

Wiltshire Council

Organisation and Resources Select Committee

14 July 2011

Task Group Update

ICT Task Group			
Membership:	Cllr Carter (Ch)	Last Meeting	13 May 2011
	Cllr Hill Cllr Hubbard Cllr Seed Cllr White	Next Meeting:	27 July 2011
<p>Members will recall that the Task Group met on 13 May to consider the Information Services Technology Plan 2011-15 and associated road map and resolved to arrange additional sub-meetings to focus particular attention on the ICT projects for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Smartphones• Air Quality Monitoring System <p>The Air Quality meeting has now taken place (16 June 2011) to further the service provided to ensure it remains robust and deliverable.</p> <p>A meeting to scrutinise the Air Quality Monitoring System will be arranged to take place ahead of the next ICT Task Group meeting in July.</p> <p>Members should also note that Scrutiny and Audit representatives met recently to discuss the respective roles and responsibilities regarding SAP to ensure that issues weren't being duplicated or missed.</p> <p>The outcome of the meeting was that Scrutiny, through its ICT Task Group, would assume the lead role in reviewing the development of SAP as part of its responsibilities for monitoring the implementation of the Technology Plan. It was recognised, however, that SAP was not simply an ICT application and therefore other Business Plan priorities in relation to transformation and shaping the future were inter-linked.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Task Group would have the ability to make recommendations elsewhere should it feel that the resolution of issues were beyond its remit. It was also noted that there was some common membership across the Scrutiny and Audit functions which would help facilitate any wider discussions.</p>			

Campus and Operational Delivery Programme (CAOD) Task Group			
Membership:	Cllr Jeans Cllr Osborn (Ch) Cllr Carter Cllr Rooke Cllr Seed Cllr Howard Cllr Deane	Last Meeting	23 May 2011
		Next Meeting:	13 July 2011
<p>The last meeting took place on 23 May where Task Group members considered items on service engagement, disposals and the programmes revenue and capital budget.</p> <p>Following recent announcements regarding the realignment of responsibilities at senior management level, including the creation of a new team leading all corporate programmes and transformation, councillors will consider at the next meeting (13 July) the implications of this re-structure on the future activity of the task group. Further detail on the programme's governance structure has been requested including an overview of the work streams and terms of reference for the officer and member groups supporting the programme.</p> <p>The Task Group will also be receiving progress updates at the next meeting on working proposals for the campuses in the pilot project and the draft community asset transfer policy prior to its presentation to the Capital Assets Committee on 26 July.</p>			

S106 Task Group			
Membership:	Cllr Trotman (Ch) Cllr Douglas Cllr Fuller Cllr Jeans Cllr Marshall Cllr Deane	Last Meeting	18 May 2011
		Next Meeting:	September 2011
<p>At the time of publication the Task Group had not met since its previous update.</p>			

Partnerships Task Group			
Membership:	Cllr Allen	Last Meeting	1 June 2011
	Cllr Burton		
	Cllr Colmer	Next Meeting:	end of July 2011
	Cllr Humphries		
	Cllr H. Osborn		
	Cllr Seed		
	Cllr White		

The Task Group met on June 1st to commence their review of the Wiltshire Housing Partnership. Welcoming the Service Director for Housing, the members were given an overview of the project's key aims and challenges. As agreed in the Business Plan the target was to build 450 affordable homes per year (previous target was 590 homes). Wiltshire was one of the best performing authorities in the south west with tenants and housing associations working together on the partnership to help deliver its ambitions.

The key current challenges include ensuring that Wiltshire has no homeless people housed in bed and breakfast accommodation and exploring the potential of offering a property management service.

The next meeting scheduled for the end of July will provide the opportunity for the Task Group to speak to the Chairman of the Partnership – Cllr Howard Greenman, before the Task group progresses on to talk with the Housing Associations.

In addition the Chairman of the Select Committee on July 1st attended the Community Safety Executive Board to discuss the interim report of the Task Group. It was acknowledged that the Partnership had found working with scrutiny a useful experience, and it had made them more aware about communication and the way they market their achievements. Progress had been made against the recommendations, with a member toolkit to be produced shortly and a commitment to distribute the existing e-newsletter to all members.

During discussions the Partnership was asked whether they had a dedicated budget and it was agreed that when the Task Group receives it 6 month update this will include an overview of funding. The lack of visibility of Community Safety within the Business Plan despite it being a public priority was also raised; the Cabinet member emphasised that the Business Plan was a fluid document and hoped that Community Safety would be given more prominence in the future and welcomed scrutiny support in this area.