

AUDIT AND PERFORMANCE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, 23rd February 2012 at Retford Town Hall

Present: Councillor R B Carrington-Wilde (Chair)
Councillors Mrs V A Bowles, H Burton, I J Campbell, D Challinor, P Douglas,
G Freeman, M Gray, B Jones, P C Offer, C Palmer, D Potts, A A D Tromans,
Mrs C Troop and Mrs V Wanless

Officers: D Armiger, G Blenkinsop, S Brown, A Burton, C Crossland, M Hill, L Hull,
M Ladyman, N Taylor, R Theakstone and T Winfield

Standards Committee Members: B Letherland

(The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting and read out the Fire Alarm/Evacuation Procedure.)

56. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence received.

57. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

(a) Members

There were no declarations of interest by Members.

(b) Officers

There were no declarations of interest by officers.

58. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 7th FEBRUARY 2012

The Chairman informed Members that an action had been added after the agenda had been circulated to Minute Number 52(b), Internal Audit Reports 2011/12, that the Town Centre Manager be invited to attend a future meeting to update Members regarding the markets.

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 7th February 2012 be approved.

59. MINUTES FOR ACTION AND IMPLEMENTATION

RESOLVED that the Minutes for Action be received.

60. OUTSTANDING MINUTES LIST

RESOLVED that the Outstanding Minutes List be received.

Key Decisions

None.

Other Decisions

61. REPORT(S) OF THE DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES

(a) Budget Monitoring and Capital Programme Update Report to 31st December 2011

Members were informed of: the spending position for the period 1st April to 31st December 2011 for the Council's General Fund, Housing Revenue and Capital Programme, and any significant variances from the approved budgets; the proposed resourcing of the Capital Programme and the level of Council capital resources available, including capital receipts; regeneration projects and sites that are not monitored through the Council's Capital Programme; Treasury Management budget issues; and the regular quarterly performance against the approved Treasury Management Prudential Indicators for the period ending 31st December 2011.

The report was presented at the Cabinet Meeting on the 9th February 2012, giving details on: General Fund Revenue; Housing Revenue Account; Capital Programme Expenditure; Capital Programme Resourcing; Capital Programme Expenditure, Capital Receipts; Updates on Key External Regeneration Sites; and Treasury Management.

Elected Members asked questions regarding the gas bill for Worksop Leisure Centre and prudential indicators.

RESOLVED that the Budget Monitoring and Capital Programme Update Report to 31st December 2011 be noted.

62. REPORT(S) OF THE DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES

(a) Corporate Plan Scorecard – 3rd Quarter 2011/12

Members were presented with a report which provided an update regarding the performance of the Councils Corporate Plan 2010-2013. The Scorecard covers the 4 priorities of the Corporate Plan: Customer Satisfaction; Environment; Economy and Housing.

Elected Members asked questions/ raised issues on: the time taken to re-let local authority housing; affordable housing; Safer Neighbourhood Groups; Partnership Plus areas; the bid for ERDF funding for Langold Park; Ordsall Play Area; crime in Harworth and the Corporate Enforcement Group.

RESOLVED that:

1. The Corporate Enforcement Group be congratulated on the positive outcomes they have produced.
2. The Corporate Plan Scorecard be received and performance noted for the period 1 April 2010 to 31 December 2011.

(b) Service Scorecards - 3rd Quarter 2011/12

Members were presented with a report which provided an update regarding individual Service performance. The scorecards covered four key areas: Customer, People, Process, Financial. The information used to populate the report is held on Covalent which all can access.

Each Head of Service or their representative presented their scorecard report, copies of which were appended to the report.

Elected Members asked questions/ raised issues on: the discontinuation of Bassetlaw News; the Ipad trial; Worksop Creative Village; exercise referral scheme; improvement in the number of planning appeals allowed; clinical waste service; dog control orders; decent homes programme; pigeon control in Retford; BPL monitoring and customer feedback; street naming and numbering.

RESOLVED that:

1. The Revenues and Customer Services department be congratulated for their work and help in raising the profile of Bassetlaw.
2. The Service Scorecards are received and performance noted for the period 1 April 2010 to 31 December 2011.

SECTION B – ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION IN PRIVATE

Key Decisions

None.

Other Decisions

None.

63. ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS TO BE URGENT

The Chairman informed Members that it was T Winfield's last meeting as he is retiring; he thanked him on a personal basis for his understating and support and on behalf of the Committee for his hard and diligent work and wished him well for the future.

As there was no other urgent business to consider, the Chairman closed the meeting.