

HINCKLEY AND BOSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

SCRUTINY COMMISSION

29 AUGUST 2024 AT 6.30 PM

PRESENT: Cllr C Lambert - Chair
Cllr MJ Surtees and Cllr P Williams – Vice-Chair
Cllr DS Cope, Cllr MJ Crooks, Cllr C Gibbens, Cllr CE Green (for Cllr J Moore),
Cllr C Harris, Cllr A Pendlebury and Cllr M Simmons

Officers in attendance: Julie Kenny, Rebecca Owen and Sharon Stacey

119. **Apologies and substitutions**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Moore, with the substitution of Councillor Green authorised in accordance with council procedure rule 10.

120. **Minutes**

It was moved by Councillor Pendlebury, seconded by Councillor Crooks and

RESOLVED – the minutes of the meeting held on 25 July be confirmed as a correct record.

121. **Declarations of interest**

Councillor Lambert declared an interest in the sustainable procurement policy as vice-chair of Efficiency East Midlands which provided some support to the council.

122. **Scrutiny review: utility companies**

Representatives of Severn Trent Water provided members with an update on their services, service improvement and future planning by way of response to the motion to Council which the Scrutiny Commission had actioned. Following questions from members and concerns raised about developers not building in water retention tanks, it was moved by Councillor Lambert and seconded by Councillor Crooks that the relevant body be asked to write to the government requesting the grey water recycling provision be added to planning and / or building regulation requirements. Upon being put to the vote, the motion was CARRIED and it was unanimously

RESOLVED – the relevant body of the Council be requested to write to the government requesting the grey water recycling provision be added to planning and / or building regulation requirements.

123. Scrutiny Commission Work Programme

In considering the work programme, it was suggested that the bus service / public transport review and the health review would not require a task & finish group and would be undertaken by the Scrutiny Commission as an agenda item during an ordinary meeting. It was agreed that the health review would take place at the December meeting. The overview & scrutiny annual report would be added to the work programme for the following meeting.

124. Sustainable procurement policy

Consideration was given to the sustainable procurement policy to support the climate change strategy. Attention was drawn to page 19 of the agenda (page 5 of the policy) which referred to the evaluation criteria and provision for up to 10% of the scoring evaluation to be allocated to environmental and social value for tenders over £50,000 where considered applicable to the contract, and concern was expressed that this allowed for it not to be applied. Councillor Williams, seconded by Councillor Surtees, proposed that the Executive be RECOMMENDED to amend the wording “where it is considered applicable to the contract” to read “as set out in the contract procedure rules”. Upon being put to the vote, the motion was CARRIED and it was

RESOLVED – the Executive be RECOMMENDED to amend the wording on the bottom row of page 5 of the policy to read “this policy allows for up to 10% of the scoring evaluation to be allocated to environmental and social value criteria for tenders over £50,000 as set out in the contract procedure rules”.

125. Minutes of the Housing Task & Finish Group

The minutes of the Housing Task & Finish Group were presented for information. It was noted that the final meeting would take place on 5 September, with a report coming to the next meeting of the Scrutiny Commission.

(The Meeting closed at 7.54 pm)

CHAIR