

**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FOR RESOURCES  
8 DECEMBER 2009**

Present: Councillors Armstrong, Barlow, Cartwright, M J Lock,  
Sabetian and Wilson (in the Chair)

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Pragnell

Lead Members in Attendance: Councillors Beaver

**13. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**14. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** - that the minutes of the meeting held on 17  
September 2009 be approved as a true record.

**15. QUARTER TWO PERFORMANCE AND FINANCIAL MONITORING  
REPORT**

Jane Hartnell, Head of Policy, Partnerships and Sustainability, presented the Quarter Two Performance report.

The report advised members of the performance against the 2009/10 targets in Part II and Part III of the Corporate Plan, together with related budget issues within the Personnel & Organisational Development and Corporate Resources Directorate.

Members discussed the back dated VAT claim, council tax targets, the industrial units at Castleham, the risk registers, St Mary in the Castle, project management methodology and equalities.

Members were informed that a Equalities Project Officer was in post. Concern was expressed over the lack of tenants for the Business Centre at Castleham but members were assured that all options have been explored.

**RESOLVED** that:

1. all staff involved be thanked for their hard work;
2. that the Committee be assured that action is being taken to improve any shortfalls in performance and/or to address risks highlighted.

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**16. UPDATE ON SCRUTINY REVIEW OF PARTICIPATION AND  
ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY (CONSULTATION PROCESSES)**

Councillor Cartwright updated the committee on the progress of this scrutiny review. The review is on schedule and Councillor Cartwright gave two examples of Councils which had set up groups to look at particular problems. In Norwich a tenants user group was looking at complaints and in Newcastle there is a panel in each neighbourhood and ward which holds its own budget.

**RESOLVED that the report be noted.**

**17. UPDATE ON SCRUTINY REVIEW OF MANAGEMENT OF FACTORY  
UNITS**

Councillor Wilson updated the committee on the progress of this scrutiny review. A tour of some units had been undertaken to ascertain what the problems are.

**RESOLVED that the report be noted.**

**18. MONITORING OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CABINET  
DECISIONS**

Graham Belchamber, Scrutiny and Democratic Services Manager, presented a report on the recent Cabinet Decisions made since the last formal meeting, highlighting areas that fell within the Committee's remit.

**RESOLVED that the report be noted.**

(The Chair declared the meeting closed at 7.34pm)