

BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MEETING OF THE SCRUTINY STEERING BOARD

TUESDAY, 12TH JUNE 2007

PRESENT: Councillors Mrs. M. Bunker, B. Lewis F.CMI, P. M. McDonald, D. L. Pardoe, R. D. Smith and C. B. Taylor

Observers: Councillors Mrs. R. L. Dent, Mrs. J. Dyer M.B.E. and Mrs. M. A. Sherrey

Officers: K. Dicks, P. Street, Mrs. C. Felton, Mrs. S. Sellers and A. Jessop.

1/07 **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN**

That Councillors P.M. McDonald and J.T. Duddy be appointed Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Board respectively for the municipal year.

2/07 **TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

An apology for absence was received from Councillor J.T. Duddy.

3/07 **TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SCRUTINY STEERING BOARD HELD ON 3RD APRIL 2007**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Scrutiny Steering Board held on the 3rd April 2007 were submitted.

RESOLVED: that the Minutes be approved and confirmed as a correct record.

4/07 **CABINET DECISIONS ON SCRUTINY REPORTS**

A Report summarising the decisions made by the Cabinet in relation to the reports submitted by the Flytipping, Car Parking and Watercourses Task Groups, was submitted. Members were advised that each one of these Task Groups was now disbanded, and that their findings were due to be reviewed in April 2008.

RESOLVED: that the contents of the Report be noted.

5/07 **OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY TRAINING**

A report setting out a general overview of the training planned for Members in relation to Overview and Scrutiny was submitted.

RESOLVED: that the contents of the Report be noted.

6/07 **WORK PROGRAMME**

Consideration was given to the future work of the Scrutiny Steering Board and Scrutiny Task Group review dates. Whereupon it was

RESOLVED:

- (a) that Task Groups be established to consider the following three topics, i.e.
 - (i) Air Quality;
 - (ii) Public Transport (Buses) throughout the District; and
 - (iii) Refuse and Recycling Service (who's terms of reference should embrace the wording of a previous joint proposal considered at a previous meeting of the Board, and which was set out in paragraph 3.6 of the Report);
- (b) that the Chairmen of the Task Groups referred to in (a) above be Councillors P.M. McDonald, B. Lewis F.CMI and C.B. Taylor respectively;
- (c) that, insofar as possible future issues for scrutiny were concerned, a copy of the Scrutiny Proposal Form, as set out at Appendix A to the report, be circulated to all Members;
- (d) that the previous process whereby, upon the receipt of a scrutiny proposal, a meeting was arranged between the proposer, the Chairman of the Board, the Chief Executive and the Corporate Director (Services) in order to discuss its possible inclusion onto an agenda, be discontinued;
- (e) that, in future, rather than submitting as an Information item for this Board, reports from this Council's representative on Worcester County Council's Health Overview and Scrutiny be distributed to all Members of the Council to ensure that they are kept up to date with all current County Health issues;
- (f) that the Task Group review dates as set out in Paragraph 3.11 of the report be noted; and
- (g) that the Work Programme, together with any suggestions for Scrutiny received from Heads of Service, be examined in more detail at the next meeting of the Board.

7/07 **ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE NEXT MEETING OF THE CABINET**

Consideration was given to the items on the agenda for the meeting of the Cabinet which was scheduled to be held on 13th June 2007. No comments were made and, accordingly, it was

RESOLVED: that these matters be noted.

8/07 **CABINET'S FORWARD PLAN**

The Forward Plan of the Cabinet, setting out a list of key decisions which they expect to have to make during the period June - September 2007, was submitted.

RESOLVED: that the Forward Plan be noted.

The meeting closed at 7.00 pm

Chairman