

## Scrutiny Committee

Venue:	Committee Room
Date:	23 October 2012
Present:	Councillors I Chilvers, M Dyson, M Hobson, D Mackay, C Pearson and R Price (Vice Chair)
Apologies for Absence:	Councillors Mrs W Nichols (Chair), D Peart and R Sweeting.
Officers Present:	Karen Iveson – Executive Director (s151) and Palbinder Mann - Democratic Services Officer.
Press:	None

### **25. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **26. MINUTES**

The following amendments to the minutes were proposed:

- It was pointed out that the sentence on page four commencing with “Councillor Packham queried...” should have read “Councillor Price queried...”
- Item 16 which was titled “Chair’s address to the Planning Committee” should have read “Chair’s address to the Scrutiny Committee”.

### **RESOLVED:**

- i) That the minutes of the Scrutiny Committee held on 25 September 2012 be APPROVED with the above amendments and that be signed by the Chair.**

## **27. CHAIR'S ADDRESS TO THE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

The Chair informed the Committee that for the Scrutiny Development Workshop, the Committee would split into smaller groups to discuss the topics.

## **28. CALL IN**

No items had been called in.

## **29. SCRUTINY DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP - SC/12/13**

The Scrutiny Committee held a development workshop to discuss and list ideas on how they could improve in the following areas:

- The creation of a functional and meaningful work programme.
- Building a relationship with the Executive.
- The use of Task and Finish groups to extend resource and effectiveness

The Committee split into small groups and spent time listing ideas for development in each area and then fed back ideas to the whole group.

### **RESOLVED:**

- i) **That the ideas listed be formulated into notes and considered at the next meeting of the Committee.**

## **30. LOCALISM ACT – DEVELOPMENT OF SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – SC/12/08**

The Executive Director (s151) presented the report which outlined how the Scrutiny Committee could provide more in depth scrutiny on items selected from its work programme. The item identified in the report was the Localism Act.

The following areas were listed as possible ideas for review:

- Community Right to Challenge.
- Neighbourhood Development Plans and Orders.
- National Non-Domestic Rates

The Committee decided to select National Non-Domestic Rates as their review items and it was decided the following Members should form the Task and Finish Group:

- Councillor Pearson (Chair)
- Councillor Chilvers
- Councillor Hobson

It was agreed that meetings for the group would be arranged and the group would report feedback on their progress at the Scrutiny Committee meeting in January.

**RESOLVED:**

- i) That the Committee receive and note the report.**
- ii) That the Task and Finish group with the above listed Members be formed and report back on its progress at the Scrutiny Committee meeting in January.**

The Chair thanked all for attending the meeting.

The meeting closed at 6:20pm