

Time commenced - 6.00 pm
Time finished - 6.42 pm

**SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
30 JANUARY 2007**

Present: Councillor Higginbottom (in the Chair)
Councillors Allen, Care, Dhindsa, Jones, MacDonald, Samra and Turner.

In Attendance Councillors Williamson and Wynn

81/06 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Berry, Carr and Jackson.

82/06 Late items introduced by the Chair

There were none.

83/06 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

84/06 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 5 December 2006 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

Items for Discussion

85/06 Corporate Plan 2007 - 10

The Commission considered a report on the draft Corporate Plan 2007-10 and supporting action plan. The Commission endorsed the proposals contained in the Corporate Plan and were in general agreement with the corporate priorities contained in the Plan. The Commission concluded that one of the most important tasks for the Council during the period of the Corporate Plan would be to provide leadership on dealing with climate change.

Resolved to recommend Council Cabinet to adopt the Corporate Plan 2007-10, Priorities and supporting action plan

**86/06 Corporate ICT Infrastructure Capital Programme
2007/08 to 2009/10**

The Commission considered a report setting out the proposed Corporate ICT Infrastructure capital programme for the next three years. The Commission suggested

that the Capital Programme be referred to as 'Capital Programme 2007/08 and indicative Capital Programme 2009/10'.

Resolved to recommend to Council Cabinet the proposed Corporate ICT Infrastructure Capital Programme for 2007/08 and indicative programme for 2009/10.

87/06 Lets Talk Budget

The Commission considered the proposals for the draft revenue budget 2007/08 which fell within the remit of the Commission. Councillor Williamson, Leader of the Council, Councillor Wynn, Cabinet Member for Planning and Transportation, Michael Foote, Corporate Director, Corporate and Adult Social Services and Paul Dransfield, Director of Resources attended the Commission meeting to respond to the Commission Members questions about the draft Revenue Budget.

The Commission recognised the constraints under which the budget proposals had been developed and the need to achieve savings whilst still addressing the budget pressures that has been identified. Members were however concerned that the proposed reduction in the opening hours at the Tourist Information Centre might have a detrimental effect at a time when strenuous efforts were being made to promote Derby. It was also suggested that provision should be made in the budget for the development of a Travel Plan for the Council as it was thought that this would be of benefit in tackling climate change and reducing the Council's carbon emissions.

The Commission concluded that it would be beneficial to the Council and Derby people if the proposed reduction in the Tourist Information Centre opening hours was reviewed and if provision were made in the budget for the development of the Travel Plan for the Council.

Resolved to recommend Council Cabinet to review the proposals to reduce the opening hours of the Tourist Information Centre and make provision in the budget for the development of a Travel Plan for the Council.

88/06 Work Plan

The Commission received an oral report from David Romaine Scrutiny and Complaints Manager. The second draft of the Electoral Registration in Derby Review was circulated and there would be a meeting at 12 noon on 5 February to consider comments on the draft report and recommendations. The Staff Energy Awareness Conference had been arranged for 8 March 2007 from 12 noon until 4.30pm. Members were needed to help facilitate the conference and David Romaine agreed to e mail all Councillors to find out who could attend.

Resolved to note the report.

89/06 Council Cabinet Forward Plan

The Commission examined the items on the Forward Plan which were relevant to the Commissions remit.

Resolved to request update reports on Allestree Hall and the Accommodation Strategy and a report of 38/06 Derby and Derbyshire Economic Partnership Inward Investment Strategy.

90/06 Responses from Council Cabinet to any Reports of the Commission

There were none.

91/06 Matters referred to the Commission by Council Cabinet

There were none.

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