

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, Leicestershire LE16 7AG
- On:** 28 September commencing at 18:30.
- Present:** Councillors Bateman, Burrell, Dann, Elliott, Hallam (Chair), James, Rickman, James, Gair and Mrs Page,
- Officers:** Liz Elliott – Interim Chief Executive, Clare Pattinson – Interim Director of Law & Governance (remote), Julie Young – Interim Head of Legal, Kathryn Parsons – Democratic Services Officer

1. INTRODUCTIONS

Cllr Hallam introduced the panel.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND NOTIFICATION OF SUBSTITUTES

Apologies were received from Councillor Forman

3. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

There were none.

4. DRAFT MINUTES SCRUTINY COMMISSION 3RD NOVEMBER 2022

The Commission noted the draft minutes provided and **RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Scrutiny Commission held on the 27 June 2023, as updated, be accepted and signed by the Chairman as a true record.**

5. REVIEW OF THE SCRUTINY WORK PLANS

The Interim Chief Executive introduced the draft Scrutiny Work Plan report and discussion occurred around the recommendations in the report which were as follows:

- Reg18 consultation for Local Plan change of date so the Panel can look at this in detail. This needs to come to Scrutiny.
- All subjects agreed have been included.
- All reserved dates have now been included.

- 2nd November has been moved to the 16th November to allow for Reg18 work to be completed.
- We have included previous Work Plan for 22/23 included and brought forward to 23/24.
- 4 Meetings for Performance Panel and no Finance or Performance Management Information as agreed at last meeting they will not be coming to Scrutiny. Looking at briefing notes.
- Portfolio Holders to attend panels and to present their reports.
- RIPA report will be slotted in at the appropriate time.
- 13th November revised date for the Scrutiny Training.
- Pentana Training can be provided on request.
- Local Development Team to send out timetable as part of the update.
- Next Scrutiny Commission Date 7th March 2024. Placeholders in for Task and Finish Groups should they be needed.

Recommendation to agree the workplan. The Scrutiny Commission agreed this.

5.1 FUTURE OF SCRUTINY ARRANGEMENTS

The Interim Chief Executive introduced the report and discussion occurred around the recommendations in the report which were as follows:

- Do you want the Commission to remain, or do you want to get rid of the Commission?
- Do you want two panels or three panels.
- If you want two or three panels, how do you want them formatted? Do you want them to reflect the Corporate Priorities/Plan?
- Do you want them to stay as Communities and Performance?
- Changes will affect the Constitution.

Recommendation to remove the Scrutiny Commission Panel, and a number of Communities and Performance Panels to be decided at a later date. Constitution to be updated by removing any reference to the Scrutiny Commission Panel.

The Commission **RESOLVED** to remove the scrutiny commission panel. Task and Finish group to look at panel structure, number of people on the panel, frequency of meetings and workplan.

6. ANY URGENT BUSINESS

Call for the Scrutiny Commissioner to hold a scrutiny review by the relevant panel into the circumstance and all information and action taken prior to and during the Light and Life Festival at the Showground.

Recommendation to have a Task and Finish group undertake a scrutiny review into the Light and Life Festival on what actions HDC Officers actions, decision made, and lessons learnt and report to Communities/Performance Scrutiny Panel.

The Commission **RESOLVED** to take a report on the Light and Life Festival to Performance Scrutiny Panel 7th December 2023.

The Meeting ended at 19:50