

Time commenced - 6.00 pm
Time finished - 7.40 pm

**SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
10 APRIL 2007**

Present: Councillor Higginbottom (in the Chair)
Councillors Allen, Berry, Care, Carr, Dhindsa, Jackson, Jones, and
Turner.

108/06 Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence was received from Councillor MacDonald.

109/06 Late items introduced by the Chair

There were no late items

110/06 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

111/06 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 6 March 2007 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

Items for Discussion

112/06 Performance Eye

No items were selected for consideration at a future meeting

113/06 Retrospective Scrutiny

No items were selected for retrospective scrutiny.

114/06 Disposal of Britannia Court

The Commission received a briefing on the disposal of Britannia Court. The Commission requested that the footpath to the riverside be retained along the riverbank and not relocated behind the building.

Resolved

- 1. To note the report.**
- 2. To request that the footpath to the riverside be retained along the**

riverbank and not relocated behind the building.

115/06 Local Authority Carbon Management Programme: Strategy and Implementation Plan

The Commission considered a report which stated that the Council in partnership with Derbyshire County Council was accepted on to the Local Authority Carbon Management Programme in April 2006. The programme was supported by the Carbon Trust and its aim was to assist council's to develop and implement an action plan to reduce their carbon emissions.

The Strategy and Implementation Plan provided a programme of actions to reduce carbon emissions. The actions primarily related to buildings, business mileage and waste and set a target reduction in carbon emissions of 15% over five years. It would form an important part of the Council's Climate Change Action Programme. Consideration was given to the role of the Commission in driving the programme forward. Council Cabinet had the primary role to drive the programme forward but there was a role for scrutiny as well. The following suggestions were made: that a standing item could be put on to each of the Commission's agendas and Carbon impact implications could be included in reports. Consideration needed to be given to which Commission should lead on this work and it needed to be aligned with Cabinet portfolios.

Resolved

- 1. To note the report.**
- 2. .To request the Co-ordination Officer to prepare a report on how this issue could be taken forward.**

116/06 Annual Report of the Overview and Scrutiny Commissions 2006/07

The Commission considered the draft annual report to Council on the workings of Overview and Scrutiny Commissions for the period 1 April 2006 to 31 March 2007. The report covered the workings of the Overview and Scrutiny Commissions and made recommendations for future work programmes and amended working methods where appropriate.

Resolved to refer the final version of the report to Council at its meeting on 23 May 2007.

117/06 Overview and Scrutiny Performance Management /Monitoring Workshop

The Commission considered a report which stated that at the meeting of the Commission held on 6 March 2007 it was agreed that there was a need to concentrate more on performance management/monitoring. It had been suggested that a short review coupled with a workshop would enable members to explore and become more

confident in the use of Performance Eye might be one way of doing this.

It was suggested that the workshop should include what performance monitoring is and why it is important and then to go on to consider what is monitored including local indicators. It was suggested that the third stage of the training could be done at the next meeting of the Commission.

Resolved to request the Co-ordination Officer to prepare a report on an outline for the workshop.

118/06 Feedback from the Staff Energy Awareness Conference

The Commission considered a report which stated that the Staff Energy Awareness Conference was held on 8 March 2007 and was attended by more than 130 delegates who comprised both members and officers of the City Council. Feedback from the conference was generally very positive, the presentations were well received by the delegates who also liked the opportunity to put forward their ideas on what the Council could do to reduce its energy use and its carbon emissions. A number of delegates had asked about becoming energy champions.

Resolved

- 1. To congratulate the Chair and Vice Chair and Officers for a very successful conference.**
- 2. To request the Carbon Management Programme Core Group to review the comments made at the conference and provide a response.**
- 3. To include the results of the conference in Council Life, on Derbynet and Your Derby magazine.**

119/06 Implications for Overview and Scrutiny of New Local Government Legislation

The Commission considered a report which updated the Commission on the implications of the new Local Government Legislation for Overview and Scrutiny.

Resolved

- 1. To note the current position.**
- 2. To receive updates as the legislation and guidance develops.**
- 3. To note that the new powers and duties were intended to come into effect from April 2008.**
- 4. To defer the making of recommendations on any changes to overview and scrutiny structures until central government requirements were finalised.**

120/06 Council Cabinet Forward Plan

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

Resolved not to request any new items.

121/06 Responses from Council Cabinet to any Reports of the Commission

There were no responses to any reports of the Commission.

122/06 Matters referred to the Commission by Council Cabinet

There were none.

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