

Corporate and Customer Overview and Scrutiny Panel

Tuesday, 28 November 2006

Present: Councillor Geoffrey Russell (Chair) and Councillors Peter Baker, Alan Cain, Henry Counce, David Dickinson, Doreen Dickinson, Hasina Khan, Keith Iddon, Thomas McGowan, Miss June Molyneaux, Edward Smith, Mrs Joyce Snape and Mrs Stella Walsh

Also in attendance: Councillor John Walker (Executive Member for Customer, Democratic and Legal)

06.CCS.27 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Andrew Birchall, Magda Cullens, Cath Hoyle and Margaret Lees.

06.CCS.28 DECLARATIONS OF ANY INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest by Members relating to the items on the agenda.

06.CCS.29 MINUTES

RESOLVED - That the Minutes of the meeting of the Corporate and Customer Overview and Scrutiny Panel held on 10 October 2006 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

06.CCS.30 BUSINESS PLAN MONITORING STATEMENTS

The Panel received the Business Plan Monitoring Statements for the period July 2006 to September 2006 for:

- Human Resources,
- Information, Communication Technology Services,
- Customer, Democratic and Legal Services and
- Financial Services.

Members clarified aspects of the Business Plans and Performance Indicators with the Directors who were all present at the meeting. The Panel noted the service developments in each area as outlined in the reports.

RESOLVED –

- 1. That the Business Plan Monitoring Statements July 2006 to September 2006 be noted,**
- 2. That the sickness absence policy be presented to a future meeting of the Panel.**

06.CCS.31 CONTACT CENTRE INQUIRY - COLLECTING EVIDENCE

The Panel received the minutes of the Efficiency Sub-Group held on 24 October and the Partnership Sub-Group held on 26 October.

Members noted that the Efficiency Sub-Group had visited Chorley's Contact Centre on 24 November and would be meeting on 13 December to consider Chorley's current and future efficiency plans and those of Partners within Lancashire.

Members were advised that the Partnership Sub-Group would be meeting on 5 December to consider the webcast of the Lancashire County Council Executive Cabinet meeting that considered the Scrutiny Inquiry report into the Contact Centre and to consider questions to be asked of Officers and Councillors at the site visit to the Hub at Lancashire County Council on 8 December.

The Partnership Sub-Group would be interviewing representatives from Pendle and Ribble Valley Borough Council's on 19 January 2007 and Councillor John Walker (Executive Member for Customer, Democratic and Legal) and Councillor Dennis Edgerley (previous Executive Member for Customers, Policy and Performance) on a date to be determined in January.

RESOLVED – That the progress on the Lancashire Shared Services Contact Centre Inquiry be noted.

06.CCS.32 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME

The Panel received and noted the Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme for 2006/07 which related to items for the Panel.

Chair