

REPORT

TO: Corporate Services Committee

FROM: Chair, Cr T B King

DATE: 18 November 2005

SUBJECT: Chairman's Report for November 2004

Welcome to the last Corporate Services meeting for the year and thanks to everyone for their input throughout a very busy twelve months. Although this is the last meeting there is still a lot of work to do in the LTCCP workshops at the start of December. There are bound to be a lot of differing points of view and I hope we can continue the robust but friendly debate that has characterised this Council and do justice to all those who have taken the time to be involved in the process.

The district revaluation is due to be released in early December 2005 and there are bound to be people annoyed that their property has increased by too much or too little. From Council's point of view it will be important to see if the rating burden has shifted from one area or sector to another or remained stable. It is also vital to put out plenty of information on who does the valuation, what the valuations mean and what effect they have on people's rates.

Lastly, I am becoming increasingly concerned over the potential cost increases in projects on the district and regional facilities plans and the impact this will have on the Council's and the communities (actually the same people) ability to raise their respective shares of the costs. I believe it is important to review the estimated costs to bring them up to date for any LTCCP debate and seriously question the region's ability to run many of the larger projects concurrently.

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