

FINANCIAL RESOURCES SCRUTINY FORUM

Minutes of meeting held in Committee Room 2, Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton on 29 September 2009

Chair:

Councillor Tommy Gilligan

Councillors Present:

Pam Clearie, Hugh Dunsmuir, Mary McNeill, Henry Mitchell, Graham Scott, George Sutherland, Jim Wardhaugh

Councillor's Apology:

John Anderson

Attending:

Corporate Resources

G Bow, Administration Adviser

Community Resources

S Clelland, Head of Land and Fleet Services; C Fergusson, Finance Manager

Finance and Information Technology Resources

L Hardie, Executive Director; P Manning, Head of Finance; L O'Hagan, Finance Manager (Accounting and Budgeting)

Housing and Technical Resources

I Douglas, Project Services Manager; J Stobie, Head of Property Services

1 Declaration of Interests

No interests were declared.

2 Forum Powers and Responsibilities

A report dated 16 September 2009 by the Executive Director (Corporate Resources) was submitted on the background to the establishment of the Financial Resources Scrutiny Forum together with details of the Forum's powers and responsibilities.

The Forum decided: that the report be noted.

3 Revenue Budget Monitoring 2009/2010

A report dated 16 September 2009 by the Executive Director (Finance and Information Technology Resources) was submitted on the position of the Council's revenue budget at 7 August 2009 including:-

- ♦ a summary of the key budget issues which had arisen throughout 2008/2009 together with the budget outlook for 2009/2010
- ♦ the financial position of the revenue budget for the General Services, Housing Revenue and Trading Services accounts
- ♦ the financial and operational position of the Fleet and Ground Maintenance and Facilities Management Trading Services at 7 August 2009

- (1) that clarification be requested from Community Resources on whether there were specific locations where there was an increased level of underspend on basic employee costs being offset by an overspend on overtime costs;
- (2) that clarification be requested from Education Resources on the overspend on the uplift of waste from school premises; and
- (3) that clarification be requested from Housing and Technical Resources regarding what proportion of households on the Care of Gardens Scheme were privately owned properties.

A report dated 11 September 2009 by the Executive Director (Finance and Information Technology Resources) was submitted on the progress of the Council's various capital programmes at 7 August 2009 including information on:-

- The Forum decided:** that the report be noted.

There were no items of urgent business.