

# MINUTES OF JOINT MEETING OF THE PERFORMANCE AND VALUE FOR MONEY SELECT COMMITTEE & THE COMMUNITY COHESION AND SAFETY TASK GROUP

Held: FRIDAY, 1 FEBRUARY 2008 at 5.00pm

#### PRESENT:

Councillor Dr. Chowdhury Councillor Coley

Councillor Hall Councillor Shah

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#### 55. ELECTION OF CHAIR

Councillor Hall was elected Chair for the meeting.

## 56. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Blower, Cooke, Desai and Grant.

### 57. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made at this time.

# 58. THE DRAFT REVENUE BUDGET STRATEGY OF THE RESOURCES DEPARTMENT 2008/09 - 2010/11

Members considered the Departmental Revenue Budget Strategy for the Resources Department and the Corporate Director, Tom Stephenson, talked through the report and explained the service context within which the budget strategy was set.

Members offered comments and sought clarification on several aspects of the budget. Members sought further information regarding the funding aspects of the Coroners Service and it was stated that there was a possibility that the Coroners districts locally could be re-shaped in 2009, in consultation with the County Council and the other County based Coroner that served the remainder of the area, although it was not possible to indicate at this stage the effects any changes would have on the budget.

Members considered the Revenue Budget Strategy in detail. A member expressed concern at the net overall £1.7 million growth indicated within the

budget, and the effects this expenditure would have on levels of Council Tax, and suggested that an option would be to not implement some of the growth items outlined, or instead put some of the funding allocated back into other areas of the Budget.

Members generally agreed that the budget was acceptable and had no further comments to make.

### RESOLVED:

that the Task Group recommend to the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board that the Departmental Revenue Budget Strategy for 2008/09 – 2010/11, in respect of Resources Department be supported.

### 59. CLOSE OF MEETING

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 6.11pm.

