

DRAFT MINUTES SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT NEXT MEETING ON 30TH NOVEMBER 2006

Draft Minutes of the Meeting of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee held on Thursday, 19th October 2006 in Committee Rooms A-C, Level –1, Monkton Park Offices, Chippenham, commencing at 6.00 p.m.

Present:

Chairman: T.R. Sturgis

Committee Councillors: J.R. Ireland, J.H. Rooke, J.P.S.S. Thomson, R.L. Tonge, S.R. Walls and J. Webb.

Officers Present:

N. Fenwick (Strategic Manager – Customer Services), W. Oulton (Policy & Democratic Services Officer) and S. Pangbourne (Strategic Manager – Corporate Services)

O62. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors S.D. Meadows and J.M. Wood.

O63. Membership

The Committee was informed that Councillor N.M. Phillips would replace Councillor S.D. Meadows for one meeting only.

O64. Public Question Time/Receipt of Petitions

There no public questions or petitions received.

O65. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee held on 28th September 2006 were considered.

Resolved that the Minutes of the meeting of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee held on 28th September 2006 be signed as a correct record.

O66. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

O67. Chairman's Announcements

There were no Chairman's Announcements.

O68. Corporate Plan Progress

Consideration was given to Report No. 7, circulated with the Agenda, which provided an update and exceptions report on the delivery and performance of the Corporate Plan for the period July to September 2006.

Resolved

- (1) That Overview & Scrutiny note the exception reporting for delivery and performance of actions under the priority areas in the Corporate plan for July to September 2006;
- (2) That the Lead Member be advised to give sufficient priority to the Rural Businesses Survey given the recent public concern expressed about the threat to Rural Post Offices;
- (3) That the information regarding young people on bed and breakfast accommodation is clarified;
- (4) That queries regarding the charging of contractors for using spaces in the Cross Hayes carpark, with particular reference to the laying of pipes across the car park, be answered;
- (5) The Lead Member be asked to clarify the timetable for developing the Car Parking Strategy in response to the concern that there be sufficient time to consult on proposals;
- (6) The Lead Member be asked how many times the mobile skatepark transferred to the WAYS partnership has been utilised in North Wiltshire and what would happen if the agreement was not honoured;
- (7) That the Leader be asked to attend to present the next Exception report and that the Leader decide which Lead Members they would like to support them to answer the queries of the Committee;
- (8) That Members of the Committee email any queries to the Administrator so that answers may be generated for the meeting.

O69. Executive Response regarding the future of Public Conveniences

Consideration was given to Report No. 8, circulated with the Agenda, which provided information regarding the Executive's response to the Overview & Scrutiny Committee's recommendations.

Resolved that the report of the Public Conveniences Scrutiny Task Group be considered at the next meeting of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee.

O70. Executive Response regarding Play Facilities Development and Management

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Consideration was given to Report No. 9, circulated with the agenda, which provided information regarding the Executive's response to the Overview & Scrutiny Committee's recommendations.

Resolved that the apparent contradiction in E52 (2) and E69 (2) be clarified.

071. Concessionary Fares Scheme

Consideration was given to Report No. 10, circulated with the agenda, which provided information to the Overview & Scrutiny Committee regarding the Concessionary Fares Scheme in response to a query raised at the meeting in July and following the Executive's decision in August.

Resolved that the Overview & Scrutiny Committee recommend that information be prepared for the consideration of the Budget & Strategic Planning Working Group regarding the reclamation of cost from travel companies for the April – September 2006 and estimates for the remainder of the Financial Year.

072. Overview & Scrutiny Work Plan

Consideration was given to Report No. 11, circulated with the agenda, which asked the Committee to consider the Overview & Scrutiny Work Plan and agree the inclusion of any additional issues it considers appropriate.

Resolved

- (1) That the Devolution Task Group be disbanded;
- (2) That a Planning Task Group be set up with terms of reference and membership to be agreed by the Chairman of Overview & Scrutiny in consultation with the Lead Member for Planning to consider the financial implications of the Planning Delivery Grant evaluation and the s106 agreements.
- (3) That due to the creation of the Climate Change Working Group that Energy Reduction Programme report be taken of the Work Plan.
- (4) That the Leader be invited to support the 6 month report on PIs at the November meeting.
- (5) that the report of the Public Conveniences Scrutiny Task Group be considered at the next meeting of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee.

The meeting finished at 7.20 pm.

There were 0 members of the public present.