

Time commenced – 6.00pm
Time finished – 9.05pm

SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMISSION 21 SEPTEMBER 2010

Present: Councillor Carr (in the Chair)
Councillors Barker, Davis, Dhindsa, Harwood, F Khan

Co-opted Member for the Crime and Disorder matters Chief Superintendent Andy Hough Divisional Commander, Derbyshire Constabulary,

25/10 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bolton Hussain and Jones.

26/10 Late items introduced by the Chair

In accordance with Section 100(B) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the Chair agreed to admit the following late item:

- Neighbourhoods Commission Work Programme.

27/10 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

28/10 Minutes

The minutes of the meetings held on 29 June and 26 July 2010 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

29/10 Former Commissions

Resolved to note the minutes of the following meetings:

Community Commission - held on 9 June 2010

Planning and Transportation Commission - held on 14 June 2010

Adult Services and Health Commission - held on 21 June 2010

Climate Change Commission - held on 7 June 2010.

Crime and Disorder Matters

30/10 Nottingham Prison – Its Role as a Local Prison

The Commission received a presentation from Peter Wright Governor of Nottingham Prison on the role of the prison as a local prison.

There was a particular focus on work on reducing reoffending and engagement with prisoners' families to prevent offending.

Peter Wright invited the Commission to visit the prison and invited ideas to influence the way the prison moved forward with its programmes to assist prisoners for when they returned to the community particularly in relation to agency involvement to make reintegration a success.

Resolved to note the presentation.

31/10 Derbyshire Constabulary – Divisional Restructure – Update

Chief Superintendent Hough gave an update on the divisional restructure of Derbyshire Constabulary which came into force on 1 April 2010. He also reported on the possible implications relating to budget pressures. He was currently looking at where savings could be made by changing shift patterns and rotas.

Chief Superintendent Hough reported that Community Safety Officers had been reduced due to funding and there were concerns about the effects at the neighbourhood level. He would like to develop a Social Contract with residents'. To help develop that he suggested that Neighbourhood Forums should be asked two questions;

- What do the community most need in terms of police and community safety
- What do the community most value in terms of police and community safety

Chief Superintendent Hough updated the Commission on crime statistics since April 2010. The market for stolen goods was an area which needed to be addressed.

It was felt by Members of the Commission that information to Neighbourhood Forums needed to be co-terminus with ward boundaries. Chief Superintendent Hough said he hoped to seek approval to make beat boundaries co-terminus with the wards. The Community Safety Partnership were working closely with the police to look at priorities.

Resolved to note the update.

32/10 Alcohol Licensing

The Commission considered a report which stated that at its meeting on 29 June 2010 this Commission decided to discuss city centre alcohol licensing at this meeting. It was requested that the outcome of the Commission's previous review be provided to members. The report set out the progress made in relation to each recommendation. Michael Kay reported that Responsible Authorities Meetings – RAM had been instituted and he reported on progress to date. Almost all the recommendations of the review had been met and implemented. He also reported that a consultation document had recently been considered and responded to in relation to licensing and it was anticipated that new legislation would be drawn up to address the issues which had arisen from the current legislation. It was expected that powers would be improved.

The Commission were particularly concerned about recommendation 11 – about changing the drinking culture in Derby and wished to promote a different lifestyle culture.

The Commission requested feedback on the progress of the cumulative impact of the high concentration of licensed premises in Derby.

Resolved

1. **To note the report.**
2. **To request feedback on the cumulative effect of the high concentration of licensed premises in Derby.**

33/10 Redeployment Mobile CCTV Cameras – Proposed Protocol

The Commission considered a report on the redeployment of Mobile CCTV cameras and a proposed protocol for their use. Eight were available for use across the City which were put in an area as a temporary measure based on risk and threat. It was possible for Neighbourhood Boards to purchase cameras for their own area but these could cost in the region of £10k. There could be additional cost if there was a need to provide a power supply. Additionally details on capital and revenue costs would be provided by the Community Safety Partnership to Commission Members later.

It was agreed that the protocol would be circulated to Neighbourhood Boards/Forums via the Neighbourhood Managers and circulated to all Members of the Council by e mail.

Resolved to endorse the protocol on the redeployment of CCTV cameras.

34/10 Councillor Call for Action

There were no items.

General Portfolio Matters

35/10 Revenue Budget

The Commission received an update on the revenue budget setting process to March 2011 and in year revenue budget reductions.

Resolved to note the report.

36/10 Call-in

There were no items.

