

<b>Committee:</b>	<b>Finance and Administration</b>	<b>Agenda Item</b>
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<b>Title:</b>	<b>Lead Officer's report</b>	
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## Summary

This report updates Members on matters arising from the minutes that are not otherwise on this Agenda and other items of interest.

## Recommendations

That the report is noted.

## Background Papers

None

## Situation/Update

### Chief Financial Officer

The council has appointed Stephen Joyce as the new Chief Financial Officer. Stephen currently fulfils the same role at Mid Suffolk District Council. Negotiations around a start date are ongoing but it is hoped to be mid November. This will enable a 6 week handover period with David Bradley the Interim Head of Finance.

### Member training

Training courses have been booked for Members on the following:

- An Introduction to Local Government Finance for Elected Members
  - 14 October 2008 (2 sessions 3pm and 6.30pm)
- Effective Budget Scrutiny – Adding Value to the Budget Setting Process
  - 28 October 2008 6.30pm

### Car Lease Scheme

Officers have commenced a review of the car leasing scheme. The scheme has not been reviewed for many years and it is felt that there is the opportunity to join up with other larger frameworks to achieve economies of scale. An update will be provided to the November meeting of this Committee.