

Commission 16.4.09.

146. FORWARD PLAN 1 APRIL TO 31 JULY 2009

New items from the Forward Plan 1 April to 31 July 2009 were submitted for Members' consideration with a view to identifying items for scrutiny.

Members commented that –

- (i) a copy of the Forward Plan was not being placed in the Members' rooms once it was published, as had been resolved;

Confirmed that this is done each time.

- (ii) the Forward Plan item in respect of Devon Structural Review: response to revised Boundary Committee draft proposals –

- had an unachievable deadline date for representations of 23 March;
- this was a revised document and so it could not be said that any previous response would be unchanged;
- this would need a debate in Council and Members had been denied the opportunity to make representations ahead of that debate;
- if there was an explanation for the tight timescales, this should have been added to the Forward Plan item and this issue of providing adequate information should be addressed through the Scrutiny Improvement Plan;

Decision was taken by City Council on 27 April 2009. The deadline was set based on timescale for preparing the report for the City Council meeting.

- (iii) regarding the Forward Plan items in respect of Forward Plan items 79 08/09 and 80 08/09, the headings contained duplication;

These were slightly different decisions taken separately. The first relates to the award of the supply contracts for the provision of Electrical Wholesale & Consumables to the Fort Austin Housing Repairs Team. The second relates to the award of the supply contracts for the provision of General Building Materials to the Fort Austin Housing Repairs Team.

- (iv) it was not understood why the Forward Plan item on the Local Economic Strategy (FP 82 08/09) was in the Forward Plan if it was simply a progress report on an agreed policy and budget framework strategy;

This was included as it was unsure as to whether the Strategy would be amended following the review.

- (v) it was not understood why the Forward Plan item on Befriending Umbrella Service for Older People – jointly commissioned by Adult Social and Care and Supporting People (FP 78 08/09) - had not been the subject of scrutiny by the Health and Wellbeing OSP.

Decision now taken.

Resolved that the Democratic and Member Support Manager would investigate Members' queries raised above.