

HINCKLEY & BOSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL  
SCRUTINY COMMISSION  
21<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2005 AT 6.30 P.M.

PRESENT: Mr. M.R. Lay - Chairman

Mrs. M. Aldridge, Mr. P.T. Andrews, Mr. D.C. Bill, Mrs. R. Camamile, Mrs. M.A. Cook, Mrs. M.J. Crooks, Mr. R.D. Ellis, Mrs. S. Francks, Mr. D.E. Hinton, Mr. K.W.P. Lynch, Mrs. M.L. Sherwin, Mrs. E.A. Spencer and Mr. R. Ward.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 4.4, Mrs. C.M. Claridge, Mr. N.B.L. Davis, Ms. J.E. Price and Mrs. R.W. Wright also attended the meeting.

Officers in attendance: Mr. S. Atkinson, Mr. B. Cullen, Mr. R. Palmer, Mrs. P.I. Pitt, Mr. T.M. Prowse, Mr. P. Reid and Mr. R.M. Tobin.

433 APOLOGIES & SUBSTITUTIONS

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Mr. C.W. Boothby, Mr. M.A. Hall, Ms. J.E. Price and Mrs. R.W. Wright and the following substitutions authorised in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 4.3:-

Mrs. Aldridge for Mr. Boothby  
Mrs. Cook for Mr. Hall  
Mr. Hinton for Ms. Price

434 MINUTES (SC47)

Prior to confirmation of the minutes Mrs. Wright requested that her objection to certain wording in minute no. 389 be recorded. On the motion of Mr. Lay, seconded by Mr. Bill it was

RESOLVED - the minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2005 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

435 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared at this stage.

436 REVIEW OF CAR PARKING (SC48) AND DECRIMINALISED PARKING ENFORCEMENT (SC49)

Further to minutes nod. 339(ii) and 389 Members were reminded that these reports had been circulated to the Commission for review following the Cabinet's decision on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2005 to endorse the strategy for reviewing the future use of car parks and continue negotiations with the County Council regarding a partnership approach to address the implications of decriminalised parking enforcement. It was moved by Mr. Lay seconded by Mr. Bill and

RESOLVED - a Task and Finish Group (political ratio 5:3:1 with names notified to the Committee Services Section) be set up to review these car parking and related issues and ultimately make recommendations to Cabinet for the development of a strategic approach to these.

Mrs. Wright left the meeting at 7.17 p.m.

437 ATTENDANCE BY MRS. C.M. CLARIDGE - COUNCIL LEADER

Mrs. Claridge attended by invitation of the Commission and gave a brief presentation on her Administration's aims and achievements in meeting the priorities of the Corporate Plan 2004/05 to 2006/07. There then followed questions from Members relating to issues referred to in the presentation.

Mrs. Claridge withdrew from the meeting at 7.55 p.m.

438 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY ANNUAL REPORT 2004/05 AND WORK PROGRAMME - FINAL DRAFT (SC50)

Members were requested to consider the final draft of the above, prior to formal submission to Council on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2005 and to finalise a list of areas to form the basis of a work programme for 2005/06. It was emphasised that this was a "live" document and Members again discussed increased support for the two standing panels, together with the desirability of submitting Scrutiny Commission minutes to Council in order to reinforce the importance of the scrutiny function.

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

RESOLVED -

- (i) the final draft of the Scrutiny Annual Report for 2004/05 and the items identified for inclusion in the scrutiny work programme listed on pages 27-29 of the Annual Report be endorsed and submitted to Council on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2005;
- (ii) the Chairmen of the Scrutiny Commission and the Council Services and Finance and Audit Services Select Committees meet with chief officers to draft the detail for the work programme, to be presented to the Scrutiny Commission on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2005.

Mr. Davis left the meeting at 8.00 p.m.

439 CORPORATE PLAN PRIORITIES 'C' AND 'D' - IMPROVE PEOPLE'S KNOWLEDGE AND TAKE-UP OF OUR SERVICES AND IMPROVE THE AVAILABILITY OF A RANGE OF DIFFERENT HOUSING (SC51)

Finalising their review of the Council's Corporate Plan the Commission was advised of progress with regard to meeting the following two priorities:-

Priority 'C': Continue to improve people's knowledge and take-up of our services - in rural as well as urban areas, by better information, consultation, accessibility and quality;

Priority 'D': Improve the availability of a range of different housing to reflect different needs and levels of income.

440 REVIEW OF HOW THE COUNCIL IS DELIVERING ITS STATED ACTIONS AGAINST THE PRIORITIES IN THE CORPORATE PLAN (SC52)

Arising from its review of the Corporate Plan objectives the Commission gave consideration to the first draft of its findings and recommendations relating to individual action and to the priorities and the Corporate Plan as a whole. The final draft would be presented to the next Commission meeting, prior to presentation to Cabinet.

Generally, Members were satisfied with the content of this document but comment was made that account should be taken of the impact of the Masterplan on Hinckley town centre itself.

It was moved by Mr. Lay, seconded by Mrs. Camamile and

RESOLVED - subject to the inclusion in the first recommendation on page 3 of Appendix 1 to the draft document of a reference to the impact of the Masterplan on Hinckley town centre itself this be approved and a final draft presented to the Commission for approval at the next meeting.

441 COMPREHENSIVE PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT (CPA) - DELIVERY UPDATE (SC53)

The Chief Executive updated Members on progress in delivering the projects and milestones contained in the Council's CPA Improvement Plan.

442 MINUTES OF SELECT COMMITTEE/SCRUTINY PANEL MEETINGS

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

- (a) Council Services Select Committee - 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2005 (SC54)
- (b) Finance & Audit Services Select Committee - 8<sup>th</sup> February 2005 (SC55)
- (c) Finance & Audit Services Select Committee - 24<sup>th</sup> February 2005 (SC56)
- (d) Housing Stock Options Appraisal Scrutiny Panel - 1<sup>st</sup> March 2005 (SC57)

All were noted and arising from item (b) above it was moved by Mr. Lay, seconded by Mr. Lynch and

RESOLVED - these minutes be referred back to the Select Committee.

Arising from item (c) it was moved by Ms. Price, seconded by Mrs. Sherwin and

RESOLVED - the name of Ms. Price be added to those present.

(The meeting closed 8.43 p.m.)