

REGENERATION AND CITIZENSHIP SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

5th February 2006 at 6.00 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillor Mead (Chair); Councillors Bailey and R. J. Davis.

IN ATTENDANCE: Councillor Q. Hussain.

7 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (REF: 1)

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received on behalf of Councillors Hinkley, Hoyle and Skepelhorn

8 MINUTES (REF: 2.1)

Resolved: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 14th December 2006 be taken as read, approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

9 BUDGET SCRUTINY (REF: 9.1)

The Scrutiny Officer advised the Committee that the purpose of the meeting was to receive information about budgets for services within their remit which were to be considered by the Executive on 12th February and Full Council on 21st February 2007.

He further advised that the Performance, Resources and Assets Scrutiny Committee and the Executive had agreed the Protocol for scrutiny of the budget. The information before Members included variations in terms of growth and savings, from the base budget recommended for inclusion by the Corporate Leadership Management Team in consultation with Executive Portfolio Holders. The Performance, Resources and Assets Scrutiny Committee would be meeting on 7th February 2007 to consider the overall budget for 2007/08, the medium term financial outlook and capital programme to which all Members of the Council had been invited.

A Member of the Committee enquired if anything had changed due to consultation with Executive Portfolio Holders.

The Finance Manager (Corporate And Customer Services) advised that there had been slight changes to figures in the Green Book but that this had not been due to consultation with Executive Portfolio Holders but following formal consultation with Unions and affected employees.

A Member of the Committee further enquired if the data currently presented was the work of Officers.

The Finance Manager (Corporate and Customer Services) confirmed that to be correct.

Members of the Committee enquired as to what changes had been made to the information following their meeting in December.

The Finance Manager (Corporate and Customer Services) explained that there had been slight changes to the proposals in respect of Chief Executive's and Corporate and Customer Services Departments figures. The Chief Executive's Department was within the remit of the Committee and the Finance Manager (Corporate and Customer Services) explained that 3 separate proposals had been merged forming 1 proposal with a broad heading of Review of Communications with an affixed saving of £88k.

Members advised that since the Finance Manager (Corporate and Customer Services) had confirmed that the information before them was exactly the same as that presented to their December meeting they had no questions to raise.

Resolved: That the report (Ref: 9.1) be noted.

(Note: The meeting ended at 6.10 p.m.)