

RESOURCES AND GOVERNANCE BOARD 20 AUGUST 2012

ITEM 6

Report of the Strategic Director of Resources

REMIT AND WORK PROGRAMME 2012-13

SUMMARY

- 1.1 The Resources and Governance Board will receive briefings from senior officers in service areas, highlighting the services covered within its remit.
- 1.2 The board should consider its remit and identify further items for its annual work programme.

RECOMMENDATION

2.1 To consider service areas falling within the remit of the board and identify any further items for its work programme for the current municipal year.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

3.1 To ensure that the board is aware of the services covered within its remit and sets a strong, robust and timely work programme for the 2012/13 Municipal Year.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

4.1 The remit of the Resources and Governance Scrutiny Board covers service areas listed below:

Within the responsibilities of the Cabinet Member for Business, Finance and Democracy, Councillor Sarah Russell

- ICT
- Business Systems
- Finance
- Procurement
- HR
- Business Support
- Customer Management
- Benefits and Exchequer Services
- Legal Services
- Democratic Services
- Internal Audit and Risk Management

- 4.2 Due to the size and complexity of service areas falling within this portfolio, not all services could be considered at the last meeting. The remaining service directors with responsibility for ICT & Business Systems; HR & Business Support; Customer Management & Benefits and Exchequer Services have been invited to describe key aspects of their services and highlight major challenges over the next 12 -24 months. This will enable the board to identify further topics for detailed review.
- 4.3 To assist the board with their work plan they can draw on the Overview and Scrutiny budget which is shared between the six boards. The Council Constitution limits one topic review report to be submitted to the Council Cabinet every six months from scrutiny. This means that, in theory, it is possible for each board to conduct two reviews in each municipal year. Topic reviews are not mandatory, but if the board wishes to conduct in-depth reviews in the current year it is suggested that embers should aim to have agreed on the review topic at the earliest opportunity.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

5.1 None.

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Background papers: None

List of appendices: Appendix 1 – Implications

This report has been approved by the following officers:

Legal officer N/A
Financial officer N/A
Human Resources officer N/A
Service Director(s) N/A

Other(s) Phil O'Brien – Statutory Scrutiny Officer

IMPLICATIONS

Financial and Value for Money

1.1 None arising directly from this report.

Legal

2.1 Section 21 (3) of the Local Government Act 2000 requires that the power of an overview and scrutiny committee to review or scrutinise a decision made but not implemented, includes power to recommend that the decision be reconsidered by the person who made it.

Personnel

3.1 None arising directly from this report

Equalities Impact

4.1 Effective scrutiny benefits all Derby people.

Health and Safety

5.1 None arising directly from this report

Environmental Sustainability

6.1 None arising directly from this report

Asset Management

7.1 None arising directly from this report

Risk Management

8.1 None arising directly from this report

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

9.1 Our aim is to work together so that Derby and its people will enjoy a thriving sustainable economy, good health and well-being and an active cultural life.