

HINCKLEY & BOSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL
SCRUTINY COMMISSION
6TH APRIL 2006 AT 6.30 P.M.

PRESENT: Mr. M.R. Lay - Chairman
Mr. K.W.P. Lynch - Joint Vice-Chairman

Mrs. M.J. Crooks, Mr. R.D. Ellis, Mr. M.A. Hall, Mr. D.E. Hinton, Mr. K.A.J. Hunnybun, Ms. J.E. Price, Mrs. E.A. Spencer and Mr. J.E. Stanley.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 4.4, Messrs M.O. Bevins, J.F. Collins, N.B.L. Davis, R. Ward and Mrs. R.W. Wright also attended the meeting.

Mr. R. Birch, Chairman of the Standards Committee, also attended the meeting.

Officers in attendance: Mr. S. Atkinson, Mr. Michael Brymer, Ms. J. Carter, Mr. P. Cash, Mr. M. Evans, Mr. S. Kohli, Miss R. Owen, Mr. T.M. Prowse, Mrs. J. Puffett, and Mr. D. Tilley.

505 APOLOGIES & SUBSTITUTIONS

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Mr. P.R. Batty, Mrs. R. Camamile, Mrs. S. Francks and Mrs. M.L. Sherwin and the substitution of Mrs. Crooks for Mrs. Francks and Mr. Hinton for Mrs. Camamile authorised in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 4.3.

506 MINUTES (SC73)

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

RESOLVED – the minutes of the meeting held on 23rd March 2006 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

507 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared at this stage.

508 MATTERS FROM WHICH THE PUBLIC MAY BE EXCLUDED

On the motion of Mr. Lynch, seconded by Mr. Stanley, it was

RESOLVED - in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the remaining items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in those paragraphs of Part I of Schedule 12A of that Act indicated alongside each item.

509 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS 2005 – OVERSPEND (PARAGRAPHS 1, 3 & 10) (SC74)

The Scrutiny Commission received a report from the Head of Culture and Development which explained the reasons and circumstances that led to the overspend on the provision of the Christmas Lights in 2005 from the 2005/06 budget.

Officers stated that they would be looking into the matter further over the next few days and would then have more information about the events and processes that

led to the overspend. Members felt that they should await this information on events and processes before making any final recommendations to Cabinet.

RESOLVED –

- (i) the recommendations contained within the report be supported;
- (ii) a report be brought back to the next ordinary meeting of the Scrutiny Commission presenting any further information on the events and processes arising from further investigations by officers into the overspend.

510 INVESTIGATION INTO SERVICE OF FIXED PENALTY NOTICE
(PARAGRAPHS 1, 2 & 10) (SC75)

The Scrutiny Commission received a report from the Chief Executive which drew Members' attention to the Investigation Report of the Head of Health and Environment with regard to the service of a fixed penalty notice.

RESOLVED – the recommendations in the report be supported and considered by Cabinet on 13th April 2006.

(The meeting closed at 8.25 p.m.)