

Agenda Item No.

Title:	Recommendations from the Scrutiny Committee
Chairman of Scrutiny Committee:	Cllr Phillips
Reporting Officer:	Ian Gallin, Corporate Director
Key Decision:	No

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to receive comments and recommendations from the Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 7 September 2005 on the following areas:

Budget

The Scrutiny Committee would like the following issues of concern to be addressed by Cabinet and the Finance Portfolio Holder:

- the effect of lower interest rates on investments
- the escalating fuel costs
- the financial report presented to Scrutiny Committee referred to 'one-off pressures totalling £171k. The Scrutiny Committee would like Cabinet to explain what these pressures are.
- concern that the contingency fund will be eroded.
- every effort should be made to keep within the budget figures during the year.

Street Cleansing and Grounds Maintenance

The Scrutiny Committee considered a report on this subject. It resolved to establish a Task and Finish Group to look into this area in more detail with a view to making appropriate recommendations at a future Scrutiny Committee meeting to include looking at areas for improvement and investigating mechanisms for monitoring the service.

It also resolved to welcome the Wiltshire Customer First Partnership Bid, but in so doing recommended that further attention be paid to the timetable.

Human Rights

The Human Rights implications of the actions recommended in this report have been considered.

Recommendations

Cabinet is asked to;

1. Address the issues and questions as raised by Scrutiny Committee in relation to the budget
2. Note the intention to run a Task and Finish Group on Street Cleansing and Grounds Maintenance

Background Papers

Minutes of the Scrutiny Committee dated 7 September 2005