

FINANCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEE

Chair: Councillor Toby Eckersley

Item of business [Source]	Current position	Outputs / Decisions
Scrutiny of the Revenue Budget	<p>Ongoing - Initial considerations commenced 22 July.</p> <p>Detailed consideration of budget items commenced November 25 with the subcommittee interviewing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Executive Member• The CFO• Chief Officers for Education, Environment and Leisure and Social Services <p>Written responses sought and received from</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Housing• Regeneration• Borough Solicitor• Environment• Education	Report to OSC early February 2004

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Review of District Audit's Management letter and Audit Report	District Audit's Management letter and Audit Report to be considered at a future meeting of the Sub-Committee (February 2004)	
Anti Poverty Strategy – Draft Fair Pay Agreement	Completed. Considered July 2003	<p>Agreed to write to CO of Regeneration outlining the following issues, and asking to ensure they are addressed in the next report to the Executive in autumn:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The cost and cost allocation (whether funded by general or local tax payers) of introducing the FPA is outlined; 2. That cost estimates provide detailed information regarding the number of contractors and future contractors affected by the FPA and the schedule for major contracts; 3. That the report outlines the impact of FPA on differentials and the views of trade unions; 4. That the implications of the new two tier workforce legislation are detailed in the report; 5. That officers ascertain the impact of the FPA with regards to ancillary staff in the education, housing and social services; 6. That the report addresses the impact of the FPA on differential rates of pay and apprentices and trainees, in particular if the new arrangements will diminish employment of apprentices and trainees; and 7. That the report details the Government's views and whether the Government would support local authorities in meeting the additional costs.

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Scrutiny of Suspected Fraud	Initial consideration February 2003. Report to be drafted to OSC in February 2004	Report and recommendations
New Procurement Strategy	Issues to be incorporated into the budget scrutiny	
Community Councils	To be considered in March / April 2004	