

# ITEM 4

Time commenced - 6.00 pm

Time finished - 7.00 pm

## **SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMISSION 4 JUNE 2008**

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

### **01/08 Apologies for Absence**

There were no apologies

### **02/08 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 items on the grounds that they could not wait until the next meeting.

- Invitation to Chairs and Vice Chairs to attend Scrutiny Management Commission
- Portfolios of Overview and Scrutiny Commissions.

### **03/08 Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Webb declared a personal interest in minute no 06/08 below as he was the Ward Councillor.

### **04/08 Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 4 March 2008 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

The minutes of the Scrutiny Management Petitions Sub Commission held on 8 April 2008 were received.

### **05/08 Invitation to Chairs and Vice Chairs to attend Scrutiny Management Commission**

The Chair suggested that all Chairs and Vice Chairs of Commissions be invited to attend future meeting of Scrutiny Management Commission in a speaking but not voting capacity.

**Resolved to invite all Chairs and Vice Chairs of Commissions to future meetings of Scrutiny Management Commission in a speaking but not voting capacity.**

## 06/08 Overview and Scrutiny Commission Portfolios

The Commission considered draft portfolios for the Overview and Scrutiny Commissions for 2008/09.

**Resolved to ask the Community Commission to scrutinise area and neighbourhood working on behalf of Scrutiny Management Commission.**

## 07/08 Scrutiny Management Petitions Sub Commission

The Commission considered establishing the Scrutiny Management Petitions Sub Commission for the municipal year 2008/09.

### **Resolved**

- 1. To establish the Scrutiny Management Petitions Sub Commission for the Municipal Year 2008/09. The Members of the Sub Commission to comprise Chair, Vice Chair and Councillor Hird.**
- 2. To request the Co-ordination Officer to follow up the response received from Time Team in respect of the petition relating to the Medieval Augustinian Abbey at Darley Abbey.**

## 08/08 Petition Opposing the Decision to Close the Animal Enclosure at Allestree Park

The Commission considered a petition from the Friends of Allestree Park regarding the proposed closure of Animal Pens in and changes to the Ranger Service in Allestree Park. Councillor Webb reported that a press release had been issued stating that the animal enclosure would not be closed.

**Resolved to request a report on the Animal Enclosure and the Ranger service at the next meeting.**

## 09/08 Response from Council Cabinet Member for Planning and Transportation to the Petition on Derby Community Transport

The Commission considered a report which explained the sequence of events which had led to the petition being submitted and provided a response to the petition. Councillor Webb said that there had been complaints about the new drivers, the officers were unaware of this but undertook to investigate. The Commission asked for details of the Corporate Complaints Procedure.

### **Resolved**

- 1. To note the report.**

- 2. To request a report on the Corporate Complaints Procedure to the next meeting.**

## **10/08      Call – In**

There were no items called in.

To note the protocol for Call- in.

## **Items for Discussion**

## **11/08      Best Value Performance Plan 2008/09**

The Commission considered a report on the Best Value Performance Plan 2008/09. The Plan supported the Council's corporate performance framework and provided annual outturn information on 2007/08 priorities and Best Value Performance Indicators BVPI's. The Plan also included targets covering 2008-11 for Local Area Agreement and other national indicators, as well as local measures included in the Corporate Plan.

The Commission requested a list of performance indicators that fell into the bottom quartile for unitary authorities for the next meeting.

### **Resolved**

- 1. To note the draft Best Value Performance Plan BVPP – for 2008/09.**
- 2. To note the Council's performance in delivering of priorities, as measured through both the Best value Performance Indicators and Corporate Plan measures, focusing on any areas of underperformance.**
- 3. To note that where appropriate, performance surgeries would be held for the service to explain reasons for poor performance and provide support for improvement.**
- 4. To refer the report to the Audit and Accounts Committee.**
- 5. To receive a list of performance indicators that fell into the bottom quartile for unitary authorities at the next meeting.**

## **12/08      Performance Eye**

The Commission did not request any items.

The Chair asked members of the Commission to inform the Co-ordination Officer prior to future meetings if they wanted any reports.

## **13/08      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 from February 2008 to 22 April 2008.

**Resolved**

- 1. To note the report and inform the Co-ordination Officers of any Council Cabinet decisions on which they required more information.**
- 2. To thank David Romaine for the work he had done in preparing the report.**

**14/08 Council Response to the Proposals contained in the 2007/08 Annual Report of the Overview and Scrutiny Commissions**

The Commission noted that the Annual Meeting of the Council had approved the recommendations

**Resolved**

- 1. To ask Mike Short from the IDeA to run a follow up to the training on 6 March 2008.**
- 2. To ask Don McLure to attend the meeting on 1 July 2008 to discuss the budget process.**

**15/08 Scrutiny Management Commission Work Plan for 2008/09**

The Commission considered a report on the Commission work plan proposals for 2008/09. It was suggested that to commence the process needed to identify any necessary changes to the existing scrutiny structure Mike Short of IDeA should be asked to provide a follow up to the Scrutiny Members and partners held on 6 March 2008.

In respect of the proposal relating to budget scrutiny Don McLure, Director of Resources had agreed to attend the Commission meeting on 1 July 2008 and to provide members with a briefing on the budget process.

It was also suggested that the response of Derby Direct to phone calls and the role/function of City Centre Management be reviewed.

**Resolved**

- 1. To note and approve the proposals set out in the report relating to the Work Plan 2008/09.**
- 2. To request Bernard Fenton from Derby Direct and Melanie Allen from City Centre Management Team to attend the next meeting.**

## 16/08 Council Cabinet Forward Plan

The Commission requested the following items to be considered at a future meeting

The Commission wished to visit QUAD to see the network arrangements. The invitation from John Cornall would be followed up.

It was noted that Review of Bereavement Services 30/07 and Accommodation Strategy 23/05 would be considered at the meeting on 1 July 2008.

## 17/08 Response of Council Cabinet to Recommendations and reports of the Commission

The Commission noted the response of the Council Cabinet to the reports of the commission on

- Response to petition
- Analysis of Council Cabinet Forward Plan items
- Local Area Agreement Indicator NI15 – Serious Violent Crime

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