

<b>MEETING:</b>	<b>COUNCIL</b>
<b>DATE:</b>	<b>15 JULY 2009</b>
<b>TITLE OF REPORT:</b>	<b>REPORT OF THE STRATEGIC MONITORING COMMITTEE</b>
<b>MEMBERSHIP:</b>	<b>Councillors: PJ Edwards (Chairman), PA Andrews, WLS Bowen, ME Cooper, AE Gray, KG Grumbley, TM James, RI Matthews, AT Oliver, PM Morgan, AT Oliver and PJ Watts</b>

**CLASSIFICATION:** Open

### **Wards Affected**

County-wide

### **Purpose**

To note the report.

### **INTEGRATED CORPORATE PERFORMANCE REPORT**

- 1 The Committee has considered the end-year performance for 2008-09 against the Council's key indicators from the Corporate Plan 2008-11, the Local Area Agreement and the Herefordshire Community Strategy, and any other indicators where data is available against which a Red/Amber/Green rating or direction of travel judgement can be made. The Committee has requested that in continuing to monitor performance the Children's Services Scrutiny Committee should prioritise some underperforming areas, for example, safeguarding.

### **FINAL REVENUE AND CAPITAL OUTTURN**

- 2 The Committee has welcomed the net revenue underspend of £249,000 for 2008/09 as evidence of good financial management, mindful of the level of projected overspend earlier in the financial year.

### **ISSUES CONSIDERED BY THE INDIVIDUAL SCRUTINY COMMITTEES**

- 3 The work of the Committees is analysed below in accordance with the following roles for scrutiny based on a University of Birmingham categorisation. Each Committee has also considered and rolled forward its work programme.

<b>Holding the Executive to Account</b>	<b>Developing Policy</b>
Questioning members of the Executive	Pre-Decision Scrutiny – commenting on decisions about to be made

Further information on the subject of this report is available from  
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Call-ins – Scrutinising decisions before they take effect	Policy Reviews and Development
Scrutinising decisions after they are made	External Scrutiny
Management of Performance	Health Scrutiny
Ensuring Corporate Priorities are Met	
Budget Scrutiny	
Community and Area Scrutiny	

	Holding the Executive to Account	Developing Policy
<b>Adult Social Care and Strategic Housing</b>  22 June 2009	Revenue Budget Outturn and the Budget 2009/10  Integrated Commissioning (Social Care) Performance Outturn  Strategic Housing Performance Outturn	
<b>Children's Services</b>  6 July 2009	Presentations by Cabinet Member (Children's Services) and the Cabinet Member (ICT, Education and Achievement)  Kinship Carers and Children Cared for by unofficial carers  Progress report – domestic abuse  Children's Safeguarding  Capital Budget Monitoring  Revenue Budget Outturn  Comprehensive Area Assessment and Performance Digest  Swimming at Key Stage 2	Provision for Autistic Spectrum Conditions
<b>Community Services</b>  29 June 2009  13 July 2009	Presentation by the Cabinet Member (Economic Development and Community Services)  Revenue Budget Monitoring	Review of the Backlog of Definitive Map Modification Orders  Hereford United Football Ground Leases

	Performance Monitoring Call-in of Cabinet decision on the Edgar Street Grid Retail Quarter Development Agreement	
	Holding the Executive to Account	Developing Policy
<b>Environment</b> 8 June 2009	<p>Presentation by the Cabinet Member (Environment and Strategic Housing)</p> <p>Presentation by the Cabinet Member (Highways and Transportation)</p> <p>Reducing Energy Consumption – Street Lighting Update</p> <p>Executive Response to the Scrutiny Review of the Travellers Policy</p> <p>Capital Budget Monitoring</p> <p>Revenue Budget Monitoring</p> <p>Performance Monitoring</p>	<p>Options for increasing energy efficiency in buildings</p> <p>Environmental compliance of social care transport</p>
<b>Strategic Monitoring Committee</b> 15 July 2009	<p>Integrated Corporate Performance Report</p> <p>Final Revenue and Capital Outturn 2008/09.</p> <p>Presentations by the Leader of the Council, Cabinet Member (Resources), Cabinet Member (ICT, Education and Achievement) and report by the Cabinet Member (Corporate and Customer Services and Human Resources)</p> <p>Review of Asset Management and Property Services</p>	

(The Health Scrutiny Committee meeting scheduled for 17 June was cancelled. The Committee is due to meet on 31 July 2009.)

4 Issues of particular note are highlighted below.

- **Community Services Scrutiny Committee**

The Committee called in Cabinet's decision to grant approval to enter into the Edgar Street Grid (ESG) Retail Quarter Development Agreement between Herefordshire Council, ESG Herefordshire Ltd, and Stanhope.

The Committee has endorsed and supported Cabinet's decision; invited Cabinet to consider periodic update briefings for all Members on the project's programme and progress; and has sought Cabinet's assurance that Members will be given the opportunity to question and be satisfied as to the financial and operational viability of the project before irrevocable decisions are taken.

**Cabinet Member Presentations**

5 The Scrutiny Committees have received, or are due to receive, the annual presentations from Cabinet Members, reviewing past performance, identifying key issues and commenting on future plans.

**PJ EDWARDS  
CHAIRMAN  
STRATEGIC MONITORING COMMITTEE**

## **Background Papers**

Agenda Papers of the Meeting of the Strategic Monitoring Committee held on 15 July 2009