

RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

COMMENTS ON THE CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2003/04

The Resources Scrutiny Committee met on Thursday 23rd January 2003. The following members of the Cabinet attended the meeting to respond to questions by the Committee: -

Mr H. Barber CC- Leader of the Council.

Professor M. E. Preston CC – Deputy Leader of the Council.

Mr R. Miller CC – Lead Member – Job Evaluation and Property

CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2003/04 AND 2004/05

The Committee:

- (a) welcomed the significant increase in resources available to support the Capital Programme.
- (b) Recognising the sensitivity of this information asked the Director of Resources to respond to the request from an individual member for information identifying properties to be disposed of in the coming year to achieve the estimated capital receipts of £5 million.
- (c) noted the significant investment of £650,000 for e-government and asked that details of schemes to be undertaken be brought to the attention of relevant Scrutiny Committees in due course with a view to examining the benefits of proposed schemes.
- (d) noted that no schemes had been identified in the 2004/05 and 2005/06 programme as a consequence of a likely introduction of a new system for financing Capital expenditure. It was further noted that this would emerge as part of the Medium Term Financial Plan currently being developed which would also cover the Revenue Budget position for the coming years.

Decisions.

That the Scrutiny Commission be recommended to note the Capital Programme 2003/04.