

HINCKLEY & BOSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL
SCRUTINY COMMISSION
6th JANUARY 2005 AT 6.30 P.M.

PRESENT: Mr. M.R. Lay - Chairman
Mr. M.A. Hall - Vice-Chairman

Mr. D.C. Bill, Mrs. R. Camamile, Mrs. M.J. Crooks, Mr. R.D. Ellis, Mrs. S. Francks, Mr. K.W.P. Lynch, Mrs. M.L. Sherwin and Mr. K. Vessey.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 4.4, Mr. N.B.L. Davis also attended the meeting.

Officers in attendance: Messrs. K.G. Bray, G.B. Gethin, S. Jones, A. Ottey, T.M. Prowse, P. Reid and D. Tilley.

Also present was Mr. S. Atkinson (Chief Executive Designate).

333 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Ms. J.E. Price and Mrs. E.A. Spencer.

334 MINUTES (SC33)

On the motion of Mrs. Crooks, seconded by Mr. Ellis, it was

RESOLVED - the minutes of the meeting held on 18th November 2004 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman subject to minute number 265 being amended to record that Mrs. R.W. Wright had conveyed her apologies for being unable to attend for that item.

335 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared at this stage.

336 IMPROVE ACCESS TO, AND INCREASE PARTICIPATION IN, CULTURAL, SPORTING, LEISURE AND TOURISM ACTIVITIES (SC34)

Mr. Hall entered the meeting at 6.33 p.m.

Continuing their review of the Council's Corporate Plan, Members received and considered a progress report on the priority of improving access to, and increasing participation in, cultural, sporting, leisure and tourism activities. Debate was centred particularly on the following actions identified as contributing in part or fully towards delivering this priority:-

- (a) Study into options for replacement of facilities at Hinckley Leisure Centre.
- (b) Development in partnership of college facilities for wider community use.
- (c) Community Parks Development Programme.
- (d) Support of improvements to leisure and community facilities in Parishes through Parish and Community Initiatives Fund.

- (e) Funding bid for pilot transport project for young people and others in rural areas.
- (f) Development of skateboarding and/or 'extreme sports' facility in Hinckley.

Progress on three other actions had been considered previously in relation to increasing the vitality and economic viability of town and village centres.

RESOLVED -

- (i) on the motion of Mrs. Sherwin, seconded by Mr. Ellis - the report be noted; and
- (ii) on the motion of Mr. Ellis, seconded by Mrs. Sherwin - the following priorities be reviewed on 10th February:-
 - (a) help achieve a safer community, working with police and other organisations through the Community Safety Partnership; and
 - (b) develop partnerships with young people to give them a voice in helping to shape our services and to develop ideas for their communities.

337 FURTHER DEVELOPING AND ENHANCING SCRUTINY SUPPORT (SC35)

Following consultation with the Chairman and the Acting Chief Executive, as well as research undertaken by the Performance and Scrutiny Unit, proposals were put forward for developing and enhancing scrutiny support as included in the Comprehensive Performance Assessment Improvement Plan. Also submitted was an outline for a draft annual report to be presented to the Commission and then to Council. On the motion of Mrs. Camamile, seconded by Mr. Lay, it was

RESOLVED - initial recommendations for developing and enhancing scrutiny support, as set out in paragraphs 4.1.4, 4.2.6, 4.3.7, 4.4.4 and 5.4 of the report of the Acting Chief Executive be endorsed and reported to Council with the Annual Report.

338 REVIEW OF CAR PARK FEES AND OTHER CAR PARKING ISSUES (SC36)

Consideration was given to the forthcoming increased short stay car parking fees agreed by Cabinet as well as four related issues as requested by Mr. Bill. The Head of Environmental Services reproduced the report to Cabinet as well as the current car parking strategy and the foregoing were discussed together with progress on decriminalised parking and a review of car park assets. On the motion of Mr. Ellis, seconded by Mrs. Camamile, it was

RESOLVED - the report be noted.

339 CABINET FORWARD PLAN (SC37 AND SC38)

Details were submitted of key decisions due to be taken during the period January to April 2005. On the motion of Mr. Ellis, seconded by Mrs. Sherwin, it was

RESOLVED - following consideration by Cabinet, reports relating to the undermentioned subjects be considered by the Commission at the meeting on 10th February:-

- (i) review of car park assets;

- (ii) decriminalisation of car parking; and
- (iii) purchase of car park at rear of Castle Street.

340 MINUTES OF SELECT COMMITTEE/SCRUTINY PANEL MEETINGS

Placed before the Commission were the minutes of the following meetings:-

- (a) Finance and Audit Services Select Committee - 25th November 2004 (SC39)
- (b) Housing Stock Options Appraisal Panel - 9th December 2004 (SC40)

341 FUTURE MEETINGS

On the motion of Mr. Ellis, seconded by Mrs. Sherwin, it was

RESOLVED - the meetings of the Commission scheduled for 31st March and 5th May be held instead on 17th March and 21st April 2005 respectively.

(The meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.)