

AGENDA



For a meeting of the
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
to be held on
TUESDAY, 10 APRIL 2012
at
10.00 AM
in
THE WITHAM ROOM, COUNCIL OFFICES, ST. PETER'S HILL, GRANTHAM. NG31 6PZ
Beverly Agass, Chief Executive

Committee Members:	Councillor Paul Cosham, Councillor Alan Davidson, Councillor Reginald Howard (Chairman), Councillor Mrs Rosemary Kaberry-Brown, Councillor Michael King, Councillor David Nalson, Councillor Helen Powell, Councillor Bob Russell, Councillor Bob Sampson, Councillor Mrs Judy Smith (Vice-Chairman) and Councillor Frank Turner
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Members of the Panel are invited to attend the above meeting to consider the items of business listed below.

1. COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

To receive comments or views from members of the public at the Committee's discretion.

2. MEMBERSHIP

The Committee to be notified of any substitute members.

3. APOLOGIES

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members are asked to declare an interest in matters for consideration at the meeting.

5. ACTION NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21 FEBRUARY 2012

(Enclosure)

6. UPDATES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

7. FEEDBACK FROM THE EXECUTIVE

At its meeting on 5 March 2012, Cabinet considered the Committee's report on Procurement Lincolnshire. Minutes from the meeting are attached.

(Enclosure)

8. PORTFOLIO HOLDER UPDATE - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Committee will hold a question and answer session with the Economic Development Portfolio Holder.

9. WORK PROGRAMME

(Enclosure)

10. REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS, WHICH THE CHAIRMAN, BY REASONS OF SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES, DECIDES IS URGENT

MINUTES

SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, 21 FEBRUARY 2012



COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Councillor Paul Cosham
Councillor Alan Davidson
Councillor David Higgs
Councillor Reginald Howard (Chairman)
Councillor Mrs Rosemary Kaberry-Brown
Councillor Michael King

Councillor David Nalson
Councillor Helen Powell
Councillor Bob Sampson
Councillor Mrs Judy Smith (Vice-Chairman)
Councillor Frank Turner

OFFICERS

Head of Legal and Democratic Services
(Lucy Youles)
Head of Finance (Richard Wyles)
Principal Democracy Officer (Jo Toomey)

OTHER MEMBERS

Councillor Martin Wilkins

47. MEMBERSHIP

The Committee was notified that Councillor Higgs was substituting for Councillor Russell for this meeting only.

48. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

49. ACTION NOTES FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 24 JANUARY 2012

The action notes for the meeting held on 24 January 2012 were noted.

50. UPDATES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Reference was made to minute number 43 (South Road, Bourne). This was discussed in detail as part of agenda item 10 (work programme).

51. PROCUREMENT LINCOLNSHIRE

A draft copy of the Committee's scrutiny review on the work of Procurement

Lincolnshire (PL) was circulated with the agenda for the meeting. When it had been agreed by the Committee, it would be forwarded to Cabinet seeking their support and comment. Recommendation 6, which commended the report needed the reference to full Council removing.

Committee members noted developments PL were making, concentrating more on collaborative working and less on savings. A document was circulated by the Head of Legal and Democratic Services, which provided proposed savings targets for 2012/13. It was suggested that the Committee look at progress against target savings at a future meeting.

It was proposed that the Scrutiny Committee's report on Procurement Lincolnshire be forwarded to the Cabinet for their support and comments, and, in the event of no unfavourable comments, to delegate the decision to the chairman to forward the report to the designated recipients: (the Procurement Advisory Board, Lincolnshire Finance Officers' Association and the Joint Lincolnshire Scrutiny Panel working group). This was seconded and the Committee agreed to forward the finalised report.

The Chairman thanked Councillor King for his work in producing the report.

Recommendation:

The Committee's report on Procurement Lincolnshire be forwarded to Cabinet for support and comments and, in the event of no unfavourable comment, to delegate authority the chairman to forward the report to the Procurement Advisory Board, Lincolnshire Finance Officers' Association and the Joint Lincolnshire Scrutiny Panel working group.

52. POLICE REFORM AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY ACT

A briefing paper providing an update on the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act was circulated with the agenda. This was noted. Committee members were given a brief summary of Community Safety Partnership (CSP) arrangements, priorities and projects. Funding arrangements for CSPs would change following the election of a Police and Crime Commissioner. A question was asked about the future provision of the mobile CCTV unit, which was funded by the CSP.

