



meeting	PROCUREMENT SELECT COMMITTEE	
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## **Joint report of the Chair of the Procurement Select Committee and the Head of Scrutiny**

### **Procurement Select Committee – review conclusions**

#### **Purpose of the report**

1. This report provides the Select Committee with a review of their evidence gathering to date, and an opportunity to formulate conclusions from this scrutiny review, or to consider whether any further evidence may be required.

#### **Background**

2. At its first meeting on 18 September 2006 the Procurement Select Committee considered the scope for this scrutiny review. The scope is to consider the key question: Will the County Council maximise value for money through its procurement processes by implementing the new 3 year procurement business plan?
3. The Select Committee was given a scene setting presentation at its first meeting by Richard Ratcliffe, Assistant Treasurer (Procurement and Trading) on the background to the development of the new procurement business plan. This was followed by a question and answer session.
4. At its second meeting on 30 October 2006 the Select Committee received a presentation by Deloitte, the Council's preferred partner in developing the 3 year business plan. Richard Ratcliffe also attended this meeting. The draft business plan was provided for the Select Committee's consideration, and the detailed presentation was followed by a question and answer session.
5. Alternative draft future work programme templates are attached at Appendix 1 to this report for Members' consideration. This Topic Select Committee is due to complete its work in January 2007.

## **Developing conclusions from the scrutiny review.**

7. Arthur Deakin, Strategic Director – Resources, will be attending this Select Committee meeting to answer Member questions on the issues raised so far in this scrutiny review, and specifically around the 3 year draft procurement business plan.
- 8 The Select Committee has also invited Councillor John Stocks, Cabinet Member – People and Performance, to this meeting.

## **Recommendations**

9. It is recommended that the Procurement Select Committee;
  - asks further questions on issues around the 3 year draft procurement business plan
  - considers formulating conclusions for this scrutiny review
  - considers and agrees the future timetable for this scrutiny review, including whether any further evidence will be required in order to complete this review.

**Councillor John Knight**  
**Chair of the Procurement Select Committee**

**Lynn Senior**  
**Head of Scrutiny**

Background papers: nil.