



Meeting: **SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**
Date: **3 FEBRUARY 2012**
Time: **5.00PM**
Venue: **COMMITTEE ROOM**
To: **Councillors I Chilvers, M Dyson, K Ellis, M Hobson, D Mackay, Mrs W Nichols (Chair), C Pearson, D Peart, R Price (Vice Chair)**

Agenda

1. Apologies for absence

2. Disclosures of Interest

Members of the Scrutiny Committee should disclose personal or prejudicial interest(s) in any item on this agenda.

3. Nigel Adams MP – Question and Answer Session

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Deputy Chief Executive

Dates of next meetings
20 March 2012
23 April 2012 (Provisional)

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To: **Scrutiny Committee**
Date: **3 February 2012**
Author: **Karen Mann, Democratic Service Officer**
Lead Officer: **Karen Iveson, Executive Director**

Title: **Question & Answer Session with Nigel Adams MP**

Summary:

Scrutiny Committee invite the local MP to attend a 'question and answer session'. All Selby District Councillors are invited to attend and have submitted questions to raise at the meeting by members of the Scrutiny Committee.

Recommendation:

That Nigel Adams MP has an opportunity to respond to questions raised by members of the Scrutiny Committee and supplementary questions raised.

Reasons for recommendations

The Committee ensures the contribution of Scrutiny is effective in supporting the local community.

1. Introduction and background

- 1.1 Selby District Councillors were given the opportunity to pose questions to Nigel Adams MP.
- 1.2 The questions raised by Councillors were submitted to the MP prior to the meeting to allow him to an opportunity to have answers prepared for the meeting.
- 1.3 The questions are listed in Appendix A. Supplementary questions will be allowed at the meeting.

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**Extraordinary Scrutiny Committee
Friday 3 February 2012 – 5.00pm
Questions for Nigel Adams MP**

Employment Creation and Investment

- Despite the current economic situation is there anything you can do to attract jobs to the Selby district getting people and students into work. Is there money to be tapped into by companies for new ventures?
- With Siemens wanting to build a wind turbine factory at Hull for offshore wind farms will this ease the pressure for such developments in the Selby area. Also will any of the 2,000 plus jobs to be created go to Selby work?

Transport:

- What benefits will Selby gain from the proposed electrification of the Transpennine railway line which was announced recently?

Funding

- There have been cuts to public funding and the residents of the District have felt this in several ways, reduction in the police and fire service provision, reduction in funding for NYCC, with a considerable percentage being taken from the highways budget, lots of local road repairs have been put on hold, and Selby District Council has reduced their staffing budget and changed their way of working. How do you feel the District has been affected by all the budget cuts?
- The government says it cannot do anything about bonuses in the state owned Banks (Nick Clegg) as they are based on contracts made with the previous government, why is it that they can attack public sector (and health service) pensions which underwent root and branch reforms under the last government which stated this reform "would last for a generation"? Are banker's contract's more legally binding than contracts with public (and health) service workers?

City Status

- The government has recently granted to cities such as Leeds more power for spending money and running buses and other facilities. How can Selby benefit from this or are we to be held back from expanding?

Police and Crime Commissioner

- Could you give us your views of the new Police and Crime Commissioner position.

EU Position

- Could you please give us an update on the latest situation regarding the EU and latest position affecting this country.

Any Other Questions

- Who are the current owners of Burn Airfield as Yorkshire Forward used to own the site and they have been disbanded, do Burn Gliding Club have a secure future?
- Royal Yacht Britannia – could we have your views with regard to this announcement, how will it be paid for as it has been stated that it will not be from tax payers money.
- What impact on constituents will the changes have to the welfare payments, in particular for the disabled.