

EAST HERTS COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE – 4 SEPTEMBER 2012

REPORT BY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

ISSUES ARISING FROM SCRUTINY

WARD(S) AFFECTED: All

Purpose/Summary of Report

- This report details the comments and recommendations made by the Scrutiny Committees since the last meeting of the Executive and should be read in conjunction with reports of the Executive Members found elsewhere on the agenda.

<u>RECOMMENDATION FOR DECISION:</u>
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(A)	That the report be received.
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1.0 Background

1.1 Scrutiny meetings have been held recently as follows:

Community Scrutiny Committee – 28 August 2012

Corporate Business Scrutiny Committee – 17 July and 21 August 2012

2.0 Report

2.1 **Corporate Strategic Plan 2012/13 – 2016/17**
(Agenda Item 6)

The Corporate Business Scrutiny Committee (21 August 2012) agreed to recommend the Plan for adoption.

2.2 **Corporate Annual Report 2011/12**
(Agenda Item 7)

The Corporate Business Scrutiny Committee (21 August 2012) supported the adoption of the Annual Report by the Executive.

2.3 **East Herts Housing Strategy 2012-15**
(Agenda Item 8)

The Community Scrutiny Committee supported the Housing Strategy 2012-2015 action plan subject to a strengthened statement regarding the Armed Forces Covenant and recommended it for adoption alongside the main Strategy document.

2.4 **Medium Term Financial Plan and Strategy 2013/14 – 2016/17**
(Agenda Item 9)

The Corporate Business Scrutiny Committee (21 August 2012) resolved that:

- (A) the proposed financial strategy be recommended to the Executive for approval;
- (B) the Executive be requested to be very cautious about adopting a longer planning period;
- (C) the planning assumptions detailed in this report be recommended to the Executive for adoption in framing the 2013/14 budget and Medium Term Financial Plan to 2016/17; and
- (D) the Executive's attention be drawn towards the increased risk factors in respect of the 2013/14 budget and Medium Term Financial Plan to 2016/17.

2.5 **Draft Annual Governance Statement 2011/12**
(Agenda Item 10)

The Corporate Business Scrutiny Committee (21 August 2012) agreed to suggest to the Audit Committee that the wording in respect of the appointment of the Leader and Executive Members,

as detailed at Essential Reference Paper 'B' in the Annual Governance Statement, should be reworded.

3.0 Other Matters

3.1 The Corporate Business Scrutiny Committee (17 July 2012) considered Council representation on **Outside Bodies** and agreed that the Executive be advised that:

- (A) Council representation on outside bodies be maintained; and
- (B) the Leader be invited to submit the list of his nominees to each Annual Council and provide Members with guidance on what was expected of them, with consideration being given to formalising the reporting feedback procedures.

4.0 Implications/Consultations

4.1 Information on any corporate issues and consultation associated with this report can be found within **Essential Reference Paper 'A'**.

Background Papers

None

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