

Time commenced - 6.00 pm
Time finished - 7.50pm

**SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
29 SEPTEMBER 2008**

Present: Councillor Graves (in the Chair)
Councillors Batey, Bolton, Hussain, F Khan and Webb

In attendance Councillor Care

48/08 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Hird and Poulter

49/08 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 on the grounds that it could not wait until the next meeting.

- Remit and Work Programme Planning and Transportation Commission.

50/08 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of Interest.

51/08 Minutes

The minutes of the meetings held on 1 July, 7 August and 1 September 2008 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

Items for Discussion

**52/08 Remit and Work Programme Planning and
Transportation Commission**

The Commission considered the proposed work programme for the Planning and Transportation Commission.

Resolved to approve the proposed work programme for the Planning and Transportation Commission.

**53/08 Petition Against Cityscape Proposals for Osnabruck
Square and Tenant Street**

The Commission considered a report which stated that the vision for Osnabruck

Square and Tenant Street was part of the Derby Cityscape public realm Transforming Streets and Squares project. This was part of the Cityscape masterplan and the Public realm strategy for the City Centre. Derby Cityscape undertook public consultation on the proposals in July 2008 with an exhibition in the Guildhall. Both the Market Hall traders committee and the Osnabruck Square tenants had met with Cityscape to receive a presentation on the proposals. Following those meetings the Market Traders raised a series of questions for Cityscape regarding the practicalities and potential effect on the running of the Market Hall. The Council had received a petition setting out the Market Hall traders concerns.

The report set out the proposals for addressing the Market Hall traders concerns. A meeting was being arranged to discuss a way forward and a report would be brought to the next meeting of the Commission.

Resolved

- 1. To note the petition and the action proposed.**
- 2. To receive a report at the next meeting.**

54/08 Improving Local Accountability Consultation

The Commission considered a report setting out the consultation paper on Improving Local Accountability published by Communities and Local Government.

Resolved to establish a working group comprising the Chair, Vice Chair and Councillor F Khan to agree the Council's response to the consultation.

55/08 Derby Direct

The Commission considered a report on Derby Direct performance over the review period since June 2008 until the second week in September 2008 relating to Waste Management, Benefits, Council Tax and reception at the Council House. It also explained the progress made against the Programme of Activities reported to the Commission in July 2008.

Resolved

- 1. To note the performance of Derby Direct over the review period since June 2008.**
- 2. To note progress made against the Programme of Activities reported to the Commission in July 2008.**
- 3. To recommend that the Climate Change Commission give some consideration to the performance of the waste management service due to the number of complaints received relating to missed and stolen bins.**

56/08 Emergency Planning

The Commission considered a report on emergency planning progress. The report

outlined work completed or being carried out by the Emergency Planning Division. This included, flooding, risk assessment, warning and informing, emergency plan, business continuity, elected members plan and training and exercise.

Resolved to note the report.

57/08 City Centre Management

The Commission received a report on the role of City Centre Management in Derby.

Resolved

1. **To note the report.**
2. **To ask the Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordination officer to provide details of the members of the City Centre Management Group, City Centre Management Executive and City Centre Management Team.**

58/08 Performance Eye

The Commission considered the Performance Eye indicators and the summary of performance as reported in the Best Value Performance Plan.

The Commission did not request any items.

Resolved to note the indicators and the summary of performance as reported in the Best Value Performance Plan.

59/08 Scrutiny Structure Proposals

The Commission considered a report which set out the outcomes of the scrutiny structure workshop held on 24 June 2008. The report set out four options and Members were asked how they wished to proceed with the review.

Resolved to recommend the adoption of Option 1.

60/08 Proposed Budget Scrutiny Process

The Commission considered a report which set out options to address the proposal to improve budget scrutiny which was contained in the 2007/08 Annual report of the Councils Overview and Scrutiny Commissions.

Resolved

1. **To proceed with option 2.**
2. **To arrange a special meeting in late October/ early November to discuss the Budget Strategy report scheduled to go to Council Cabinet on 30 September 2008 and Council on 19 November 2008.**

61/08 Review of Licensing

The Commission considered a report which stated that at Council on 15 July 2008 a motion was considered put forward by Councillor Hickson and resolved to call on the Licensing Committee to launch an urgent and major review of the Council's Licensing Policy and to involve the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Commission.

Resolved to request the Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordination Officer to write to the Licensing Committee to ask what action they were proposing to take and what they expected/required from this Commission. The Chair and Vice Chair along with Councillors Hickson and Poulter to attend Licensing Committee on 15 October if required.

62/08 Visit to Quad

Resolved to note the proposed visit to Quad on 17 October 2008.

63/08 Proposed Biannual Meetings for Scrutiny Chairs and Vice Chairs

The Commission considered a report which suggested that there would be a benefit in the Chairs and Vice Chairs of all the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Commissions meeting about twice a year outside the scrutiny arena to discuss issues such as relevant government proposals, the implications of new legislation and any particular problems that had arisen or were anticipated. It was suggested that the meetings could be held in March and October of each year.

Resolved to arrange the first meeting in late October /early November 2008.

64/08 Forward Plan

The Commission requested item 39/08 Closure of the Cash Office in the Council House.

65/08 Retrospective Scrutiny

The Commission did not request any items for retrospective scrutiny.

The Commission considered a report on the Council Cabinet Key and Budget and Policy Framework decisions 8 July 2008 to 2 September 2008. The Commission Members would contact the Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordination Officers prior to meeting if they wanted reports on particular items.

Resolved to note the report.

66/08 Matters Referred to the Commission by Council Cabinet

There were no matters referred to the Commission by the Council Cabinet.

67/08 Response of Council Cabinet to the Recommendations and Reports of the Commission

The Commission noted the response of the Council Cabinet to the Commissions recommendations on the review of bereavement services and the call-in on the provision of bereavement services.

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