

FINANCIAL RESOURCES SCRUTINY FORUM

Minutes of meeting held in Committee Room 5, Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton on 25 March 2010

Chair:

Councillor Tommy Gilligan

Councillors Present:

John Anderson, Mary McNeill, Graham Scott, George Sutherland, Jim Wardhaugh

Councillors' Apologies:

Pam Clearie, Brian McCaig, Graham Simpson

Attending:**Corporate Resources**

C Lyon, Administration Officer

Finance and Information Technology Resources

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

Housing and Technical Resources

I Douglas, Project Services Manager; H Goodwin, Finance Manager (Technical); J Stobie, Head of Property Services

1 Declaration of Interests

No interests were declared.

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the Financial Resources Scrutiny Forum held on 25 February 2010 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

The Forum decided: that the minutes be approved as a correct record.

3 Information Requested from Housing and Technical Resources

A report dated 5 March 2010 by the Executive Director (Finance and Information Technology Resources) was submitted on information received from Housing and Technical Resources in response to an issue raised at the last meeting of the Forum relating to an underspend on the Resource Other Property Costs budget line.

It was confirmed that the annual budget for Other Property Costs had increased since the start of the financial year as a result of budget realignments. The underspend was being used to manage overspends within other areas of Property Costs.

The Forum decided: that the information provided by Housing and Technical Resources on the issue raised at the last meeting of the Forum in relation to the underspend on the Resource Other Property Costs budget line be noted.

[Reference: Minutes of 25 February 2010 (Paragraph 4)]

4 Revenue Budget Monitoring 2009/2010

A report dated 5 March 2010 by the Executive Director (Finance and Information Technology Resources) was submitted on the position of the Council's revenue budget at 22 January 2010 including:-

- ♦ the financial position of the revenue budget for the General Services, Housing Revenue and Trading Services accounts
- ♦ the financial and operational position of Housing and Technical Resources' Property Trading Operation

The Forum decided: that clarification/further information be requested from Community Resources to quantify the APT&C basic underspend relating to vacancies within Concierge Services and the amount of overtime incurred to cover this.

5 Capital Budget Monitoring 2009/2010

A report dated 9 March 2010 by the Executive Director (Finance and Information Technology Resources) was submitted on the progress of the Council's various capital programmes at 22 January 2010 including information on:-

- ♦ the financial and physical progress of the Housing Capital Programme
- ♦ the financial and physical progress of the various General Fund Capital Programmes

The Forum decided: that the report be noted.

6 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.