



Council Excellence Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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| Date: | Wednesday, 16 March 2011 |
| Time: | 6.15 pm |
| Venue: | Committee Room 1 - Wallasey Town Hall |

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AGENDA

1. MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/PARTY WHIP

Members are asked to consider whether they have personal or prejudicial interests in connection with any item(s) on this agenda and, if so, to declare them and state what they are.

Members are reminded that they should also declare, pursuant to paragraph 18 of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules, whether they are subject to a party whip in connection with any item(s) to be considered and, if so, to declare it and state the nature of the whipping arrangement.

2. MINUTES (Pages 1 - 18)

To receive the minutes of the meetings held on 31 January, 16 and 23 February 2011.

3. PRESENTATION - OPERATION BLACK VOTE

Presentation by Mr S Woolley (Operation Black Vote)

4. REACHING EXCELLENT LEVEL OF THE EQUALITY FRAMEWORK FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT (Pages 19 - 22)

5. FINANCIAL MONITORING STATEMENT (Pages 23 - 28)

6. FINAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE SETTLEMENT 2011-2013 (Pages 29 - 32)

7. SPECIFIC GRANTS (Pages 33 - 40)

8. **EARLY VOLUNTARY RETIREMENT/VOLUNTARY SEVERANCE FUNDING (Pages 41 - 46)**
9. **REVENUES INCOME AND BENEFITS (Pages 47 - 52)**
10. **HOUSING BENEFITS REFORM AND THE BENEFITS BUDGET (Pages 53 - 60)**
11. **TREASURY MANAGEMENT THIRD QUARTER 2010/2011 PERFORMANCE MONITORING REPORT (Pages 61 - 70)**
12. **TREASURY MANAGEMENT AND INVESTMENT STRATEGY 2011-2014 (Pages 71 - 94)**
13. **PROCUREMENT - REVIEW OF CONTRACT EFFICIENCIES 2010/2011 (Pages 95 - 108)**
14. **IMPACT OF A REDUCTION IN THE EARLY INTERVENTION GRANT (Pages 109 - 114)**
15. **EMPLOYEE PAY COSTS (Pages 115 - 136)**
16. **EVR/STAFFING RESOURCES UPDATE**

Report of the Director of Law, HR and Asset Management to be circulated separately
17. **OFFICE RATIONALISATION (Pages 137 - 144)**
18. **MOBILE PHONE POLICY**

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19. **2010/2011 THIRD QUARTER PERFORMANCE AND FINANCIAL REVIEW (Pages 145 - 166)**
20. **FORWARD PLAN**

The Forward Plan for the period March to June 2011 has now been published on the Council's intranet/website. Members are invited to review the Plan prior to the meeting in order for the Council Excellence Overview and Scrutiny Committee to consider, having regard to the work programme, whether scrutiny should take place of any items contained within the Plan and, if so, how it could be done within relevant timescales and resources.
21. **REVIEW OF SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME (Pages 167 - 178)**
22. **ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS APPROVED BY THE CHAIR**