

HINCKLEY AND BOSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

SCRUTINY COMMISSION

22 AUGUST 2019 AT 6.30 PM

PRESENT: Mr MR Lay - Chairman
Mr C Ladkin and Mr P Williams – Vice-Chairman

Mr JMT Collett, Mrs MJ Crooks, Mr DJ Findlay (for Mr SM Gibbens), Mrs LJ Mullaney (for Mr DS Cope), Ms A Pendlebury, Mr MC Sheppard-Bools and Mr HG Williams

Also in attendance: Councillor KWP Lynch and Councillor K Morrell

Officers in attendance: Jenny Brader, Valerie Bunting, Rebecca Owen and Sharon Stacey

123 APOLOGIES AND SUBSTITUTIONS

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Cope, Gibbens and Webber-Jones with the following substitutions authorised in accordance with council procedure rule 10:

Councillor Findlay for Councillor Gibbens
Councillor L Mullaney for Councillor Cope.

124 MINUTES

In considering the minutes of the previous meeting, it was noted that Councillor Walker had been omitted from the list of attendees. It was moved by Councillor H Williams, seconded by Councillor P Williams and

RESOLVED – the minutes of the previous meeting be confirmed and signed by the chairman subject to the abovementioned amendment.

125 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Pendlebury declared a personal interest in the planning appeals update as she had been involved in the campaign against the Big Pit development.

Whilst not on the committee, Councillor Lynch declared a personal interest in the VCS commissioning outcomes report as president of the Leicestershire & Rutland which was in receipt of funding.

126 VCS COMMISSIONING OUTCOMES 2017/18

The Scrutiny Commission received a report and presentations from several community groups who had benefitted from the Voluntary & Community Sector (VCS) commissioning arrangements. The large amount of work carried out on relatively small amounts of money was commended and a report on the work over the last seven years was requested.

RESOLVED –

- (i) the work undertaken be commended;

- (ii) a report on the benefits of the arrangements over the past seven years be brought to a future meeting.

127 PLANNING APPEALS UPDATE

Members received an update on planning appeals. It was highlighted that the key reason for the report – the outcome of appeals against officer recommendation, had been omitted. Officers agreed to send out the omitted appendix. It was requested that the costs awarded in relation to the Big Pit appeal be circulated when known.

RESOLVED – the report be noted.

128 ANNUAL REPORT ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING DELIVERY

Consideration was given to the annual report on affordable housing delivery in the borough. In response to concerns of members, it was noted that the authority was now more robust in defending viability.

RESOLVED – the report be noted and the work undertaken be acknowledged.

129 SCRUTINY COMMISSION WORK PROGRAMME 2019-2021

The outcomes of the workshop on 4 July were considered and it was agreed that members would be requested to indicate their priorities via email, following which the chair, vice-chairs and officers would formulate a work programme and consider resourcing for each issue.

(The Meeting closed at 7.46 pm)

CHAIRMAN