

HINCKLEY & BOSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL
SCRUTINY COMMISSION
21ST APRIL 2005 AT 6.30 P.M.

PRESENT: Mr. M.R. Lay - Chairman

Mrs. R. Camamile, Mrs. M.A. Cook, Mrs. M.J. Crooks, Mr. W.J. Crooks,
Mr. R.D. Ellis, Mr. D.E. Hinton, Mr. K.W.P. Lynch, Mrs. M.L. Sherwin,
Mrs. E.A. Spencer, Mr. K. Vessey and Mr. R. Ward.

Officers in attendance: Mr. S. Atkinson, Mr. B. Cullen, Mr. S. Kohli, Mrs. P.I. Pitt
and Mr. D. Tilley.

477 APOLOGIES & SUBSTITUTIONS

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

Mrs. Cook for Ms. Price
Mr. Crooks for Mrs. Francks
Mr. Hinton for Mr. Boothby

478 MINUTES (SC58)

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

RESOLVED - the minutes of the meeting held on 21st March 2005 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

479 URGENT BUSINESS BY REASON OF SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

The Chairman indicated that, as now circulated to Members, he wished Members to be aware of the contents of the Forward Plan of Key Decisions May-August 2005, the reason for the urgency being that the Commission could select items that they wished to examine.

480 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared at this stage.

481 ANNUAL AUDIT AND INSPECTION LETTER 2003/04 (SC59)

Nigel Toms and Eric Wagstaff of the Audit Commission attended by invitation of the Commission and briefly outlined the contents of the above and responded to questions and concerns directed to them by Members.

482 REVIEW OF HOW THE COUNCIL IS DELIVERING ITS STATED ACTIONS AGAINST THE PRIORITIES IN THE CORPORATE PLAN (SC60)

Further to minute No. 440 of 21st March 2005 and prior to Members' consideration of this the Performance & Improvement Officer circulated a revised page 4 of Appendix 1 of the draft report to Cabinet, which summarised the findings and recommendations of the Scrutiny Commission relating to individual actions and the priorities and Corporate Plan as a whole.

It was emphasised that when this report had been considered by Cabinet and the budget implications of the actions costed out it would be brought back to the Commission for review and on the motion of Mr. Lay, seconded by Mr. Ellis, it was

RESOLVED - the final report to Cabinet as now amended be approved and presented to that Body for consideration.

483 MINUTES OF SELECT COMMITTEE/SCRUTINY PANEL MEETINGS

Placed before Members were the minutes of the following meetings:

- (a) Council Services Select Committee - 3rd March 2005 (SC61)
- (b) Housing Stock Options Appraisal Scrutiny Panel - 10th March 2005 (SC62)

484 MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2005/06 - 2007/08 (SC63)

The Acting Head of Finance presented the above document to Members. This was a rolling document which would be reviewed bi-annually and would provide feedback to the Cabinet and forecast the Council Tax levels for 2006/07 and 2007/08. Arising from a Member's question as to details of the Pension Fund deficit the Acting Head of Finance undertook to provide these direct to the Member concerned. On the motion of Mr. Lay, seconded by Mr. Lynch it was

RESOLVED - the contents of the Medium Term Financial Strategy be noted.

485 FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS MAY 2005 - AUGUST 2005 (SC64)

As indicated earlier, the Chairman stated that he wished Members to consider the above, with a view to selecting items which they considered appropriate for Scrutiny, and ultimately advise him accordingly.

(The meeting closed at 8.00 p.m.)