

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

20<sup>th</sup> March 2014

commencing at 6.30p.m.

Present: Councillor Mrs. Ackerley, Chairman.

Councillors: Bannister, Beesley-Reynolds, Brodrick, Mrs. Burrell, Dewes, Dunton, Elliott, Evans, Galton, Holyoak, Johnson, Knowles, McHugo, Rook, Mrs. Simpson, Spendlove-Mason,

Tomlin and Mrs. Wood.

Officers: B. Jolly and E. O'Neill

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Beaty, Birch, Bowles, Callis, Everett, Golding, Graves, Hall, Mrs. Page and Mrs. Robinson.

522 MINUTES

RESOLVED that: the Minutes of the Meeting of the Scrutiny Commission held on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2013 be taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

i) Meeting of the Scrutiny Task Group Discussing: Seven Locks Governance Review

RESOLVED that: the Minutes of the Meeting of the Scrutiny Task Group discussing the Seven Locks Governance Review be received (attached at Appendix A to these Minutes).

ii) Meeting of the Scrutiny Task Group Discussing: Broadband Provision

RESOLVED that: the Minutes of the Meeting of the Scrutiny Task Group discussing Broadband Provision be received (attached at Appendix B to these Minutes).

iii) Meeting of the Scrutiny Task Group Discussing: The District Economic Growth Plan

RESOLVED that: the Minutes of the Meeting of the Scrutiny Task Group discussing The District Economic Growth Plan be received (attached at Appendix C to these Minutes).

iv) Meeting of the Scrutiny Task Group Discussing: The Settling Rooms, Market Harborough

RESOLVED that: the Minutes of the Meeting of the Scrutiny Task Group discussing The Settling Rooms, Market Harborough be received (attached at Appendix D to these Minutes).

523 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

None received.

524 THE SCRUTINY WORK-PLAN

The Scrutiny Commission RESOLVED that the Scrutiny Work-plan, attached at Appendix E to these Minutes, be approved.

## 525 MATTERS OF SPECIAL URGENCY

### Quoracy of the Scrutiny Commission

The Chairman reminded Members that the Quorum of the Scrutiny Commission required attendance by 50% of Members of the Commission. This meant that 16 Members were required to form a quorum (16 equals 50% of 32 non-Executive Members).

It was noted that, since the introduction in July 2012 of the current quoracy requirement, several Meetings of the Scrutiny Commission had to be rearranged due to insufficient numbers of Councillors being present. It was also noted that several meetings of the Scrutiny Commission had only just achieved a quorum.

RESOLVED that: a report be produced to set out options for potentially changing the quoracy requirements of the Scrutiny Commission. The report should be brought to the next Meeting of the Constitutional Review Committee for onward recommendation to the next Meeting of Annual Council, for implementation.

The Meeting ended at 7.35p.m.

**\*Appendices not included with this despatch\***