

HOUSE COMMITTEE

7 October 2004

Assembly Parliamentary Service Strategic Statement

PURPOSE

1. For Members to note the APS Strategic Statement for 2003 to 2007.

BACKGROUND

2. In October 2003, the Committee approved aims, principles and priority areas for the APS during the Second Assembly, which have been included in and built upon by the attached Strategic Statement, which will guide the APS's planning during the Second Assembly.

ISSUES

3. The Statement will contain clear objectives for each of the years it covers, as these are set. Reviews of APS performance against these objectives will be included on an annual basis. The review for 2003/4 is at Annex 5 in the attached document and the objectives for 2004/5 are at Annex 6. By the end of the Second Assembly, the Statement should provide a record of the services provided for Members and the way that APS has performed over the period. These documents have been the subject of discussion with APS staff and can be found on the APS intranet site.
4. Members are invited to raise any questions or issues.

COMPLIANCE

5. There are no compliance issues.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6. There are no financial implications arising from this paper. The framework provided by the Strategic Statement aims to secure robust financial planning and proper risk assessment.

RECOMMENDATIONS

7. Members are invited to note the documents.