Date: 29 September 2017



To: Members of the Scrutiny Commission

Mr MR Lay (Chairman)
Mrs R Camamile (Vice-Chairman)
Mr KWP Lynch (Vice-Chairman)
Mr DC Bill MBE
Mr SL Bray

Mr WJ Crooks Mr RB Roberts Mr BE Sutton Mr R Ward Mr HG Williams (1 vacancy)

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Dear Councillor,

There will be a meeting of the **SCRUTINY COMMISSION** in the De Montfort Suite, Hinckley Hub on **MONDAY**, **9 OCTOBER 2017** at **6.30 pm** and your attendance is required.

The agenda for the meeting is set out overleaf.

Yours sincerely

Rebecca Owen

Democratic Services Officer

SCRUTINY COMMISSION - 9 OCTOBER 2017

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES AND SUBSTITUTIONS

2. <u>MINUTES</u> (Pages 1 - 4)

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 10 August 2017.

3. ADDITIONAL URGENT BUSINESS BY REASON OF SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

To be advised of any additional items of business which the Chairman decides by reason of special circumstances shall be taken as matters of urgency at this meeting.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive verbally from members any disclosures which they are required to make in accordance with the Council's code of conduct or in pursuance of Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992. This is in addition to the need for such disclosure to be also given when the relevant matter is reached on the agenda.

5. QUESTIONS

To hear any questions in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 12.

6. <u>COUNCIL HOUSING SATISFACTION SURVEY</u> (Pages 5 - 14)

To inform members of the results of the latest housing satisfaction survey. Members are asked to endorse the future priorities identified.

7. <u>SCRUTINY REVIEW: LIBRARIES (Pages 15 - 20)</u>

To update members on provision of library services across the borough following Leicestershire County Council's review of libraries in 2014/15. Witnesses will be in attendance.

8. SCRUTINY REVIEW: SPECIAL EXPENSES AREA (Pages 21 - 32)

The Scrutiny Commission is asked to review the current arrangements in relation to the special expenses area and governance of special expenses.

9. BUSINESS RATES ENTERPRISE ZONE RELIEF POLICY (Pages 33 - 52)

Report informing members of business formalisation of the council's Enterprise Zone relief policy arrangements. Members are asked to endorse the recommendations to the Executive.

10. <u>BUSINESS RATES DISCRETIONARY RELIEF - NEW BUSINESS INVESTMENT INCENTIVES (Pages 53 - 58)</u>

Report to inform members of a proposed change to the discretionary business rates relief policy to encourage inward investment into the area by new businesses. Members are asked to endorse the recommendations to the Executive.

11. <u>BUSINESS RATES RELIEF SCHEMES 2017/18</u> (Pages 59 - 64)

To advise members of additional business rate relief schemes arising from the government's spring budget. Scrutiny Commission is asked to endorse the recommendations to the Executive.

12. CRESCENT DEVELOPMENT - UPDATE (Pages 65 - 68)

To update the Scrutiny Commission on the performance of the Crescent development.

13. SCRUTINY COMMISSION WORK PROGRAMME 2016-18 (Pages 69 - 74)

Work programme attached.

14. <u>ANY OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES HAVE TO BE</u> DEALT WITH AS MATTERS OF URGENCY

As announced under item 3.

15. MATTERS FROM WHICH THE PUBLIC MAY BE EXCLUDED

To consider the passing of a resolution under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 excluding the public from the undermentioned item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 3 and 10 of Schedule 12A of the 1972 Act.

16. DEVELOPING COMMUNITIES FUND (Pages 75 - 84)

To inform the Scrutiny Commission of funding requests and seek recommendation for allocations of funding.