

Time commenced - 6.00 pm
Time finished - 7.52 pm

SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
24 OCTOBER 2006

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

47/06 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Berry and Care.

48/06 Late items introduced by the Chair

There were none.

49/06 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

50/06 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 12 September 2006 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

Items for Discussion

51/06 Corporate Asset Management Plan

The Commission received a presentation on the Corporate Asset Management Plan (AMP) which explained that the Plan detailed existing Asset Management arrangements and outcomes, and identified planned action to improve the Asset use. Asset Management is included under use of resources in the Comprehensive Performance Assessment. The plan identified issues for the Council and reflected the guidance from the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors and the Department for Communities and Local Government.

Resolved to recommend Council Cabinet to approve the Corporate Asset Management Plan.

52/06 Your City – Your Say

The Commission received an oral report from Karen Jewell on a database which was being set up to support the consultation strategy. The database would include details

of all planned public consultation activities and would be used as a publicity tool. There would be a search facility and a facility for people to contact a generic mailbox for further information.

Resolved to note the report.

53/06 Local Area Agreements – Financial Governance Arrangements

The Commission considered a report which would be presented to the Council Cabinet at its meeting on 31 October 2006.

Resolved to recommend Council Cabinet to approve the Financial Protocol for Local Area Agreement Funding.

54/06 Local Democracy Week

The Commission noted that the Your City Your Voice 2 event had been arranged for Tuesday 14 November 2006 at 5.30pm. David Finn would compare the event. There would be ten teams of young people and a panel of seven Members. The overall format would be the same as last year.

Resolved to note the report.

55/06 Energy Saving Measures

The Commission received a presentation on Energy Saving Measures which explained how the Council's carbon emissions might be reduced through energy efficiency, the use of alternative (sustainable and carbon neutral) fuel and greater staff engagement.

Resolved to note the presentation and receive an update at a future meeting.

56/06 Proposed Conference on Energy Conservation

The Commission considered a report that proposed a half day conference to advise members and staff of the implications of the energy issues facing the Council and to seek practicable ideas for conserving energy and minimising its consumption.

Resolved to approve the proposal and to request the Co-ordination team to explore the idea of a conference on Energy Conservation more fully and report back to a future meeting.

57/06 Performance Eye

No items were selected for consideration at a future meeting.

58/06 Retrospective Scrutiny

Resolved not to select any items for retrospective scrutiny

59/06 Emergency Planning

The Commission were informed that a visit to the Emergency Planning Unit at Derbyshire County Council had been arranged for Monday 6 November 2006.

Resolved to note the arrangements for the visit.

60/06 Work Plan

The Commission received an oral report which updated the Commission on progress with the review of Electoral Registration. The Commission was told that the next steps would be a meeting with hard to reach group such as the attainers.

Resolved to note the report and to let David Romaine know any ideas of how to reach hard to reach groups.

61/06 Council Cabinet Forward Plan

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

Resolved to request that item 56/05 Swallowdale Road Development Site be considered at a future meeting.

62/06 Responses from Council Cabinet to any Reports of the Commission

There were none.

63/06 Matters referred to the Commission by Council Cabinet

There were none.

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