

SCRUTINY CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE

25 November 2009

Members Present: Councillor Arrowsmith
Councillor Charley
Councillor Crookes
Councillor Duggins
Councillor Maton
Councillor Mutton
Councillor Ridge (Chair)

Other Members Present: Councillor Miss Reece

Employees Present: M. Coult (Chief Executive's Directorate)
M. Reeves (Chief Executive)
C. Sinclair (Customer and Workforce Services Directorate)
C. Steele (Chief Executive's Directorate)
A. West (Chief Executive's Directorate)

Apologies: Councillor Clifford

Public Business

76. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

77. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 11 November 2009, were agreed as a true record.

78. Consideration of Call-ins – Stage 1

There were no call-ins.

79. Transformation Partnership Progress Report

The Committee considered a report of the Chief Executive as part of the three-monthly reporting process on Partnership progress. The report included progress made in pushing forward the abc Transformation Programme.

The Value for Money Programme established in October 2007 had been incorporated into the broader Transformation Programme and progress against this was detailed in the report together with a summary of current progress.

The Board noted that, beyond the confines of the projects being undertaken directly and jointly by the Council and PwC, there were many other service reviews and service

change projects being undertaken, both corporately and at individual Directorate level. A Programme Office had been established within the Chief Executive's Directorate to manage the relationship between all the projects/reviews and to ensure that they were aligned to the overall objectives of the Transformation Programme, and consistent with the plan to migrate services to the Contract Centre.

The Committee discussed the report and questioned officers on a number of aspects including the review of Children's Transport, services for Young People and Procurement (specifically e-tendering). In respect of the latter, it was agreed that, in order for the Committee to gain an understanding of the e-tendering process, a demonstration of the procedure would be arranged.

RESOLVED that progress made since July 2007 be noted and that officers be requested to continue to present three-monthly progress reports.

80. Report Back from Conference/Seminar – Civic Visit to Kiel, Germany 127th Kieler Woche

The Committee noted a report of the Lord Mayor, Councillor Jack Harrison, detailing the key aspects of his visit to Kiel, Germany and the associated Kieler Woche (Kiel Week) celebrations between 19th and 22nd June 2009.

81. Outstanding Issues

There were no outstanding issues.

82. Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee Work Programme 2009/2010

The Committee considered and noted their Work Programme for the Municipal Year 2009/10.

83. Meeting Evaluation

In evaluating the meeting, the Committee were satisfied with the quality of the briefings and information they had received. The comments offered by members would be used to ensure the continued efficiency and effectiveness of future meetings.

84. Any Other Public Business

There were no other items of public business.