

To: POLICY AND RESOURCES (FINANCE) SUB-COMMITTEE		Subject: FINANCE DEPARTMENT PERFORMANCE REPORT 2004/2005
From: DIRECTOR OF FINANCE		
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1. **Introduction**

- 1.1 The Finance Department aims to deliver high quality services to its customers through continuous improvement and best value.
- 1.2 A report has been prepared that sets out some of the major achievements of the Department during 2004/05. It is produced in a more informal style as a means of improving communication with customers and staff. The report, which is presented for information is appended to the rear of the Sub-Committee papers for Sub-Committee members only. Otherwise, a copy is available in the Members' Library.

2. **Comment**

- 2.1 The report notes that much has been achieved in 2004/05. The highlights include:
- completion of the 2004/05 Budget and overview of Spending Review 2004
 - various quality awards achieved and being progressed including Chartermark applications and successful negotiations with HM Revenue and Customs
 - improved performance as shown in the Department's key performance and local indicators
 - continued development of effective financial management through, for example, Treasury Management, Governance, Risk Management and Insurance
 - investment and improvements secured by IT Services including systems developments associated with the Modernising Government Funds
 - progress in developing e-Procurement, invoice scanning and other desktop services
 - progress in joint working including the Strategic Waste Fund, Education 2010, external funding and community budgeting
 - the leading role of the Department in Corporate Working Groups
 - employees' success in career development, training and academic achievements.

3. **Recommendation**

- 3.1 It is recommended that the Committee;
Notes the Finance Department's Performance Report 2004/2005.



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