

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

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

Mr. D.R. Bown, Mrs. R. Camamile, Mrs. M.A. Cook, Mr. R.D. Ellis, Mrs. S. Francks, Mr. K.W.P. Lynch, Mrs. M.L. Sherwin and Mr. J.E. Stanley.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 4.4 Messrs. J.F. Collins and N.B.L. Davis also attended the meeting.

Officers in attendance: Mr. S. Atkinson, Mr. B. Cullen, Mr. D. Jinks, Mr. S. Kohli, Mr. J. McGovern, Mrs. P.I. Pitt, Mr. T.M. Prowse and Mr. D. Tilley.

223 APOLOGIES & SUBSTITUTIONS

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Mr. D.C. Bill, Mr. K.A.J. Hunnybun and Mrs. E.A. Spencer and the following substitutions authorised in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 4.3:-

Mr. D.R. Bown for Mr. Hunnybun
Mrs. Cook for Mrs. Spencer

224 MINUTES (SC24)

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

RESOLVED - the minutes of the meeting held on 25th August 2005 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

225 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared at this stage.

226 COST OF REVERTING TO A WEEKLY COLLECTION OF RESIDUAL WASTE (SC25)

Prior to Members' consideration of this the Heads of Finance and ICT and Health and Environment gave a presentation on the background to the Council's current recycling and refuse collection service, together with details of the position within the Leicestershire Municipal Waste Management Partnership. Neil Greenhalgh from the Partnership attended to brief Members on the wider issues. Then presented to the Commission was a breakdown of the costs of reverting to a weekly service for residual waste collection and the impact of this on certain Best Value Performance Indicators. A full debate ensued, during which Members sought and were provided with further information and clarification. Members expressed satisfaction with the opportunity which had been offered to clarify facts and understanding.

Mr. Lynch left the meeting at 8.03 p.m.

227 RURAL AREAS REVIEW – ENVIRONMENT (SC26)

Presented to Members was an update on the provision of the Hit Squad Scheme, with particular reference to the rural parishes.

Mr. Lynch returned to the meeting at 8.07 p.m.

Whilst noting the report the Commission called for a broader report on issues within the rural areas such as Groundcare and street cleansing and the Head of Health and Environment undertook to produce a detailed report for Members on these issues, including 'zoning' arrangements for street cleansing

Mr. Ellis left the meeting at 8.15 p.m., Mr. Bown at 8.22 p.m. and Mr. Collins at 8.27 p.m.

228 MINUTES OF SELECT COMMITTEE (SC27 AND SC28)

Placed before the Commission were minutes of the meetings of the Finance and Audit Services and Council Services Select Committees held on 19th and 22nd September 2005 respectively. Arising from the latter Members' endorsed the Select Committee's comments in minute number 6(ii) with regard to the hard work and commitment of Benefit staff. The Chief Executive reminded Members that there was no longer a recruitment freeze within the Authority and that the issue of sickness was now being dealt with in a positive way with consideration of a revised scheme of Absence Management.

Mrs. Sherwin left the meeting at 8.35 p.m.

229 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME 2005/06 – SEPTEMBER 2005 (SC29)

Reference was made to the intention at the January 2006 Commission meeting to continue to review the rural areas theme within the Corporate Plan and how the activities of the Leicestershire Rural Partnership would impact on the economic vitality and viability within the villages.

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

RESOLVED – the proposed work programme be approved.

230 FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS – OCTOBER 2005/JANUARY 2006 (SC30)

The Chairman undertook to have discussions with the other group leaders on any issues they wish to have reviewed.

(The meeting closed at 8.37 p.m.)