

## Scrutiny and Overview Committee

Thursday, 15 February 2007

### RECOMMENDATIONS

Set out below is a summary of the recommendations made at the meeting of the Scrutiny and Overview Committee held on Thursday, 15 February 2007. The wording used does not necessarily reflect the actual wording that will appear in the minutes.

If you have any queries about any matters referred to in this recommendation summary please contact Patrick Adams.

#### 1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Councillor R Hall nominated and Councillor RF Bryant seconded Councillor Mrs EM Heazell as Chairman of the Committee. There being no other nominations Councillor Mrs Heazell was duly elected as Chairman of the Committee.

Councillor Mrs Heazell stressed that “no change” was not an option and she expressed the hope that all members of the Committee were prepared for the challenges ahead. She suggested that members who were not committed to implementing the necessary changes might consider whether this Committee was the appropriate place for them to serve the community. Anyone wishing to stand down should do so promptly so that substitutions could be ratified at Council next week. It was **agreed** that as not all the Committee members were present, this message should be e-mailed to the entire Committee.

The Committee **agreed** that the Senior Democratic Services Officer should liaise with the IDeA trainer to arrange a training day before the next meeting of the Committee. The Chairman suggested that training could take place in the morning, with a decision making meeting in the afternoon.

#### 2. APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO AUDIT PANEL

On behalf of the independent group Councillor RF Bryant proposed Councillor MJ Mason as a member of Audit Panel. The Committee accepted this nomination.

#### 3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 18 January 2007 were agreed as a correct record, subject to the following amendment:

- The word “not” be removed from the first sentence of the second paragraph of Minute 8.

#### Local Government White Paper

It was agreed that due to recent events it was unnecessary to set up a task and finish group on this matter.

#### 4. DRAFT AGENDA PROGRAMME AND PROGRAMME OF KEY DECISIONS

It was agreed to remove all items from the agenda programme with the exception of the following issues:

- Council's Complaints and Compliments Process
- Member/Officer Contract
- Partnership Working with the County Council
- Community Call to Action
- Corporate Government Inspection (CGI) Report

- Strategic Risk Register
- Sustainable Community Strategy

The Committee **agreed** to set up an informal Scrutiny CGI Sub-Group of Councillors Mrs SM Ellington, R Hall and Mrs EM Heazell. The Sub-Group will report back to the Committee with suggested changes required to address the issues raised in the CGI report.

**5. UPDATE FROM POST OFFICE SUB-GROUP**

The Committee **agreed** that the Sub-Group should meet again and send a second letter to the Minister. The Senior Democratic Services Officer was instructed to send a reminder to all those Members who had not yet responded to the his earlier messages requesting details about the post offices in their villages.