

## **CABINET 11 August 2009**

Responses to Overview and Scrutiny Commission minutes 7 (2) and 10 (1).

### **45. FORWARD PLAN**

The Assistant Chief Executive submitted a report on resolution (2) of minute 7 of the Overview and Scrutiny Commission requesting Cabinet and the Corporate Management Team, in future, to tag Forward Plan items involving capital projects to clearly identify which project it was in relation to the capital programme.

Councillor James, Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board, indicated that he was happy with the proposal.

Resolved that where the subject of the key decision is an item within the Council's capital programme, it should be referenced accordingly in the Forward Plan, as part of the 'nature of the decision'.

### **48. SCRUTINY SUPPORT**

The Assistant Chief Executive submitted a written report with reference to resolution (1) of minute 10 of the Overview and Scrutiny Commission requesting Cabinet to consider providing resources for dedicated scrutiny support from -

- (i) the Transformational Change Programme Reserve Budget; and
- (ii) from funded secondment opportunities within service departments.

In addition it was suggested that contributions to the scrutiny support function should be sought from statutory Local Strategic Partnership partners.

Councillor James, Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board, whilst understanding the financial constraints, stressed the importance of dedicated officer support to enable scrutiny to achieve their work programme.

The principle of support for an effective scrutiny function being fully endorsed, Resolved that lead and support officers are put in place from within existing resources to provide appropriate support to all scrutiny panels and the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board.