

SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMISSION 13 SEPTEMBER 2005

Present: Councillor Graves (in the Chair)
Councillors Ahern, Allen, Hickson, Higginbottom, Jackson, Jones,
Latham, MacDonald, Smalley, Travis and Turner.

In attendance: Councillor Wynn

30/05 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

31/05 Late items introduced by the Chair

In accordance with Section 100 (B) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the Chair agreed to admit an item relating to appointments to the Compact Forum on the grounds that the nominations were required for the Council Meeting to be held on 14 September 2005.

Resolved to appoint Councillors Higginbottom and Latham as Compact Forum Representatives.

32/05 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

33/05 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 19th July 2005 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair, subject to the inclusion of Councillor Travis' apologies for absence.

34/05 Call-In

There had been no call in of a decision.

Items for Discussion

35/05 Performance Eye

The Commission considered a report on Performance Eye. Councillor Allen requested that officers investigate different methods of displaying data which was not produced quarterly, for example exam results. He felt that the current method of displaying this type of information did not give a clear indication of how often the data was collected making comparisons difficult.

Resolved to ask officers to investigate different methods of displaying results for data that was not produced quarterly.

36/05 Retrospective Scrutiny

David Romaine asked that Members to contact him via email with any items for retrospective scrutiny for any of the Overview and Scrutiny Commissions.

Resolved to contact David Romaine with any items for Retrospective Scrutiny.

37/05 Disposal of Land in Vicinity of the Former Baseball Ground

The Commission considered a report of the Director of Corporate Services on the disposal of land in the vicinity of the Former Baseball Ground. The Commission agreed that they would consider a report on this issue when a decision had been taken by Council Cabinet. Councillor Ahern asked how widely officers had publicised on the proposals and was informed that the proposals had been reported in the local press.

Resolved

- 1. To note the report and;**
- 2. To request a further report when Cabinet had taken a decision on this issue.**

38/05 Corporate Asset Management Plan

The Commission received a report from the Director of Corporate Services on the Corporate Asset Management Plan. Members raised questions regarding the content of the plan.

Resolved to note the report and presentation.

39/05 Section 106 Agreements

The Commission considered a report of the Co-Ordination Officer on Section 106 Agreements.

Resolved to note the report

40/05 Overview and Scrutiny Training

The Commission noted that all Members of Overview and Scrutiny Commissions could attend the Overview and Scrutiny Training. Councillor Higginbottom reported that she had completed the Performance Eye training and had found it to be very useful.

Resolved to note the report.

41/05 Work Plan 2005/06

1. Consideration of a report by the Chair of the Commission setting out proposals to conduct a review aimed at identifying the most appropriate Overview and Scrutiny structure for Derby City Council.

The Commission considered the Chair's suggestion to conduct an in depth review of the structure of Overview and Scrutiny at Derby City Council. A report which set out a proposed scope and timetable for the review was considered. Members discussed the advantages and disadvantages of carrying out the review. It was noted that changes would shortly occur within Children's Services and that these changes would require monitoring by the Scrutiny Management Commission. It was felt that the Commission had previously failed to reach agreement on the most appropriate Overview and Scrutiny structure and that further discussion of the structure would not lead to resolution of differences. Therefore, it was agreed that a review into the structure of Overview and Scrutiny would not be included on the Workplan.

Resolved to not include a review on the Structure of Overview and Scrutiny on the Workplan but to review the situation when management structures for Integrating Children's Services are in place.

2. To identify other topics or issues that the Committee might consider as part of its 2005/06 Workplan.

Commission Members made the following suggestions for topics to be included on the Workplan:

- Procurement across the Council
- Inter Department Communications
- Electoral Registration changes and including demographic issues and levels of participation in elections.
- Derby City Council's Emergency Plan
- Corporate and Departmental Health and Safety
- PFI Agreements
- Property Management
- Accommodation Strategy
- Council Tax income and expenditure per ward

Resolved to indicate to David Romaine the order of preference for the suggested items for Workplan topics for 2005/06.

42/05 Responses of the Council Cabinet to any reports of the Commission.

There were none.

43/05 Council Cabinet Forward Plan

No items were identified in the Council Cabinet Forward Plan for consideration at future meetings of the Commission.

44/05 Matters referred to the Commission by the Council
Cabinet

There were none.

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