Efficiency, Improvement & Transformation

Officer Led Task and Finish Review

Review Title: Customer Services & Taxation

Scope

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Timeline:

Baseline information: 26th October 2010

Evaluation, options for service reconfiguration and recommendations: 7th December

2010

Cabinet: 16th December 2010

1. What services are included?

Taxation (Council Tax and Business Rates administration), Cashiers, awards of discretionary rate relief, Customer Services (contact centre, multi-service centre, support to corporate customer service initiatives)

2. Task & Finish Teams overall aim / objectives in doing this work is:

To identify options for efficiencies, improvements and transformation.

3. Please give an initial indication how transformation will enable efficiencies and improvements to be delivered by this EIT review?

- Identification of smarter ways of working through use of new technology and reallocation of duties within teams/merger of teams to enable a service reorganisation.
- Review of discretionary rate relief policy to ensure relief is targeted in a way that meets Council priorities.