

HINCKLEY AND BOSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

SCRUTINY COMMISSION

14 APRIL 2016 AT 6.30 PM

PRESENT: Mr MR Lay - Chairman
Mrs R Camamile – Vice-Chairman

Mr DC Bill MBE, Mr WJ Crooks, Mr E Hollick (for Mr SL Bray), Mr KWP Lynch, Mr BE Sutton, Mr R Ward and Mr HG Williams

Also in attendance: Councillor C Ladkin and Councillor A Wright

Officers in attendance: Steve Atkinson, Ilyas Bham, Valerie Bunting, Richard Crosthwaite, Bill Cullen, Julie Kenny, Rebecca Owen and Caroline Roffey

486 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Camamile & Hollick stated that they were parish councillors for authorities that had applied for grants under the Parish & Community Initiative Fund.

494 DECISION MAKING STRUCTURE

Following deferral of this item at Council, the Scrutiny Commission considered the proposed decision making structure. It was reported that the objective of the review was to raise the profile of audit and create a clear decision making process, but would not preclude an overview & scrutiny body receiving a report on a particular audit or viewing the audit plan if they wished. A discussion had taken place immediately before the meeting, involving the Chair of the Commission, the Council Leader and the Deputy Leader of the Opposition. The conclusions of that constructive discussion were put before the Commission.

Members felt that a standalone Audit Committee would be more effective than merging the audit function with the Ethical Governance & Personnel Committee and that the chairman of the Scrutiny Commission and the Finance & Performance Committee should be members of the Audit Committee. It was also noted that members of the Executive should not normally be members of the Audit Committee, and that the Audit Committee would have a set cycle and a work programme.

RESOLVED – Council be RECOMMENDED to approve a revised structure with a separate Audit Committee.

(The Meeting closed at 8.50 pm)