

Corporate and Customer Overview and Scrutiny Panel - Efficiency Gains Sub-Group

Friday, 8 February 2008

Present: Councillor Mrs Stella Walsh (Chair) and Councillors David Dickinson, Keith Iddon, Kevin Joyce, June Molyneaux and Geoffrey Russell

Also in attendance: Mike Thomas (Audit Commission), James Douglas (Business Improvement Manager) and Ruth Hawes (Assistant Democratic Services Officer)

08.37 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Henry Counce, Mick Davies, Mike Devaney, Thomas McGowan.

08.38 DECLARATIONS OF ANY INTERESTS

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

08.39 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

No members of the public requested to speak at the meeting.

08.40 QUESTION SETTING

Members considered the draft questions and allocated questions to each Member for the ensuing feedback session.

RESOLVED – That the questions be set as below:

1. Please could you outline the responsibilities within your role?
2. How do you feel this council has performed in relation to the delivery of its efficiency targets set for the 04 Spending Review period compared with other Local Authorities?
3. How would you assess our approach to delivering and improving value for money and are there any efficiency areas where you feel we might have had a greater focus on?
4. What are your views on the targets set by the Government for the Comprehensive Spending Review 07 period?
5. How would you assess Chorley's readiness to deliver against these targets?

08.41 EXTERNAL AUDITOR

The Chair welcomed Mike Thomas from the Audit Commission to the meeting and thanked him for attending the meeting. The feed back session comprised questions and answers collated into a schedule enabling comparison with those responses given by other officers.

Chair