by this Committee and reports marked ² are key decisions)

- 3.2 Under the Council's 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.

Non-Applicable Sections:	Policy/Financial/Legal/Personnel
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	Forward Plan March 2012