

Time commenced – 6.00pm
Time finished – 6.38pm

SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
22 MARCH 2011

Present: Councillor Dhindsa (in the Chair)
Councillors Barker, Bolton, Davis, Dhindsa, and F Khan

In attendance Councillor Holmes

97/10 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Carr and Harwood.

98/10 Late items introduced by the Chair

There were no late items.

99/10 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

100/10 Minutes

The minutes of the meetings held on 1 and 14 February 2011 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair subject to the following amendment.

Minute no 96/10 – Revenue Budget Proposals Stage 2 – 2011/12 to 2013/14
To remove resolution 3a because this was not the view of the majority of the Commission.

101/10 Call-in

There were no items.

102/10 Councillor Call for Action

There were no items.

103/10 Responses of Council Cabinet to the Reports of this Commission

The commission noted the minutes of Council Cabinet in relation to recommendations from the Overview and Scrutiny Commissions on the draft revenue and capital budgets 2011/12 – 2013/14, the general revenue budget and council tax 2011/12, the Derby Plan 2011-26 and Council Plan 2011-14 and Derwent New Deal for Communities and Council on the budget.

103/10 Climate Change – Carbon Reduction Commitment Liability

The Commission considered a report which stated that the Carbon Reduction Commitment Energy Efficiency Scheme was a mandatory scheme to improve energy efficiency and therefore cut CO₂ emissions in large public and private sector organisations. These organisations were together responsible for around 10% of the UK's CO₂ emissions. The scheme features a range of reputational, behavioural and financial drivers which aimed to encourage organisations to develop energy management strategies that promote a better understanding of energy usage.

The Comprehensive Spending Review had created a £400k corporate pressure and made efficiency an even greater imperative.

Members of the Commission raised concerns that reductions in the climate change team may effect ability to collect and analyse carbon reduction data and find greater efficiencies.

Councillor Holmes Cabinet Member for Planning and Environment attended the meeting to answer any questions of the Commission.

Resolved

- 1. To recommend Council Cabinet to pursue recompense for the financial pressure brought about by the Comprehensive Spending Review in October 2010.**
- 2. To request a report on the effect of the reduction in the climate change team resulting in reduced capacity to capture and analyse data and find greater efficiencies**

104/10 Asset Management Plan

This item was withdrawn.

105/10 Forward Plan Analysis – Quarterly Report

The Commission considered a report which stated that since 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.

The report stemmed from a meeting between the then Chair and Vice Chair with the then Leader and Deputy who gave assurances that procedures would be tightened up and an audit trail be made available. A further meeting between Chair, Vice Chair and Leader took place on 2 February 2011.

The report detailed the Key and Budget Performance Framework decisions taken by Council Cabinet during the period 14 December 2010 – 15 February 2011.

Where it had been possible to do so, the Council Cabinet decision had 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 of the report.

It was noted that all the items considered at Council Cabinet on 15 March 2011 had been included in the Forward Plan. Commission Members requested that the notice of items not in the Forward Plan circulated to all Councillors still be circulated even if it was a nil return.

Resolved to note the report and request that notification of items not in the Forward Plan be circulated to all Councillors even if it was a nil return.

106/10 Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report

The Commission considered arrangements for the production of the Annual report for submission to the Annual Meeting of the Council in May 2011.

Resolved to request the Chairs of the Commissions to input into the Annual report and the Chair and Vice Chair to approve the final version.

107/10 Brown Bin Waste

The Commission noted that once all the notes from the topic review had been agreed for accuracy a meeting would be arranged to put together the recommendations of the review.

Resolved to request the Chair and Vice Chair to approve the recommendations on behalf of the Commission.

108/10 Forward Plan

The following items were requested:

65/10 – Asset Management Plan, 73/10 – Derby's Economic Strategy, 77/10 – ICT Strategy, 78/10 – Public Building and School Cleaning Proposal, and 80/10 – review of School Meals Provision in Derby

109/10 Retrospective Scrutiny

There were no items requested.

110/10 Matters Referred to the Commission by Council Cabinet

There were no items.

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