

**Law & Administration
Department**

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To: Members of the Scrutiny Commission

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Dear Councillor

There will be a meeting of the **SCRUTINY COMMISSION** in Committee Rooms 2 and 3, Council Offices, Hinckley on **THURSDAY, 18th NOVEMBER 2004** at **6.30 p.m.** and your attendance is required.

The agenda for the meeting is set out overleaf.

Yours sincerely

G. B. Gethin
Democratic Services Manager

SCRUTINY COMMISSION - 18th NOVEMBER 2004

AGENDA

- RESOLVED
1. APOLOGIES AND SUBSTITUTIONS
 2. MINUTES

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 7th October 2004 attached marked 'SC25'.
 3. ADDITIONAL URGENT BUSINESS BY REASON OF SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

To be advised of any additional items of business which the Chairman decides by reason of special circumstances shall be taken as matters of urgency at this meeting.
 4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive verbally from members any disclosures which they are required to make in accordance with the Council's code of conduct or in pursuance of Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992. **This is in addition to the need for such disclosure to be also given when the relevant matter is reached on the agenda.**
 5. QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS

To hear any questions and to receive any petitions in accordance with Council Procedure Rules 10 and 11.
 6. CPA IMPROVEMENT PLAN AND REPORTING ARRANGEMENTS

Report of Acting Chief Executive attached marked SC26.
 7. INCREASING THE VITALITY AND ECONOMIC VIABILITY OF OUR VILLAGE CENTRES

Report of Acting Head of Planning & Leisure attached marked SC27.
 8. HOME IMPROVEMENT GRANTS AND PRIVATE SECTOR RENEWAL POLICY

The following decisions of the Cabinet meeting held on 3rd November have been called in for scrutiny by Messrs. Bill, Ellis and Lay, having regard to the budget and adequacy of evidence:-

 - (i) the current Private Sector Renewal Policy be continued until 1st April 2005 but spending on minor works grants be reduced by £100,000; and
 - (ii) the new private Sector Renewal Policy for 2005/06, attached to the report of the Head of Environmental Services and which includes a budget of £350,000 for home improvement grants, be adopted.

Report of Head of Environmental Services attached marked SC28.

9. MINUTES OF SELECT COMMITTEE/SCRUTINY PANEL MEETINGS

(a) Housing Stock Options Appraisal - 30th September

Copy attached marked SC29.

(b) Council Services - 12th October

Copy attached marked 'SC30'.

(c) Finance & Audit Services - 14th October

Copy attached marked 'SC31'.

10. ANY OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES HAVE TO BE DEALT WITH AS MATTERS OF URGENCY

11. MATTER FROM WHICH THE PUBLIC MAY BE EXCLUDED

To consider the passing of a resolution under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, excluding the public from the undermentioned item of business on the ground that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 12 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the 1972 Act.

(a) Groundcare

Report of Director of Community Services attached marked 'SC32'.

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NOTE: AGENDA ITEMS AGAINST WHICH THE WORD "RESOLVED" APPEARS ARE MATTERS WHICH ARE DELEGATED TO THE COMMISSION FOR A DECISION. OTHER MATTERS ON THIS AGENDA WILL BE THE SUBJECT OF RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL.