

Time commenced – 6.00pm
Time finished – 7.10pm

SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMISSION 9 NOVEMBER 2009

Present: Councillor Higginbottom (in the Chair)
Councillors Batey, Hird, Poulter and Webb

49/09 Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Hussain

50/09 Late items introduced by the Chair

There were no late items.

51/09 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations interest.

52/09 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 28 September 2009 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

53/09 Call-in

There were no Call-ins.

Items for Discussion

53/09 Budget Scrutiny

The Commission received a presentation from Don McLure on the Budget Strategy 2010/11 to 2012/13. The presentation included the budget scrutiny process; budget strategy headlines; assumptions; pressures; saving proposals; new legislation pressures and capital programme priorities.

Members of the Commission requested the amounts included in the Area Based Grant tracked through the budget process and any changes including a commentary on the reasons why.

Members of the Commission requested a short note giving a view on whether local government inflation is higher. The Members said that in past years when we have referred to inflation, we have commented that “local government inflation” tends to run higher than RPI and CPI.

Councillor Poulter requested a breakdown of how the £600k pressure in 2011/12 for

Building Schools for the Future was made up.

Councillor Webb requested a breakdown on public realm capital schemes in 2009/10 the 2011/12 capital programme and the revenue budget consequences.

Councillors Higginbottom and Webb requested a breakdown of budget pressures not included in the budget strategy with detail on what the potential new legislation pressures we faced from “personalised budget requirements” in adult social care.

Resolved to note the current position as presented in the document provided to the Commission and to consider it further once the budget proposals are available.

54/09 Forward Plan

There were no requests for reports on any of the items.

55/09 Retrospective Scrutiny

The Commission considered a report highlighting Council Cabinet key and budget and policy framework decisions that had been taken from 1 September to 27 October 2009. The Commission was asked to identify any decisions that they wished to scrutinise retrospectively.

Resolved to note the report.

56/09 Matters referred to the Commission by Council Cabinet

There were no items.

57/09 Responses of the Council Cabinet to the recommendations and reports of the Commission

There were no responses of the Council Cabinet to the recommendations and reports of the Commission.

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