

HARBOROUGH DISTRICT COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SCRUTINY COMMISSION

Held in the Council Chamber, The Symington Building,

Adam and Eve Street, Market Harborough

6th June 2019

commencing at 6.30 p.m.

Present: Councillor Mrs Page, Chairman

Councillors: Mrs Ackerley, Bilbie, Dr Bremner, Champion, Elliott, Fosker, Golding, Knowles and
Modha.

Officers: D. Atkinson, B. Jolly & G. Keeping.

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Johnson and Whelband. Councillor Fosker substituted for Councillor Johnson and Councillor Modha substituted for Councillor Whelband.

MINUTES OF SCRUTINY COMMISSION

RESOLVED that: the Minutes of the Meeting of the Scrutiny Commission held on 29th November 2018 be accepted and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

There were none.

REPORT 1: PERFORMANCE: QUARTER 4 2018/19

Members received the report on the Council's performance against the 2018/19 Corporate Delivery Plan and Performance Indicators at the end of year. In its first appendix the report contained information under the following categories: Key Activities, Status, Progress and Next Steps and identified Lead Officers and Portfolio Holders. Members' attention was also drawn to the Strategic Performance Dashboard that was attached as Appendix B to the report. Members were also invited to consider whether or not the Quarter 4 Performance Report should be referred to either or both of the Council's Scrutiny Panels (Performance and/or Communities) for further consideration.

The Chairman invited questions and comments from those present and the following was recorded:

Question/ Comment	Response
<u>Status of Key Activities:</u> it was noted that 81.8% of Key Activities were recorded as 'Green' and it was commented that this represented good performance.	
<u>KA.01.04 Provide effective local air quality management:</u> (i) the entry in appendix A to the report notes that the 2018 results for Lutterworth are interim until correction factors are applied and data published in the annual status	(i) It was AGREED that an all-member briefing note be issued to indicate whether the targets had been met. (ii) It was AGREED that a link to the report would be circulated to all members of the Commission.

<p>report. When is this expected to take place?</p> <p>(ii) Attention was drawn to a report on Air Quality that had recently been considered by Leicestershire County Council's Environment & Transport Overview and Scrutiny Committee.</p>	
<p><u>KA.01.05 To promote the vibrancy of the District's two market towns:</u> it was noted that the "Next Steps" section of Appendix A to the report mentioned that a House of Commons Event to promote the Harborough's Finding and Development businesses was being looked into. What progress was being made with this?</p>	<p>It was AGREED that an update on this would be circulated to all members of the Commission.</p>
<p><u>KA.05.01 To influence the Leicester and Leicestershire Strategic Growth Plan:</u> the comment was made that seven District Councils had voted through the Plan and it would be interesting to see how the Cabinet intended to take this matter forward.</p>	<p>It was noted that a proposal to scrutinise the Strategic Growth Plan from the perspective of Harborough District Council was to be considered as part of the next item on the agenda.</p>

The Scrutiny Commission noted the report and

RESOLVED that there was no need for the report to be referred to either of the Council's Scrutiny Panels for further consideration.

REPORT 2: THE SCRUTINY WORK-PLAN

The Chairman invited questions and comments from those present and the following was recorded:

Question/ Comment	Response
<p><u>Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act (RIPA):</u> could the number of reports be reduced to two per annum?</p>	<p>It was AGREED that the Monitoring Officer would be consulted on this proposal. <i>Post meeting note: the Monitoring Officer confirmed that it was a requirement that reports be considered on a quarterly basis.</i></p>
<p><u>Broadband Updates:</u> are these still useful?</p>	<p>It was AGREED that no further Broadband Updates be made to Scrutiny.</p>
<p><u>Section 106 Planning Obligations:</u> does this item still need to be included on the Workplan?</p>	<p>It was AGREED that this item no longer be included on the Scrutiny Workplan.</p>
<p><u>Empty Properties:</u> does Scrutiny still wish to receive reports on this subject?</p>	<p>It was AGREED that in future updates be circulated by email to all Members.</p>
<p><u>Annual Review of Partnership Register:</u> does Scrutiny still wish to receive reports on this subject?</p>	<p>It was AGREED that in future updates be circulated by email to all Members.</p>
<p><u>Progress on Neighbourhood Plans:</u> does Scrutiny still wish to receive reports on this subject?</p>	<p>It was AGREED that in future briefing notes be circulated by email to all Members.</p>

Following discussion, the Scrutiny Commission

RESOLVED:

that the Scrutiny Work-plan, attached as Appendix A to these Minutes, be approved.

MATTERS OF SPECIAL URGENCY

There were none.

The Meeting ended at 8.32 p.m.