AUDIT COMMITTEE

17 MARCH 2005

Agenda Item

INTRODUCING THE NEW CORPORATE INTEGRATED PLANNING AND PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK (CIPPF)

Ward(s) None directly affected

Portfolio: Cllr J O'Hare – Deputy leader of the council (finance & performance)

Summary of report:

The report sets out the council's updated CIPPF: which sets out how our various planning processes interlink and jointly demonstrate how services and resources are managed.

Background papers:

CIPPF booklet attached at Appendix 1.

Reason for scrutiny:

The audit committee has a key role within the council's governance arrangements by ensuring that an effective internal control environment is maintained. This is effected, for example, through a review of internal and external audit reports, scrutinising the effectiveness of the internal audit and risk management functions, appraisal of the annual statement of accounts and the annual audit letter. The role also requires an assessment of compliance with the council's governance processes and procedures. This is inextricably entwined with the council's overall corporate planning and performance processes, and the committee need to have an understanding of how their work fits in to those core processes. The responsibility for scrutinising the council's overall performance management arrangements lies with the resources scrutiny and performance panel.

The council has had such a framework in place since 2002, which was recognised as being effective. To reflect the evolving council and use the learning from our experience of operating the original CIPPF, it has been updated to reflect and further embed our current arrangements.

Recommendation:

 The committee is requested to note the contents of the repe 	port.
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Executive Director: Carole Evans

9 March 2005

Resource and legal considerations:

The CIPPF demonstrates existing processes and their interrelationship. There are no additional resource implications arising from its use.

Citizen impact:

Improved service performance impacts positively on residents, users and other stakeholders, and improves customer satisfaction.

Environment impact:

None arising from this report

Vision impact:

Improved services and customer satisfaction are the ultimate aim on delivering on the council's vision to be an excellent council.

Equality Implications:

None arising from this report

Consultation:

The CIPPF has been discussed with colleagues across the council, senior managers and EMT.

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