



# Council Excellence Overview and Scrutiny Committee

<b>Date:</b>	Thursday, 17 November 2011
<b>Time:</b>	6.00 pm
<b>Venue:</b>	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 - 14)

To receive the minutes of the meetings held on 15 and 27 September 2011.

### 3. FINANCIAL MONITORING STATEMENT (Pages 15 - 20)

### 4. BUDGET PROJECTIONS 2012/2015 (Pages 21 - 28)

### 5. CAPITAL STRATEGY (Pages 29 - 46)

### 6. MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY (Pages 47 - 70)

### 7. REVENUES, INCOME AND BENEFITS (Pages 71 - 78)

8. **PROCUREMENT STRATEGY (Pages 79 - 108)**
9. **CUSTOMER ACCESS STRATEGY (Pages 109 - 140)**
10. **INTERNAL AUDIT REVIEW (Pages 141 - 144)**
11. **TREASURY MANAGEMENT - PERFORMANCE MONITORING (Pages 145 - 156)**
12. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT RESOURCE REVIEW - BUSINESS RATES REFORM CONSULTATION RESPONSE (Pages 157 - 176)**
13. **LOCALISING SUPPORT FOR COUNCIL TAX IN ENGLAND - CONSULTATION (Pages 177 - 190)**
14. **ALLOCATION OF RE-PROVISION/RESTRUCTURING COSTS (Pages 191 - 194)**
15. **CAPITALISATION OF STATUTORY REDUNDANCY PAYMENTS (Pages 195 - 198)**
16. **EARLY VOLUNTARY RETIREMENT/VOLUNTARY SEVERANCE AND ORGANISATIONAL CHANGE (Pages 199 - 202)**
17. **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**  
  
Report to Follow
18. **STRATEGIC CHANGE PROGRAMME UPDATE (Pages 203 - 208)**
19. **BACK OFFICE EFFICIENCIES AND IMPROVEMENTS (Pages 209 - 212)**
20. **OFFICE RATIONALISATION AND AGILE WORKING (Pages 213 - 220)**
21. **2011/2012 SECOND QUARTER PERFORMANCE AND FINANCIAL REVIEW (Pages 221 - 242)**
22. **MASTERS IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (MBA) PROGRAMME (Pages 243 - 246)**
23. **FORWARD PLAN**

The Forward Plan for the period November 2011 to February 2012 has now been published on the Council's intranet/website and 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.

- 24. REVIEW OF SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME (Pages 247 - 258)**
- 25. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS APPROVED BY THE CHAIR (PART 1)**
- 26. EXEMPT INFORMATION - EXCLUSION OF MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

The public may be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information.

RECOMMENDED – That in accordance with section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items of business, on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined by the relevant paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 12A (as amended) to that Act. The public interest test has been applied and favours exclusion.

- 27. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS APPROVED BY THE CHAIR (PART 2)**