Action Point:

Report to the Scrutiny Committee on provision of the mobile CCTV unit.

53. WORK PROGRAMME

Discussion ensued on the sale of land at South Road, Bourne. The opportunity to protect the land any form of bypass was available as part of planning policy processes, however the land was not protected. The unprotected land was sold

unfettered to achieve best value for South Kesteven District Council. A majority of Councillors agreed that the Committee should not look further at the issue.

Committee members further discussed the selection of topics for consideration by scrutiny. The structure of overview and scrutiny at South Kesteven District Council saw the policy development groups carrying out the overview function, while the Scrutiny Committee carried out the scrutiny function. As one way through which the work programme could be populated, Committee members suggested asking Cabinet for any areas they thought could benefit from scrutiny.

Councillor Davidson advised that he would start attending Cabinet meetings and would suggest any areas of interest to the Chairman. Historically, Cabinet members had been invited to Scrutiny Committee to discuss their portfolios. Members agreed to try this again. It was also suggested that PDG chairmen could be invited to discuss their work with the Committee. The Committee agreed that the Economic Development Portfolio Holder should be invited to its next meeting.

Action Point

Invite the Economic Development Portfolio Holder to the Scrutiny Committee meeting on 10 April 2012 to discuss her portfolio.

54. REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Councillor Mrs Kaberry-Brown gave an update on recent meetings of the Lincolnshire Health Scrutiny Committee. Topics covered by the Committee included the closure of heart surgery units for children, day surgery in Lincoln Hospital, East Midlands Ambulance Service, the out of hours service and child obesity.

Councillors Cosham and Howard had attended a meeting of the Welland and Deeping Internal Drainage Board. Councillor Cosham reported that a wildlife and conservation committee had been formed, to which he was appointed.

55. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting was closed at 11:48am.



MEETING OF THE CABINET
5 MARCH 2012 - 11.00 AM – 11.25 AM

PRESENT:

Councillor Paul Carpenter
Councillor Mrs Frances Cartwright
Councillor John Smith
Councillor Mike Taylor

Councillor Mrs. Linda Neal - Chairman

Chief Executive (Beverly Agass)
Strategic Director Corporate Focus (Daren Turner)
Strategic Director Development & Growth (Ian Yates)
Head of Development and Growth (Mark Williets)
Economic Development & Investment Service Manager
(David Mather)
Environmental Health Service Manager (David Price)
Climate Change Co-ordinator (Michael Rickard)
Head of Finance (Richard Wyles)
Head of Legal & Democratic Services (Lucy Youles)
Cabinet Support Officer (Lucy Bonshor)

Non-Cabinet Members : Councillor Nick Craft

CO48. APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Bryant who was attending another meeting on behalf of the Council.

CO49. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 6th February were agreed as a correct record of the decisions taken.

CO50. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (IF ANY)

None declared.

CO51. *ENERGY REDUCTION AND CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION PLAN 2012 - 2017

Decision:

Cabinet approves the Energy Reduction and Climate Change Action Plan for 2012 -2017.

Considerations/reasons for decision:

- 1) Report ENV565 by the Portfolio Holder Healthy Environment.
- 2) The Council to promote and drive forward energy use reduction and associated carbon footprint reduction by use of an action plan to generate positive change and support for the Council's activities, local businesses and residents.
- 3) Comments made by the Portfolio Holder at the meeting on good practice, good housekeeping , and showing that the Council is at the forefront of being clean, green and healthy.

Other options considered:

As the action plan sets out the responses and results anticipated and provides a focus for activity, failure to adopt an action plan is likely to result in the council not achieving the aspirations identified in its priorities.

CO52. *ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY 2012-16

Decision:

The Cabinet endorses the draft Economic Development Strategy 2012 - 16 for a series of engagement events to share the priorities of the Council with an invited audience of representatives from community groups, businesses, stakeholders, partner organisations, land owners and investors.

Considerations/reasons for decision:

- 1) Report ED926 from the Economic Development Portfolio Holder
- 2) The need to refresh the current Economic Development Strategy in light of the new priorities of the Council and the current economic climate.
- 3) The endorsement of the Strategy at a Communities PDG workshop in February.
- 4) The Strategy to be supported by an annual action plan which forms part of the new corporate project management standard, identifying

- key milestones and a timetable for delivery.
- 5) The need to engage with a range of partners to help towards delivery of the actions identified.
 - 6) Comments made by the Portfolio Holder Economic Development on the progress already underway.
 - 7) The need to clarify information contained within the strategy.
 - 8) Comments about the clear and concise layout of the summary action plan.

