

HARBOROUGH DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SCRUTINY COMMISSION

held in the Cromwell suite, Three Swans Hotel, Market Harborough, LE16 7NJ

28<sup>th</sup> February 2013

commencing at 6.30p.m.

Present:

Councillor Dr. Bremner (Chairman).

Councillors: Bannister, Beesley-Reynolds, Brodrick, Mrs. Burrell, Dewes, Graves, Hall, Hallam, Dr. S. Hill, Johnson, King, Knowles, Liquorish, Pain, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Simpson, Smith, Tomlin and Mrs. Wood.

Officers: A. Graves, B. Murgatroyd and E. O'Neill.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Beaty, Dunton, Everett, Evans, Galton, McHugo and Mrs. Page.

494 MINUTES

RESOLVED that: the Minutes of the Meeting of the Scrutiny Commission held on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2013 be taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

495 NOTES OF SCRUTINY TASK GROUPS

RESOLVED that: the Notes of the Meeting of the Scrutiny Task Group for the Customer Services and Communications Strategy be taken as read and appended to these Minutes (Appendix A)

496 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

No declarations were made.

497 REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SCRUTINY COMMISSION

Councillor Dr. Bremner, Chairman of the Scrutiny Commission, presented his report as set out below:

"Report of the Chairman of the Scrutiny Commission

Sands are moving and we are progressing. The edicts coming from Government are placing considerable pressure upon officers and members alike to absorb. Add to that our exciting transformation programme – you have quite a mix.

So although it was disappointing to have a late report to the extra and recent Resource and Performance Committee (12<sup>th</sup> Feb.) the report was expertly and clearly explained by the Section 151 Officer and he was especially thanked for that clarity by the panel.

We now look forward to the Scrutiny Commission on the 28<sup>th</sup> February. Members have put forward a list of items to consider for inclusion in the workplan and All non-executive members will have an opportunity to consider these on the 28<sup>th</sup>. The Steering Group met and considered the proposed Workplan on the evening of the 12<sup>th</sup> Feb. The Steering group will commend the Workplan to the Commission for consideration and finalisation on the 28<sup>th</sup> Feb.

This meeting will set the scrutiny agenda for both the two panels and any task and finish groups the Commission request to be formed.

Could I remind all non-Executive Councillors that the quorum of Scrutiny Commission is 16 so here, like all meetings, it is especially important to attend or give your apologies. Many thanks and looking forward to a wide ranging Scrutiny Commission debate that will engage scrutiny as:

- The improvement arm of the Council.
- Setting items upon our agenda that have high public impact.

Cllr Dr Paul Bremner

Chair of Scrutiny”

In addition to the above report, the Chairman tabled an updated report. This is attached at Appendix B to these Minutes.

#### 498 SCRUTINY WORK-PLAN

Following debate, the Scrutiny Work-plan for March to June 2013 was agreed upon by the Scrutiny Commission. The Scrutiny Work-plan for March to June 2013 is attached at Appendix C to these Minutes.

The Meeting ended at 8.00pm.

..... Chairman

30/05/13 Date