



Date: 01 May 2024

To: Members of the Scrutiny Commission

Cllr C Lambert (Chair)	Cllr C Harris
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Dear member,

There will be a meeting of the **SCRUTINY COMMISSION** in the De Montfort Suite, Hinckley Hub on **THURSDAY, 9 MAY 2024** at **6.30 pm** and your attendance is required.

The agenda for the meeting is set out overleaf.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R Owen'.

Rebecca Owen
Democratic Services Manager

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Thank you

SCRUTINY COMMISSION - 9 MAY 2024

A G E N D A

1. **APOLOGIES AND SUBSTITUTIONS**

2. **MINUTES (Pages 1 - 4)**

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 14 March 2024.

3. **ADDITIONAL URGENT BUSINESS BY REASON OF SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES**

To be advised of any additional items of business which the Chair 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. **SCRUTINY COMMISSION WORK PROGRAMME (Pages 5 - 10)**

Work programme attached.

7. **SCRUTINY REVIEW: UTILITY COMPANIES**

Following the motion to Council in relation to future preparedness of utility companies and subsequent agreement of the Scrutiny Commission to pursue the resolution of Council, National Grid's DSO Strategic Engagement Officer will be in attendance to update members on their work.

8. **PARISH & HINCKLEY COMMUNITY INITIATIVE FUND ALLOCATION OF GRANTS 2023/24 (Pages 11 - 20)**

To present the recommended allocation of the Parish & Community Initiative Fund and Hinckley Community Initiative Fund for 2024/25.

9. **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME 2024-25 (Pages 21 - 30)**

To outline the enhancement schemes to be implemented in 2024/25 under the Environmental Improvement Programme.

10. **SOCIAL HOUSING REGULATION UPDATE - COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE (Pages 31 - 78)**

To advise members of the changes to legislation following the Social Housing Regulation Act 2023, update on progress in relation to compliance with the key

areas and inform of the new inspection routine set out by the Regulator of social housing.

11. **MINUTES OF FINANCE & PERFORMANCE SCRUTINY (Pages 79 - 82)**

Minutes of the meeting held on 18 March.

12. **MINUTES OF THE HOUSING TASK & FINISH GROUP (Pages 83 - 84)**

Minutes of the meeting held on 14 March.

13. **ANY OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIR DECIDES HAVE TO BE DEALT WITH AS MATTERS OF URGENCY**

As announced under item 3.

14. **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.

15. **CREMATORIUM UPDATE (Verbal Report)**

To provide an update on the crematorium project.