

Title of Report:	Resource Management Select Committee
Report to be considered by:	Overview and Scrutiny Management Commission
Date of Meeting:	1 March 2011

Purpose of Report: To provide an update on the work of the Select Committee.

Recommended Action: To note the information.

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Executive Report

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Committee met on 25 January 2011 and the draft minutes are attached at Appendix A. A summary of the main discussions held are as follows:

Corporate Property Asset Management Plan (AMP)

- 1.2 The Committee were advised that detail on asset disposals would not be included in the AMP. Members felt that this information should be included where disposal of an asset was under consideration. This view has been forwarded to the Head of Property and Public Protection.

Car Park Budgets

- 1.3 A number of questions were raised in relation to the information provided on car park budgets. Additional information has been requested for further discussion at the next meeting.

Adult Social Care Budget

- 1.4 The budget pressures in Adult Social Care were discussed at length. Those causing the greatest concern were reported as the £830k pressure identified due to the number and complexity of need of older residents, and the rising number of capital depleters and the unpredictability of this budget.
- 1.5 The detailed budget modelling work conducted between officers in Adult Social Care and Accountancy was described. The intention of which was to significantly increase the budget from 2011/12 onwards. The Head's of Adult Social Care and Finance were both of the view that an appropriate sum of money had been identified for the coming year, this included provision for an additional number of capital depleters. Members were concerned that the modelling work did not take into account the additional cost incurred as an individual's capital reduced. This was accepted for inclusion in future.
- 1.6 Members also suggested extending work on local demographics based on the age profile of residents and this is to be explored by the Head of Service.

Financial Performance Report (Month 8)

- 1.7 The month 8 budget report was received and discussions held/further information requested in relation to the Youth Service budget, pressures in Property and Public Protection and in Highways and Transport.

Establishment Report (Quarter 2)

- 1.8 Members felt there would be a benefit in including a year end projection of both Council and joint/externally funded posts in future reports to make the future position as clear as possible. This request has been forwarded to the Head of Human Resources.

2. Discussion items scheduled for the next meeting

2.1 The following items are on the agenda for the next meeting being held on 15 March 2011:

- (1) To explore pressures reported with car park budgets.
- (2) To investigate the potential to increase the level of data accessible through the Local Land and Property Gazetteer.
- (3) To consider the work undertaken and the methodology in place to assess and ensure value for money.
- (4) To consider the Month 10 revenue budget position.

3. Work Programme

3.1 The latest work programme for the Select Committee is contained within Appendix A of item 18 of this agenda.

Appendices

Appendix A – Resource Management Select Committee draft minutes from 25 January 2011.