

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Agenda and Reports

For consideration on

Tuesday, 27th March 2007

In the Committee Room, Town Hall, Chorley

At 6.30 pm



PROCEDURE FOR PUBLIC QUESTIONS/SPEAKING AT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MEETINGS

- Questions must be submitted to the Democratic Services Section by no later than midday, two working days before the day of the meeting to allow time to prepare appropriate responses and investigate issues if necessary.
- A maximum period of 3 minutes will be allowed for a question from a member of the public on an item on the agenda. A maximum period of 30 minutes to be allocated for public questions if necessary at each meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and its appropriate panels. This will provide an opportunity for members of the public to raise and ask questions on any issue falling within the remit of the Committee or Panel.

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Dear Councillor

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - TUESDAY, 27TH MARCH 2007

You are invited to attend a meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to be held in the Committee Room, Town Hall, Chorley on <u>Tuesday, 27th March 2007 commencing at 6.30 pm</u>.

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence

2. **Declarations of any interests**

Members of the Committee are reminded of their responsibilities to declare any personal interest in respect of matters contained in this agenda in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 2000, the council's Constitution and the Members Code of Conduct. If the personal interest is a prejudicial interest, then the individual member should not participate in the discussion on the matter and must withdraw from the room and not seek to influence a decision on the matter.

3. Minutes (Pages 1 - 6)

To confirm as a correct record the Minute of the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 20 February 2007 (enclosed)

4. **Public Questions**

Members of the public who have requested the opportunity to ask a question(s) on an item(s) on the agenda will be asked to put their question(s) to the Committee. Each member of the public will be allowed to ask one supplementary question within his or her allocated 3 minutes.

5. <u>Lancashire Shared Services Contact Centre Efficiencies and Partnership with</u> <u>Lancashire County Council Inquiry</u>

To consider the Draft Final Report of the Corporate and Customer Overview and Scrutiny Panel's Inquiry into the Lancashire Shared Services Contact Centre Efficiencies and Partnership with Lancashire County Council (documents to follow).

The draft report will be issued following consideration at the Panel meeting on 20 March and this Committee is requested to make any observations and submit them to Executive Cabinet meeting on 29 March 2007.

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6. Executive Cabinet - 29 March 2007

To consider any reports on the agenda for the Executive Cabinet meeting to be held on 29 March 2007. The Executive Cabinet agenda will be circulated to all Members of the Committee. Please bring your copy to the meeting.

Members of the Committee are requested to notify the **Democratic Services Section** by 10.00am on Monday 26 March 2007, to ensure the attendance of the appropriate Executive Member and officers.

7. Capital Programme 2006/07- Monitoring (Pages 7 - 22)

Joint report of Executive Director - Corporate and Customer and the Director of Finance (enclosed).

8. Overview and Scrutiny Inquiry (Pages 23 - 34)

To receive the current position regarding the Overview and Scrutiny ongoing inquiry into the Council's performance against the key lines of inquiry to be assessed by the Audit Commission during the CPA and Direction of Travel.

Members of the Capacity/Achievement Sub Group and the Equality and Diversity Sub Group will report on the current position on their deliberations on key issues relating to the CPA.

Attached for Members information are the Minutes of the Sub-Groups:

Equality and Diversity Sub-Group: 29 January 2007 (enclosed) 6 February 2007 (enclosed) 1 March 2007 (to follow)

Capacity/Achievement Sub-Group; 31 January 2007 (enclosed) 26 February 2007 (enclosed)

9. Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme (Pages 35 - 40)

- a) To consider the work programme for 2006/07 and 2007/08 (copy enclosed)
- b) To give consideration to the next inquiry to be undertaken by the Corporate and Customer Overview and Scrutiny Panel.
- c) The Chair of the Environment and Community Overview and Scrutiny Committee to update the Committee on the progress of the Neighbourhood Working inquiry.

10. Forward Plan (Pages 41 - 44)

To consider the Councils Forward Plan for the four month period 1 April 2007 to 31 July 2007 (copy enclosed).

11. Any other item(s) the Chair decides is/are urgent

Yours sincerely

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Chief Executive

Distribution

- 1. Agenda and reports to all Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Councillor Dennis Edgerley (Chair), Councillors Thomas McGowan, Kenneth Ball, Thomas Bedford, Terry Brown, Alan Cullens, Francis Culshaw, Mrs Marie Gray, Harold Heaton, Greg Morgan, Geoffrey Russell, Mrs Iris Smith and Christopher Snow) and for attendance.
- 2. Agenda and reports to Donna Hall (Chief Executive), Lesley-Ann Fenton (Director of Policy and Performance), Gary Hall (Director of Finance), Steve Pearce (Assistant Head of Democratic Services) and Gordon Bankes (Democratic Services Officer) for attendance.

3 Agenda and reports to Councillor John Walker (Executive Member for Customer, Democratic and Legal) for attendance

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