

KENNET DISTRICT COUNCIL
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT BOARD

Minutes of the Meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board held in the Council Chamber, Browfort, Bath Road, Devizes on Tuesday 4th April 2006 at 2.15pm

PRESENT: Councillor C.P.G. Hoddinott – Chairman

Councillor B.G. Ashley	Councillor W.B. Cavill
Councillor D.D. Campbell	Councillor Mrs J.K. Combe
Councillor N.D. Carter	Councillor Mrs P.M. Winchcombe

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillor J. Pearcey-Caldwell

PART 1

Items considered whilst the meeting was open to the public

12. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 14th February 2006 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

13. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

No disclosures were made.

14. TASK GROUP UPDATES

- Outside Bodies

Councillor Mrs Winchcombe introduced the Report attached to the Agenda and advised the Board that there would be recommendations in the next municipal year for the 2007/2008 municipal year.

NOTED

- Use of Resources

Councillor Mrs Combe informed the Board of the work completed by the Use of Resources Task Group during the current year, and drew members' attention to the recommendations contained in the Agenda, suggesting that the Use of Resources Task Group be re-approved by the Board in the next municipal year with a larger membership and revised terms of reference.

RESOLVED

THAT a Use of Resources Task Group be formed in the 2006/2007 municipal year with the following terms of reference:

To develop the role of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board in respect of Article 8.5 of the Constitution in respect of involvement in the development of the Council's strategies and in particular to act as Consultee for the review of the Corporate Strategy.

- Planning Policies

Councillor Carter informed the Board that the Planning Policies Task Group was still gathering and reviewing evidence and would make recommendations in the next municipal year.

NOTED

- Draft Car Parking Strategy

Councillor Mrs Winchcombe gave the Board details of the work carried out by the Car Parking Strategy Task Group and explained that the Draft Strategy attached to the Agenda could be recommended to Community Development Executive Committee for a final stage of consultation and subsequent approval.

RESOLVED

THAT the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board approves the Draft Parking Strategy.

Recommended that the Community Development Executive Committee undertakes a further consultation on the draft in line with the Council's Statement of Community Involvement prior to adoption as a policy.

15. CORPORATE ACTION AND IMPROVEMENT PLAN MONITORING

The Policy Manager introduced Report C/09/06 and explained to the Board that the purpose of the Report was to allow scrutiny of areas of the Corporate Action and Improvement Plan that had not been previously scrutinised through the Service Delivery Plans.

Members considered the Report in detail and

RESOLVED

THAT

- 1). The Policy Manager bring an Annual Report on the Corporate Action and Improvement Plan before the Board highlighting key areas of change.
- 2). Relevant officers be requested to attend and provide specific reports on choice based lettings and employee friendly policies to a future meeting of the Board.

16. WORKLOAD FOR MUNICIPAL YEAR

The Chairman reminded the Board that in addition to the workload recommended within the Report there would be some carrying over of the current year's workload into the 2006/2007 municipal year. Members debated the need for the work of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board to leave sufficient time and flexibility to take part in reviews of Corporate priorities and Medium Term Financial Strategy that would be carried out by other bodies during the 2006/2007 municipal year.

RESOLVED

THAT

1. That a Best Value Review of Affordable Housing be approved and that a Member Sounding Board be established.
2. That the Overview and Scrutiny Task Groups for the 2006/2007 municipal year should be; Use of Resources; Tourism; Consultation, alongside the extant workload of the Outside Bodies and Planning Policies task groups.
3. That the membership of the Task Groups remain the same as the current municipal year and that the Consultation Task Group be able to co-opt extra members as required.
4. That the Use of Resources Task Group contain a minimum of five members to include Councillors Carter, Mrs Combe and Mrs Winchcombe.

Chairman
9th May 2006