Other options considered:

To revise the existing Economic Development Strategy for 2009-2014, this was not considered appropriate as the Council' priorities had significantly changed and the regeneration partners identified in the original strategy are no longer in existence.

CO53. MATTERS REFERRED TO CABINET BY THE COUNCIL, SCRUTINY COMMITTEE OR THE POLICY DEVELOPMENT GROUPS

Report from the Scrutiny Committee on Procurement Lincolnshire

Decision:

That Cabinet supports the progression of the report to those bodies considered appropriate for the actions within the report to be undertaken.

Considerations/reasons for decision:

- 1) Report from the Scrutiny Committee on Procurement Lincolnshire.
- 2) Comments made by the Head of Finance and the Head of Legal & Democratic Services/Monitoring Officer.
- 3) Thanks to the Scrutiny Committee for an extensive, well worked up report.

DATE DECISIONS EFFECTIVE:

Decisions CO51, CO52 and CO53 as made on 5th March 2012 can be implemented by 14th March unless subject to call-in by the Scrutiny Committee Chairman or any five members of the Council from any political groups

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Agenda Item 9

SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME

Date	Item	Outcome/recommendations
30.08.11	Performance Q4 – quality organisation	<p>Members identified those services with the greatest number of complaints and compliments were those with most public contact.</p> <p>Members recognised the importance of this theme to ensure the Council delivered a high quality service</p> <p>Recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Future information should be presented in a format that would allow Councillors to compare progress year-on-year and show direction of travel • Include commentary to explain the context of any graphs
30.08.11	Police Reform and Social Responsibility Bill	<p>Presentation given by Community Safety and Licensing Service Manager</p> <p>Recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invite rep from police authority/CSP Chairman to future meeting • Invite area Chief Inspector to future meeting
27.09.11	Procurement Lincolnshire	<p>Presentation from Procurement Lincolnshire</p> <p>Background papers circulated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scrutiny review: Lincolnshire County Council • Procurement Lincolnshire Annual Report • Procurement Lincolnshire structure chart <p>Recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invite SKDC rep to talk about procurement and answer questions on 29.11.11
27.09.11	Bourne Community Access Point	Update from the Head of Finance on progress of project with Lincolnshire County Council
27.09.11	Draft annual report	Consider the draft annual report for Council for submission on 20 Oct 2011
29.11.11	Lincolnshire Police Authority	John Atter from Lincolnshire Police Authority invited to talk to the Committee about the role of the police authority and the implementation of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act.
29.11.11	Lincolnshire Police	Chief Inspector Housley invited to attend the meeting to provide an update on changes to Lincolnshire Police's structure.
29.11.11	Procurement Lincolnshire	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consideration of circulated background papers. • Questioning SK officers (Head of Finance and Property and Facilities Service Manager)

24.01.12	S.106 Agreements/ Community Infrastructure Levy	The Committee received a presentation on S.106 Agreements and Community infrastructure levy
24.01.12	Procurement Lincolnshire	<p>A working group was convened to discuss the Scrutiny Committee's draft report.</p> <p>The working group considered the report, which contained a number of recommendations. The report was referred to the Scrutiny Committee meeting on 21 February 2012 for formal consideration.</p>
24.01.12	Localism and Scrutiny	A presentation was given on the impact of new legislation on Scrutiny provisions. The presentation looked at the Localism Act, the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act and the Health and Social Care Bill.
24.01.12	South Road, Bourne	Questions were answered on the use of land at South Road, Bourne relating to its sale and the use of the land.
21.02.12	Procurement Lincolnshire	<p>The Committee considered its draft report on Procurement Lincolnshire. The contents of the report was finalised and the Committee agreed that the report should be presented to Cabinet.</p> <p>The Cabinet considered the report and the recommendations made by the Committee at its meeting on 5 March 2012. Cabinet agreed that a copy of the report should be sent to Procurement Lincolnshire's two co-ordinating groups and that a copy should be sent to the working group of the Joint Lincolnshire Scrutiny Committee. These were forwarded on Monday 12 March 2012.</p>
21.02.12	Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act	An update was given.
10.04.12	Question and answer session with the Economic Development Portfolio Holder	