



Corporate Select Committee

“Bite Size Briefing”

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Corporate Select Committee

- Council's Decision Making Process
- Role of Select Committees
- Role of Corporate Select Committee
- Developing a Work Programme
- Role of Officers



Council

Sets the budget and policy framework

Executive
Decision
Making

The Executive
& Individual
Executive
Decisions

Overview &
Scrutiny

Select
Committees

Committees

Dev. Control
Licensing
Standards
Audit and Reg

Scrutiny



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Forward Plan

- Key Decisions due to be made by the Executive in the next three month period & updated monthly.
- “Key Decision” criteria:
 - Changes or additions to the budget and policy framework
 - A report likely to result in expenditure or savings which are significant having regard to the Council's budget for the service or function to which the decision relates.
 - Decision which affects communities living or working in an area comprising one or more wards



Overview & Scrutiny

- Local Government Act 2000
- Overview & Scrutiny (Select) Committees:
 - Help shape Council policy
 - Hold the Executive to account
 - Consider matters affecting the Council's area or its inhabitants
 - Scrutinise services provided by our partners, such as Fire & Rescue Service and Police - invited to give evidence at Committee
- Select Committees do not have decision-making role



Corporate Select Committee

- The main overview & scrutiny (select) committee
- Remit includes:
 - Corporate plan
 - Budget
 - Council tax collection
 - Housing Revenue Account (HRA)
 - Local welfare benefits
 - Performance
 - Procurement
 - Staffing
 - Asset management
- Key areas of challenge: financial planning; performance management



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Work Programme

- Select Committee work programme to be further developed
- Regular reports, e.g. medium term financial plan, financial & performance monitoring
- Focus on corporate priorities
- Link to Forward Plan of Decisions
- Develop further following priority setting day:
 - **16th July 1.00pm at Pavilion Gardens**



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Task and Finish Groups

- Facility to establish “task and finish” groups
- Appointed to investigate, research and advise on a specific issue
- Report back to Committee with recommendations
- Constitution allows for maximum of two (per Committee) in any year and no more than one at a time



Role of Officers

- Executive Director allocated to each Select Committee – close working with Chairman & Vice-Chairman, agenda planning etc.
- Officers from service areas help provide research and information for topics on agendas
- Democratic Services team support each Committee



Questions



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