

# REPORT

**TO:** Mayor and Councillors

**FROM:** Chair, Corporate Services Committee

**DATE:** 7 December 2006

**SUBJECT:** **Corporate Services Chairman's Report**

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Welcome to the last Corporate Services Committee meeting for 2006. Hopefully at this meeting we can finalise the work for the preparation of the draft Annual Plan, putting together the issues considered at the series of workshops that have been held over the last month. I think the process of considering the department budgets as a whole Council at this early stage has been very successful and I thank everyone for their input to what has been a full discussion of each department's budgeted income, expenditure and work programme. If we can get the draft underway at this stage of the year, then the timeframe for community feedback and final decision-making may be less pressurised than has been the case in the past.

I'd like to particularly thank the department managers and Murray Staite for the work in preparing paperwork at this early stage in the process. Generally there doesn't appear to be any decrease in the work load and looking ahead to 2007, I can see another busy and challenging year ahead.

Have an enjoyable Christmas break and I hope that not too many of your social occasions are dominated by Council-related discussions.

Tim King  
Chair  
Corporate Services Committee