

SCRUTINY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS/REFERRALS

Finance Scrutiny Committee - Meeting held on 27th May 2005

The Oxford Plan 2005-2008 – Monitoring Arrangements

To RECOMMEND the Executive Board that a monitoring framework be produced for the Plan which benefits both members and senior managers, to include:-

- (1) the bringing together of the Oxford Plan and the Improvement Plan and ensuring that the two plans are consistent;
- (2) monitoring of the objectives within the ten themes with quarterly targets for the progress of each objective;
- (3) an “at a glance” indicator to show if quarterly targets are being met.

Finance Scrutiny Committee - Meeting held on 22nd June 2005

Ferry Sports Centre – Project Review

To RECOMMEND the Executive Board that the procedure used for the Ferry Sports Centre project, namely the use of a two-stage tender process whereby risk is transferred from the Council to the contractor; the appointment of specialist advisors; the setting-up of a project group and the regular monitoring of the contract, should be adopted for future capital projects.

Progress on Big Savings and Spendings Proposals

To inform the Executive Board:-

- (1) of the Committee's concern at the lack of real progress on the delivery of savings within the three-year budget, particularly matched against the advance delivery of spending proposals which the savings are supposed to fund;
- (2) that the Committee has asked the Strategic Director (Finance and Corporate Services), in his capacity as Section 151 officer, to submit a report to a future meeting giving his opinion as to whether or not the savings will be delivered within the timescales set out and the implications on the agreed three-year budget.

Internal Audit – Best Value Review

To inform the Executive Board that the Committee supports the approach taken but would wish further consideration to be given to the proposal that the Benefits Investigation Team be transferred to the Housing and Revenues Business Unit.