

19/05 - **CORPORATE PLANNING PROCESS 2005/2006:** The Executive Director (Corporate Policy and Improvement) submitted written information in relation to the Corporate Planning Process 2005/2006 which detailed changes to the processes involved. The Director advised that both the Medium Term Financial Strategy and the Strategic Plan would be brought together and considered at the same stage and a flow chart detailed the various elements to this process including periods of consultation and engagement with the Overview and Scrutiny Commissions as well as other bodies. It was noted that the Commission now had the opportunity to be involved in the consultation process prior to the Medium Term Financial Strategy and Strategic Plan being considered by the Commission in September. A presentation would also be undertaken on 31 August 2005 for all Members regarding these plans.

**It was agreed** that this event would include the opportunity for Members to participate and comment on the issues raised. These comments, together with comments from the Community Services and Environment Commissions, would be reported back to the Commission for consideration at its meeting in September 2005

Members commented that they supported the Corporate Planning Process and that they welcomed the opportunity for the Scrutiny Commissions to consider the items before approval by Cabinet.

One Member sought clarification over the basis of the consultation with Parish Councils. The Director reported that Parish Councils would be consulted through the Council's cycle of Parish Council meetings. Some of these, however, were scheduled much later in the year than others and, as a consequence therefore, after the final approval of the process. He added that a summary document would be prepared and sent to all Parish Councils at an early stage.

The Chair thanked the Executive Director for his attendance.

(5.38 pm – 5.52 pm)

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