

AGENDA



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Meeting: OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Place: County Hall, Trowbridge

Committee Room: V

Date: Wednesday 15 March 2006

Time: 10.30 am

(Nb. All members of the Council are invited to attend the meeting for item no. 7 on the Voice to Choice Project)

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All the reports referred to on this agenda are available on the Council's website at www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council.htm

Members are also reminded to personally review the Council's Forward Work Plan and Cabinet minutes as part of Scrutiny's responsibilities to hold the Executive to public account. These are circulated regularly and available on the website.

Any member of the Committee or any 5 members of the Council can request an item on the agenda of the Committee using the appropriate form available on the website or from the scrutiny officers.

Briefing Arrangements:	Date	Time	Place
Chairman and Vice	13/03/06	4.00pm	Scrutiny Room

Membership:

Mrs ME Groom	Mr JB Osborn
Brig. RW Hall	Dr JM English
Mr A Molland	Mrs JH Rooke
Mr JC Noeken	Mr BE Dalton
Mrs P Rugg	Mr RT Rogers
Mr R While	Mr C Newbury
Mr AJ Trotman	

PART I

Items to be considered while the meeting is open to the public

1. **Membership**
2. **Apologies**
3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting** To confirm and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 13 January 2006 (copy previously circulated).
4. **Chairman's Announcements**
5. **Members' Interests** To remind members to declare any personal or prejudicial interests or dispensations granted by the Standards Committee at the relevant time.
6. **Public Participation** The County Council welcomes contributions from members of the public. This meeting is open to members of the public who may ask a question or make a statement. Written notice of questions or statements should be given to the Head of Legal and Democratic Services by 12.00 noon on Monday 13 March. Anyone wishing to ask a question or make a statement should contact the officer named above. Speakers are limited to two minutes.

CORPORATE GOALS

7. **Taking Forward the Voice to Choice Project** The Management Committee expressed its views on the concept and principles of this project at the last meeting following a seminar for all members (see minutes of last meeting). The Cabinet Member for Community and Staffing was asked to take these into account in developing the next stage of the Project.

A report by the Director of Adult and Community Services on moving the project forward, including the proposed establishment of community area boards is circulated.

The Management Committee asked to receive this report in support of its role to act as the channel for the views of non-executive members and to monitor the delivery of the project. It is being consulted on the detail and various options in advance of Cabinet's decision. John Thomson, Cabinet Member for Community and Staffing has been invited to attend the meeting to report on the current position.

(All members of the Council are invited to attend the meeting for this item)

PROCUREMENT GOVERNANCE

8. **Transport Contracts – Transport Advisory Service Review and Eligibility Criteria** A report by the Director of Environmental Services is circulated.

The Management Committee asked for this information at its meeting in November when it looked at the opportunities for combining contracts and other efficiency measures in the delivery of passenger transport. Specific savings and efficiencies have now been identified within the Council's approved budget for 2006/07.

The Management Committee is asked to consider the issues raised and decide on its future involvement.

MEMBER REQUESTS

9. **Mrs ME Groom: Croft Road/Hay Lane Link Road and M4 Junction 16**
A copy of the original request made by Mrs Groom with supplementary points and an initial updated response by the Director of Environmental Services is circulated. Mrs Groom has since supplied further background papers to her request which are also circulated.

This matter was deferred from the last meeting pending the return of Mrs Groom and the availability of more information including the Council's decision on the Structure Plan modifications. The Cabinet Member for Planning and Waste has also been invited to attend the meeting.

The Committee is asked to decide whether to add the request to its work programme in the light of the views expressed.

10. **Mr JB Osborn: CareFirst Project – Review of Implementation** A report by the Director of Adult and Community Services is circulated. This is in response to an enquiry by the Chairman last October following a reference in the annual internal audit report to significant slippage in the delivery of the project and that consultants had been employed to undertake a review. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman received a briefing paper from the Director at the time and felt that the matter should be brought to the attention of the Committee.

The Committee is asked to consider the issue and explanations given and to decide on any future interest.

TASK GROUPS

(Please also view current activities under the Work Programme at item no. 13)

11. **Cycle Lanes Task Group Final Report** A copy of the Task Group's final report is circulated. The members who served on the Task Group were John English (Chairman), Patrick Coleman, Ross Henning, Margaret Taylor and Charles Winchcombe.

The Management Committee is asked to endorse the conclusions and recommendations for submission to the Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport and Economic Development. Her response will be reported back to the Management Committee at the next meeting and, if approved, the implementation of the recommendations will be reviewed in 12 months time.

SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT

12. **Scheme of Delegation to Cabinet Members** A report from the Leader of the Council has recently been circulated to all members on the outcome of her review of the Scheme of Delegation to Cabinet Members. She has invited any comments on the proposed changes to the operation of the Scheme prior to implementation.

The Committee made a number of comments at its meeting back in November based on experiences of non-executive members which were taken into account by the Leader when reviewing the Scheme. It would seem right that the Committee now has a further opportunity to make collective comment on these proposed changes.

13. **Work Programme** A copy of the latest version of the Management Committee's work programme is circulated. The Committee is asked to consider its current work programme and agree any alterations it wishes to make, bearing in mind any decisions taken earlier in the meeting.

For information the following scrutiny activities under the direction of the Management Committee are taking place (specific updates have been circulated to the Committee on the procurement project boards at the request of the Chairman):

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Members</u>	<u>Start date</u>	<u>Next Meeting</u>	<u>End Date</u>
Task Groups	Performance	Mr Newbury (Ch) Mr Osborn Mrs Soden Mrs Taylor Mr While	Nov 02	14 March	Standing
	Budget Process	Mr Molland (Ch) Brig Hall Mrs Wayman Mr Coleman Mr Rogers	Sept 01	2 June	Standing
	Customer First	Ms Content Mr Dalton Mr Deane Mr Newbury Mrs Rugg	June 05	8 March	Standing
	School Catering	Mrs Rooke (Ch) Mrs Chettleburgh Dr English Mrs Groom Ms Macdonald	June 04	24 March	June 06
	Cycle Lanes	Dr English (Ch) Mr Coleman Mr Henning Mrs Taylor Mr Winchcombe	June 05	N/A	March 06
Procurement Project Boards	Property Services	Mr Noeken	Sept 05	-	Feb 06
	Agency Staff	Mrs Swabey	Nov 05	-	April 06
	Advertising Services	Mr Deane	Nov 05	-	April 06
	ICT Services	Mr Deane	Dec 05	-	April 06
	Adult Care	Mrs Hill	Jan 06	-	Ongoing

14. Urgent Items

PART II

Items during whose consideration it is recommended that the public should be excluded because of the likelihood that exempt information would be disclosed

None