



EXECUTIVE - 24 AUGUST 2016

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

6. ISSUES ARISING FROM OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY (Pages 1 - 2)

At its meeting on 11 August 2016, the Scrutiny Commission considered the report "Hinckley Markets Procurement" and made the following recommendation:

"That the Executive takes no further steps on the procurement of markets' management until the Scrutiny Commission has had the opportunity both to examine the tender specification and to review the business case for change".

A minute extract from the meeting is attached.

7. GARDEN WASTE COLLECTION SERVICE 2017/18 (Pages 3 - 4)

To seek approval of the setting of the charge for the garden waste service for 2017/18 and in part for 2018/19.

The Scrutiny Commission gave consideration to this item on 11 August and a minute extract showing their comments is attached.

9. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME (Pages 5 - 6)

To seek approval of enhancement schemes under the Environmental Improvement Programme.

The Scrutiny Commission gave consideration to this item on 11 August and a minute extract of this is attached.

Agenda Item 6

MINUTE EXTRACT (DRAFT)

HINCKLEY AND BOSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

SCRUTINY COMMISSION

11 AUGUST 2016 AT 6.30 PM

PRESENT: Mr MR Lay - Chairman
Mrs R Camamile – Vice-Chairman

Mr DC Bill MBE, Mr SL Bray, Mr WJ Crooks, Mrs J Richards, Mr BE Sutton,
Mr P Wallace, Mr R Ward, Mr HG Williams and Ms BM Witherford (for Mr KWP Lynch)

Also in attendance: Councillor J Kirby, Councillor C Ladkin, Councillor M Nickerson and
Councillor SL Rooney

Officers in attendance: Steve Atkinson, Bill Cullen, Edwina Grant, Simon D Jones, Julie
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106 APOLOGIES AND SUBSTITUTIONS

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Lynch with the substitution
of Councillor Witherford authorised in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 4.

108 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared at this stage.

111 HINCKLEY MARKETS PROCUREMENT

Following a decision by the Executive at its meeting on 29 June 2016 to undertake a
formal procurement exercise in relation to the operation of Hinckley Markets, some
members of the Scrutiny Commission had requested to review the report before the
decision being implemented. At the invitation of the Chairman, a representative of the
market traders was in attendance as a witness.

During discussion, the following points were raised:

- The importance of the market in drawing visitors to the town centre
- The ageing profile of market traders who may take the opportunity to retire should
a private operator be procured
- Concern of traders about private management of the markets
- The motivation of private operators being financial rather than operating in the
interests of the town and current traders
- The national decline of markets and success of Hinckley's in comparison
- The need to protect current stallholders being reflected in the tender
documentation
- Previous experiences of the Council of outsourcing had proven generally that
services were better delivered in-house
- The need to maintain a balance of traders, which is a policy unlikely to be
maintained under private management
- The need to give proper consideration to the matter, as it appeared to be a
rushed decision.

A member enquired about the reasons for the report and whether it was due to a loss of revenue or other problems. In response, the Executive member explained that there were weaknesses, for example the Monday market and ageing traders, who may retire and their stalls may remain unfilled.

The following was requested by members:

- Information on which other authorities had outsourced their markets and what results this had produced
- To view the business case for considering a procurement exercise
- That the Scrutiny Commission sees the documents before the tender is advertised
- That the Scrutiny Commission has the opportunity to consider the outcome of the tender process prior to a decision by the Executive.

Councillor Bray wished it to be recorded that the Liberal Democrat group was opposed to any move to privatise the market and, seconded by Councillor Crooks, he moved that the Executive takes no further steps on the procurement of markets' management until the Scrutiny Commission has had the opportunity both to examine the tender specification and to review the business case for change. Upon being put to the vote, the motion was CARRIED and it was

RESOLVED – that the Executive be RECOMMENDED to take no further steps on the procurement of markets' management until the Scrutiny Commission has had the opportunity both to examine the tender specification and to review the business case for change.

Councillor Wallace wished it to be recorded that he voted against the motion.

(The Meeting closed at 9.05 pm)

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114 GARDEN WASTE COLLECTION SERVICE 2017/18

Members received a report which sought support for setting the charge for the garden
waste service for 2017/18 and, for those paying by direct debit, for 2018/19. Councillor
Bray stated that he could not support the report as he didn't agree with the imposition of
a charge at all, and, along with three other members, stood to request voting on the
recommendation be recorded. The vote was taken as follows:

Councillors Camamile, Richards, Sutton, Wallace, Ward and Williams voted FOR the
recommendation (6);

Councillors Bray, Crooks, Bill, Lay and Witherford voted AGAINST the recommendation
(5).

It was therefore

RESOLVED –

- (i) the Executive be RECOMMENDED to approve the charge for the
garden waste service for 2017/18 at £24;
- (ii) the Executive be RECOMMENDED to approve the charge for
those paying for the garden waste service by direct debit at £24 for
2018/19.

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113 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME

The Scrutiny Commission received a report which outlined the Environmental
Improvement Programme for 2016/17. Members welcomed the report and were
supportive of the continuing scheme which, they felt, added vitality to rural settlements. It
was requested that any schemes that weren't recommended for approval be included in
future reports, and that any not recommended for 2016/17 be circulated to members
outside of the meeting.

RESOLVED – the report be endorsed and any applications not supported
be listed in future reports.

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