

EAST HERTS COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE – 8 MARCH 2011

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.

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

1.0 Background

1.1 Scrutiny meetings have been held recently as follows:

Joint meeting of Scrutiny Committees – 15 February 2011

2.0 Report

2.1 **Service Plans 2011/12**
(Agenda Item 9)

The Joint Scrutiny Committees resolved that the Executive be informed that the Committees consider the Service Plan activity for 2011/12 as now submitted should be approved.

2010/11 Estimates and Future Targets
(Agenda Item 10)

The Joint Scrutiny Committees resolved that the Executive be informed that the Committees have the following comments on the 2010/11 Estimates and future targets:

(A) the estimates for 2010/11 be noted;

(B) the refined list of performance indicators that are either being retained or deleted (paragraph 1.7 of the report now submitted) should be approved by the Executive;

(C) no further resources should be invested to improve the potential 2010/11 outturn position in order to meet current targets, as detailed at paragraphs 3.3, 3.4 and 4.2 of the report now submitted;

(D) the targets set out in paragraph 5.1 – 5.3 of the report submitted to either improve, reduce or retain performance should be approved by the Executive;

(E) the adoption of the new local measures set out in paragraph 6.1 of the report submitted (including those arising from the Task and Finish Group on Planning Enforcement) should be supported by the Executive;

(F) the data quality spot checks that are currently being undertaken, as detailed at paragraph 7.3 of the report be noted;

(G) the fact that unit cost indicators are not included in the list of PI estimates and targets, as detailed at paragraph 8.1 of the report, be noted; and

(H) the changes to the 2009/10 performance outturns for the leisure performance indicators, as detailed at paragraph 9.1 - 9.3 of the report, be noted.

3.0 Implications/Consultations

3.1 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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ESSENTIAL REFERENCE PAPER 'A'

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| Contribution to the Council's Corporate Priorities/Objectives (<i>delete as appropriate</i>): | This report seeks to summarise scrutiny activities, which in general terms, support all of the Council's objectives. |
| Consultation: | This report assists the wider consultation process in reporting issues arising from scrutiny to the Executive. |
| Legal: | The Constitution requires issues arising from Scrutiny to be reported to the Executive. |
| Financial: | None |
| Human Resource: | None |
| Risk Management: | None |