

## **SCRUTINY CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE**

17<sup>th</sup> December, 2008

### Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee Members

Present: Councillor Arrowsmith  
Councillor Clifford  
Councillor Crookes  
Councillor Maton  
Councillor Mutton  
Councillor Ridge (Chair)  
Councillor Smith (Substitute for Councillor Charley)

Employees Present: C. Forde (Finance and Legal Services Directorate)  
B. Hastie (Finance and Legal Services Directorate)  
J. McLellan (Customer and Workforce Services Directorate)  
J. Parry (Chief Executive's Directorate)  
C. Steele (Chief Executive's Directorate)  
A. West (Chief Executive's Directorate)

Apologies: Councillor Charley  
Councillor Duggins

### 113. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

### 114. **Consideration of Call Ins – Stage 1**

The Committee noted that the deadline for call-ins for Cabinet and Cabinet Member decisions made during the week commencing 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2008, was 9.00 a.m. on Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> December 2008. Any call-ins received after this meeting and before that deadline would be considered for validity by the Chair of the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee in consultation with the Director of Customer and Workforce Services (Paragraph 4.5.25.4 of the City Council's Constitution refers).

### 115. **Pre-Budget Report**

The Committee considered in detail a report of the Management Board which had previously been considered by the Cabinet at their meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> December, 2008. The report provided an update on the work undertaken in preparation for the 2009/10 and future years' Revenue Budget and Capital Programme.

The Committee noted:-

- (1) that the Cabinet had considered the latest position on the medium term financial projection for revenue and capital, as set out in the report and had noted the progress made to date in preparing the 2009/10 revenue and capital programmes.

- (2) that the Cabinet had agreed that the content of the report would be used as the basis of the City Council's public budget consultation and that savings detailed in Appendix 1 to the report were being progressed and were being dealt with through the appropriate managerial and political processes outside the budget-setting report.

**RESOLVED that the Cabinet be informed that the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee were not happy that the report had been considered by them prior to consideration by Scrutiny.**

**116. Proposed Changes to Member Code of Conduct**

The Committee considered a report by the Director of Finance and Legal Services which had previously been considered by the Standards Committee and was also to be considered by the Cabinet and City Council. Appended to the report was a proposed response to the Department for Communities and Local Government in relation to its consultation paper entitled "Communities in Control: Real People, Real Power – Codes of Conduct for Local Authority Members and Employees".

A briefing note was tabled at the meeting which detailed the Standards Committee's comments to the proposed response.

**RESOLVED that the Committee concur with the decisions of the Standards Committee and that the Cabinet be informed accordingly.**

**117. Model Code of Conduct for Employees**

The Committee considered a report by the Director of Finance and Legal Services which had previously been considered by the Standards Committee and was also to be considered by the Cabinet and City Council. Appended to the report was a proposed response to the Department for Communities and Local Government in relation to its consultation paper entitled "Communities in Control: Real People, Real Power – Codes of Conduct for Local Authority Members and Employees".

A briefing note was tabled at the meeting which detailed the Standards Committee's comments to the proposed response.

**RESOLVED that the Committee concur with the decisions of the Standards Committee and that the Cabinet be informed accordingly.**

**118. Outstanding Issues**

There were no outstanding issues.

119. **Work Programme 2008/09**

The Committee considered and noted the Work Programme.

120. **Meeting Evaluation**

The Committee discussed the meeting to evaluate its effectiveness and commented that the meeting had been productive.

121. **Other Urgent Items of Public Business**

There were no other items of public business.