
Meeting: Customer & Central Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee
Date: 11 October 2010
Subject: **Budget Task Force: Recommendations Regarding the Management of Capital Projects**
Report of: Budget Task Force
Summary: The report provides Members of the Committee with details of the recommendations flowing from the Budget Task Force's recent review of the Council's management of capital projects.

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Public/Exempt: Public
Wards Affected: All
Function of: Council

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Council Priorities:

The work programme of the Customer & Central Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee will contribute indirectly to all 5 Council priorities.

Financial:

n/a

Legal:

n/a

Risk Management:

n/a

Staffing (including Trades Unions):

n/a

Equalities/Human Rights:

n/a

Community Safety:

n/a

Sustainability:

n/a

RECOMMENDATION(S):

- 1. that the Customer & Central Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee**
 - (a) considers and approves the recommendations of the Budget Task Force attached to this report and agrees to receive a response from the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Governance & People at its 15 November meeting.**

1. As Members of the Committee will be aware, the Budget Task Force has recently been reviewing the management of the Council's capital projects with a view towards making recommendations to the Council's Executive to improve the process.
2. The Task Force has met on a number of occasions and has undertaken a desk top review of relevant Council documentation such as the Constitution, Code of Financial Governance, Financial Procedure Rules and Capital Handbook, as well as the Councillors Guide to Local Government Finance (produced by CIPFA). It has also discussed the management of the capital programme and the key issues emerging with the Portfolio Holder, Finance, Governance & People and the Assistant Director, Finance.
3. The review is now complete and the Task Force has prepared and agreed a set of recommendations for approval and implementation, which are attached at Appendix A. These recommendations will be considered by the Portfolio Holder, Finance, Governance & People and addressed within his report to the 2 November Executive regarding a review of the Council's capital programme. The Portfolio Holder will report the outcome of the Executive's consideration of said report to the Customer & Central Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 15 November.