

- a) Page 9 – Can you confirm that the SCC Usable Reserves have risen £7.6m to £85.5m?
- b) What is the impact of the Bridgwater schools PFI borrowing (capital repayments and interest) on the revenue budget? What safeguards are in place to ensure that profits from this PFI are subject to UK Corporation Tax and will not end up in Offshore tax havens where no UK taxes are paid thus exacerbating the National debt?
- c) On page e-7 cabinet paper 06/7 - Can you confirm that Total Revenue Reserves increased by £4.684nm and now stand at £64.656m as at 31/3/2011.
- d) The S151 Officer has made optimistic predictions for recovery of Icelandic bank deposits and interest following the LGA case to make LAs preferred creditors. How will the recovered deposits and interests be utilised? Will they be reinvested to provide additional revenue for services? Will they be used to pay down debt? Will they be used to protect services and jobs? Will they be used to freeze Council Tax in 2012/13 and/or 2013/14? Will they be used to close the predicted shortfall in 2011/12 and 2012/13 budgets bas a result of frontloaded and unprecedented Coalition Government cuts?
- e) Can they confirm that all County Plan Workstreams/Service Reviews lead officers to SMB are employed directly by SCC? What role will SW1 have in these workstreams and service reviews?
- f) Has the Gateway 1 check (or similar) of the Business case for the County Plan Workstreams/Service Reviews been carried out? If so, please share the results with UNISON. Did that Gateway 1 Review (or similar) confirm that 100-150 service reviews by Oct'2012 is a realistic plan? Please make the Risk and Issues Logs available? How will in-house service improvement plans (including in-sourcing of expertise where required) be accommodated?

Further questions will be formulated during the Accounts inspection which we have already notified our intent to take up.