

## **Adult Services OSC**

**Notes of an informal meeting on 31 August 2005 between Margaret Dewar and Dean Taylor for the Community Services portfolio and Bruce Allen and Hugh Wilson, supported by Clare Capjon, for the Adult Services OSC.**

### **Merger of Libraries & Heritage and Adult Learning Services**

Merger of libraries and heritage and the adult learning services – the new service will be the first to be reviewed as part of the Council wide Performance Review Programme during the Autumn. Dean agreed to provide an overview of the services and progress on the merger to the Committee at its meeting on 12 October.

In terms of its work programme and involvement in the new service a suggestion was made that O&S could provide challenge by scrutinising whether the outcomes identified in the plans would be achieved by the proposed changes. In doing this, O&S could consider any report or findings from the Performance Review.

The Policy Team and the Chairmen and Vice Chairmen of OSC's will consider the communication between the Performance Review Programme and Overview and Scrutiny at their meeting on 12 September.

### **Other Issues**

- The issue of the County Council paying for sports facilities in schools for adult learning classes was raised by the Portfolio
- Internet usage in libraries, particularly by older people, was raised by Bruce. Clare will research any information we have on this issue. Dean and Margaret welcome members talking to service managers about how services are provided and how services could be developed to create a broader appeal to lifelong learning

The Committee will consider its future work programme at the meeting on 12 October.

Clare Capjon  
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