

HINCKLEY & BOSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL
SCRUTINY COMMISSION
15th FEBRUARY 2006 AT 6.30 P.M.

PRESENT: Mr. M.R. Lay - Chairman
Mrs. R. Camamile - Joint Vice-Chairman

Mr. P.R. Batty, Mr. R.D. Ellis, Mrs. D. Finney, Mr. K.A.J. Hunnybun,
Mrs. M.L. Sherwin, Mrs. E.A. Spencer, Mr. J.E. Stanley and Mr. R.
Ward.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 4.4, Messrs. N.B.L. Davis and
D.W. Thorpe also attended the meeting.

Officers in attendance: Mr. S. Atkinson, Mr. D. Bell, Mr. Michael Brymer,
Mrs. P.I. Pitt and Mr. D. Tilley.

413 APOLOGIES & SUBSTITUTIONS

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Mrs. S. Francks, Mr.
K.W.P. Lynch and Ms. J.E. Price, and the substitution of Mrs. Finney for Mrs.
Francks authorised in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 4.3.

414 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mr. Batty declared a personal interest in report SC59, in that both he and
his wife were receiving treatment via that source .

Mr. Lay declared a personal and prejudicial interest in report SC59 as a
director of a Primary Care Trust.

Having declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the following item Mr.
Lay left the meeting at 6.35 p.m. at which time Mrs. Camamile took the chair.

Mr. Martin Maynes, the Financial Director of Hinckley & Bosworth Primary
Care Trust attended for this item and gave a lengthy and detailed presentation of
proposals for administrative and managerial changes to Primary Care Trusts
(PCT's), Strategic Health Authorities (SHA's) and the Ambulance Services. These
proposals, the consultation period on which ran between 14th December 2005 and
22nd March 2006 did not involve changes to actual front line services such as
hospital provision.

Concerns were raised by Members with regard to the current structure and
reservations expressed regarding the creation of larger Trusts and the impact that
this would have on patient care and meeting local need. Members agreed to make
the best use of the consultation period remaining to comment on the three
consultation documents.

Mr. Stanley left the meeting at 7.16 p.m., returning at 7.25 p.m. On the
motion of Mr. Ellis, seconded by Mr. Stanley it was

RESOLVED – the National Health Service proposals to reorganization the
PCT's, SHA's and the Ambulance Services be discussed within the three political
groups and comments forwarded to the Performance & Improvement Officer by 8th
March 2006 and a joint response thereafter prepared for agreement by the
Chairman and the Vice-Chairmen for submission to the respective Strategic Health
Authorities.

Mrs. Finney left the meeting at 7.40 p.m., at which time Mr. Lay returned and resumed the Chair. Messrs. Davis and Hunnybun left at 7.41 p.m.

415 CONSULTATION RESULTS – IMPROVING YOUR AREA AS A PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK (SC62)

The Chief Executive introduced the report and the Corporate Performance Manager presented the findings of the Citizens Panel survey on improving this area as a place to live and work. Whilst the response rate had not been statistically representative useful information had been provided which identified key messages that could assist in the future direction of Council policy and service delivery. Areas particularly identified by respondents were satisfaction with the local area, the importance of reducing road accidents and the improvements in recycling by the Borough Council.

Mr. Davis returned to the meeting at 7.42 p.m. and Mrs. Finney and Mr. Hunnybun at 7.43 p.m.

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

RESOLVED – the Scrutiny Commission:-

- (i) Agree that the key messages highlighted in paragraphs 5.4 – 5.8 and section 7 of the report of the Chief Executive are encompassed within the new Cultural Strategy by the Cultural Services Manager;
- (ii) Agree that the key messages highlighted in paragraphs 5.5 – 5.8, 5.10 and section 7 of the report are forwarded for consideration by the Hinckley & Bosworth Primary Care Trust or the appropriate body following reorganization;
- (iii) Agree that the key messages highlighted in paragraphs 5.5 – 5.8, 5.14 – 5.17 and section 7 are forwarded for consideration by Leicestershire County Council;
- (iv) Agree that the key messages highlighted in paragraphs 5.4, 5.5, and section 7 are forwarded for consideration by Leicestershire Police Authority;
- (v) Agree that the following issues are added to the Scrutiny Commission Work Programme:
 - (a) Findings of young people's views, jointly undertaken with Hinckley & Bosworth Youth Council as part of the 'Shape of Things to Come' consultation programme.
 - (b) Proposals for a draft of the new Community Plan 2007 – 2012 be presented following consultation;
- (vi) Endorse the development of a new Communications and Consultation Strategy for the Authority that is cognizant of the issues identified by the Citizens Panel survey and outlines a clear direction for improving the reputation and profile of Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council;

- (vii) Endorse further investigation/analysis with Leicestershire County Council and Leicester Shire Online Research Atlas to develop local area profiles for accessibility of services by local communities;
- (viii) Recommend to Cabinet that the priority messages resulting from this consultation exercise are accurately reflected in the Council's priorities and published accordingly; and
- (ix) Support future action outlined in section 8 of the report.

416 WORK PROGRAMME OF HINCKLEY AND BOSWORTH LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP (LSP)(SC63)

The Commission received an update on the work of the above, and was invited to review progress made and impact of the Council's role in this partnership. Following an external review of the Hinckley and Bosworth Community Plan by the Audit Commission the LSP had been launched in its current form in early 2005 and now focused on four agreed priorities, namely:

- A healthier and safer place to live
- A thriving economy with vibrant town and village centres.
- Accessible local services
- Opportunities for young people.

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

RESOLVED – the work of Hinckley and Bosworth Local Strategic Partnership to improve the quality of life in the borough as outlined in the report of the Deputy Chief Executive be endorsed and the future production of quarterly reports on the partnership's progress to the Scrutiny Commission and Cabinet as part of the Council's wider performance management arrangements be welcomed.

417 COUNCIL SERVICES SELECT COMMITTEE MEETING – 1ST FEBRUARY 2006 (SC64)

These minutes were agreed by the Commission.

418 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME 2005/06 (SC65)

The Performance and Improvement Officer indicated that this had been updated to include attendance by representatives of the Police Authority and consideration of the Commission's draft annual report and work programme at the next meeting.

(The meeting closed at 8.02 p.m.)