

**RESOURCES AND AUDIT SCRUTINY PANEL  
REPOSE TO RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE  
2003/2004 THIRD QUARTERLY REVENUE**

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**PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

1. To present to the Executive Board the response to the recommendations of the Resources and Audit Scrutiny Panel on the 2003/2004 Third Quarterly Revenue and Capital Budget Review.

**BACKGROUND AND EXTERNAL CONSULTATION**

2. The Resources and Audit Scrutiny Panel met on the 4<sup>th</sup> May to discuss the 2003/2004 Third Quarterly Revenue Budget Review and concluded:
  - a) That significant progress has been made in ensuring that the Social Services budget pressures are reduced to enable a balanced budget by the end of the 2004/2005 financial year;
  - b) That it was satisfied with the contents the report.
3. The Panel however have made two recommendations which are set out in Appendix A. The important conclusion was that the authority continues to control its expenditure with the aim of minimising any final overspend on the 2003/2004 budget.
4. As part of the Scrutiny procedures the Corporate Management Team considers the report prepared by the Director of Resources which provides a service response and action plan on the recommendations of the Panel. The service response is supportive of the Panel's recommendations.

**OPTION APPRAISAL/RISK ASSESSMENT**

4. Not applicable to this report

**FINANCIAL, LEGAL AND WARD IMPLICATIONS**

5. There are no direct financial or Ward implications arising out of the report.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

6. The Executive Board considers the recommendations of the Scrutiny Panel detailed in Appendix A and the following recommendation of Corporate Management Team:-

The Service response prepared by the Director of Resources and detailed at Appendix A be approved.

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

7. The following background papers were used in the preparation of this report: -

- a) Third Quarter's Capital and Revenue Budget Review reports 2003/2004
- b) Resources & Audit Scrutiny Panel Report on the Third Quarter's Revenue Budget Review 2003/2004

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