



meeting

## **CORPORATE STRATEGY AND CO-ORDINATION STANDING SELECT COMMITTEE**

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**21 MARCH 2005**

agenda item number

### **REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES**

#### **ELECTORAL DIVISION INITIATIVES**

##### **1. Purpose of the Report**

- 1.1 To review the operation of the Electoral Division Initiative.

##### **2. Information and Advice**

- 2.1 The Electoral Division Initiative was approved by Cabinet in September 2003. Each Councillor was allocated a sum of £5,000 to spend on projects in their electoral division in 2003/4 and a further £5,000 for 2004/5. Any unspent budget at the end of 2003/4 was carried forward into 2004/5.
- 2.2 A copy of the guidance notes for repeating this scheme are attached at Appendix A. These include a requirement for an annual report to Standards Committee, and a report was prepared for the meeting scheduled for 21 February 2005, which showed how each member had used their allocation up to early February 2005.
- 2.3 Members have made further allocations since then within their budgets. It is intended to have comprehensive statements of the up to date position at the meeting, because Members have been given up to 16 March 2005 to put forward proposals for financial support.
- 2.4 The scheme is administered by staff in the Resources Department within the portfolio of the Cabinet Member for Finance and Property. A database is kept which shows the commitments to date for each Electoral Division.
- 2.5 The Select Committee is invited to consider:
- a) the principles of the Electoral Divisions Initiative
  - b) the administrative arrangements
- and make suggestions.

3. Statutory and Policy Implications

- 3.1 This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, equal opportunities, personnel, Crime and Disorder, Human Rights and those using the relevant service. Where such implications are material, they have been described in the text of the report.

4. Recommendation

- 4.1 The Select Committee to discuss the principles and operation of the Electoral Division Initiative.

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Background Papers Available for Inspection

Nil