37/10 Refinement of Overview and Scrutiny Commissions

The Commission considered a report of the Chair which stated that Council at its meeting on 7 July 2010 agreed the motion to align the overview and scrutiny commissions to the new directorates, with this Commission mirroring the Chief Executive's Office. The new Commissions had met and considered reports on their remits. This had revealed a significant difference in the breadth or responsibilities. The smallest commission,

Resources, also had a blurring of responsibilities with that of Scrutiny Management Commission. The Commission had also struggled to manage agendas divided between its designation as the Crime and Disorder Committee and its Council responsibilities.

The Commission considered refining the new commission structures by Scrutiny Management Commission absorbing the Resources Directorate functions, so dispensing with the need for a Resources Commission and using the freed capacity to create a new free standing Crime and Disorder Commission.

Resolved to recommend Council to:

- 1. dispense with the Resources Commission by allocating its functions to the Scrutiny Management Commission.**
- 2. create a Crime and Disorder Commission and designate that as its Crime and Disorder Committee for the purposes of Section 19 of the Police and Justice Act 2006.**
- 3. appoint the Chair, Vice Chair and members of the new Crime and Disorder Commission.**

38/10 Remit and Work Programme 2010/11

The Commission considered a report which stated that the Commission at its meeting on 29 June 2010 decided to defer full discussion of the work programme until the September meeting, because it was known that changes might be made to the overview and scrutiny function at Council in July 2010. Consideration was given to the work programme for the remainder of the municipal year. A full scoping report on anaerobic digestion was attached to the report.

Resolved to undertake a topic review on Brown Bin Waste – An investigation into the potential benefits from moving from an aerobic to an anaerobic break down of waste collected in brown bins. (see also minute 40/10 below)

35/10 Neighbourhoods Commission Work Programme

The Commission considered a report of the Neighbourhoods Commission relating to their proposed work programme.

Resolved

- 1. To approve the proposed work programme of the Neighbourhoods Commission.**
- 2. To ask the Crime and Disorder Commission, if established by Council in line with minute no 37/10 to look at the impact of budget cuts for community safety in Neighbourhoods as a result of Police and Community Safety Partnership cutbacks and the likely shrinkage of all agencies due to Comprehensive Spending Review.**

40/10 Forward Plan

To request an update on the position with Allestree Hall to the next meeting and agree that detailed scrutiny of the Sustainable Community Strategy and the Corporate Plan would form part of the work programme.

41/10 Forward Plan Analysis – Quarterly Report

The Commission considered a report which stated that the Commission received a report detailing Key and Budget and Policy Framework decisions made by Council Cabinet which were and were not included on the Forward Plan at its meeting in September 2007.

Following that meeting the Commission made the following recommendations to Council Cabinet:

- That for items which have previously appeared on the Forward Plan, the Forward Plan reference number and the date that the item was placed on the Forward Plan is included on all reports to Council Cabinet on those items, and in the minutes of any subsequent decisions relating to the items.
- That wherever practicable items are retained on the Forward Plan for a minimum of three months before a decision is made by Council Cabinet.
- That before any non-urgent decision on a Forward Plan item is taken, Council Cabinet confirms that adequate opportunity has been given to anyone wishing to make representations about the item and that this is noted in the minute of the decision together with a summary of any representations that were received by the officer identified in the Forward Plan.
- That the list contained in Table 2 of the attached report, or a list of similar content, is maintained and is made accessible through the Council's Committee Information Website (CMIS).

On 20 February 2008 a meeting was held between the Chair and Vice Chair with the Leader and Deputy Leader to discuss Commission recommendations for the Forward Plan.

The Leader and Deputy Leader gave assurances that procedures would be tightened up and an audit trail be made available.

The report details the Key and Budget Performance Framework decisions taken by Council Cabinet during the period 6 July 2010 – 7 September 2010.

Where it has been possible to do so, the Council Cabinet decision has been related to the relevant Forward Plan item. In these cases the time between the item being placed on the Forward Plan and the decision being made by Council Cabinet was shown in the table.

When an item had not been included on the forward plan, the report author was asked to provide an explanation for its absence. These responses were provided in the table in appendix 2.

Since 29 January 2008 this report had been a regular standing item on the Scrutiny

Management Commission's agenda. This enabled the Commission to ensure that the Forward Plan was being used correctly by officers and helps all Commissions to plan their work programmes effectively.

Resolved to note the report.

42/10 Retrospective Scrutiny

There were no item requested.

43/10 Matters Referred to the Commission by Council Cabinet

There were no items.

44/10 Response of Council Cabinet to the Recommendations and Reports of this Commission

The Commission considered the response of Council Cabinet relating to

- a) Accommodation Strategy
- b) research to determine the attitudes of local people to climate change, and
- c) options appraisal of the school meals provision in the city.

Resolved

- 1. To note the response of Council Cabinet to the recommendations and reports of the Commission.**
- 2. To further consider School Meals when the next key decision on this issue is due to be taken.**

Chair of the next ensuing meeting
at which these minutes were signed