

# Minutes

## Scrutiny Committee

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Venue:	Committee Room
Date:	Tuesday 6 July 2017
Time:	5.00 pm
Present:	Councillors Mrs S Duckett (Chair), I Chilvers, Mrs J Chilvers (sub for Mrs D White), M Jordan (sub for D Buckle) and D Mackay
Apologies:	Councillor Mrs W Nichols, D Buckle (sub M Jordan) and Mrs D White (sub Mrs J Chilvers).
Officers present:	Stuart Robinson, Head of Business Development and Improvement, and Palbinder Mann, Democratic Services Manager.
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Press:	0

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### 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from D Buckle, Mrs W Nichols and Mrs D White.

### 2. MINUTES

The Committee considered the minutes of the Scrutiny Committee held on 23 March 2017.

It was noted that Councillor Mrs S Duckett was present at the meeting however had been listed as giving her apologies.

#### **RESOLVED:**

**To approve the minutes of the Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 23 March 2017 with the above amendment for signature by the Chair.**

### **3. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

There were no disclosures of interest.

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

There was no address from the Chair.

### **5. START TIME OF MEETINGS FOR 2017/18**

The Committee considered the start time of meetings for 2017/18 and agreed that it should remain at 5pm.

#### **RESOLVED:**

**To maintain the start time of Committee meetings at 5pm.**

### **6. FORWARD PLAN**

The Committee queried why the Council was funding a new roundabout for Staynor Hall when usually the funding roads and highways was the responsibility of the County Council. It was agreed a response would be sought on this.

### **7. CORPORATE PERFORMANCE REPORT QUARTER 4 (JANUARY TO MARCH)**

The Head of Business and Improvement presented the report which provided an update on the delivery of the Council's Corporate Plan 2015-20.

The Head of Business and Improvement provided an update on the issues raised by the Committee at the last meeting. This was as follows:

- Missed bin collections had increased again in quarter four. It was explained however that, at 78 missed bins out of a 231,000 the number of missed bin collections represented a very small proportion of the overall bin collections in the district
- The number of visits to the Council's leisure centres had increased in quarter four, in part due to a post-Christmas promotional campaign.
- There had been a reduction in the shortfall for the savings target which now stood at £51,000 by the end of quarter four.
- The Council had signed up to a county-wide empty homes strategy. It was explained that a joint working group has been created and that the Council was now developing a localised action plan.
- Sickness absence of staff was still a concern in quarter four. The Committee were informed that procedures had been reviewed and

training for new managers had been rolled out on how to deal with sickness absence.

The following discussion took place in relation to the performance update for quarter four:

- Concern was raised at the number of empty homes in the district and it was felt work should be progressed to deal with this issue. The Committee asked for an update on the number of empty homes and progress on reducing the number.
- Concern was raised at the lack of progress with the Olympia Park development in comparison with the Kellingley Colliery site which had seen major development. The Committee queried why one project was developing quicker than the other and it was felt that this should be discussed when the item was considered at the next meeting of the Committee.
- The Committee raised concern at the cleanliness of the Leisure Centre in particular the changing rooms and it was felt representatives from Inspiring Healthy Lifestyles should be invited to the next meeting to discuss this.

Additionally, the Committee suggested that it would be helpful in the future to include remedial actions and progress on delivering them in the exceptions report.

## **8. SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME**

The Committee considered the Work Programme. The following was discussed:

- Progress should be chased on empty homes as discussed above.
- The Committee was concerned at the media reports of the possible closure of the Selby War Memorial Hospital and it was agreed this would be looked into.
- It was agreed to add an item on Selby Leisure Centre to address the concerns mentioned above.
- It was agreed that it would be looked into to form a Task and Finish Group to consider the Council's emergency planning arrangements in light of the national incidents.

### **RESOLVED:**

**To update the work programme with the above comments.**

The meeting closed at 5:51pm.