



Rutland County Council

Catmose Oakham Rutland LE15 6HP.
Telephone 01572 722577 Facsimile 01572 75307 DX28340 Oakham

Minutes of the **MEETING of the GROWTH, INFRASTRUCTURE AND RESOURCES SCRUTINY PANEL** held in the Council Chamber, Catmose, Oakham on Thursday, 15th June, 2017 at 7.00 pm

PRESENT: Mr J Lammie (Chair) Mr E Baines
Mr O Bird Mr W Cross
Mr A Mann Mr A Stewart

OFFICERS PRESENT: Mr S Della Rocca Assistant Director - Finance
Mr D Brown Director for Places (Environment, Planning and Transport)
Mrs Helen Briggs Chief Executive
Mr Roger Ranson Planning Policy Manager
Mr Kit Silcock Corporate Support Officer

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr T Mathias Leader and Portfolio Holder for Finance and Places (Highways, Transport and Market Towns)
Mr O Hemsley Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Growth, Trading Services and Resources (except Finance)
Mr A Walters Portfolio Holder for Community Safety, Culture, Sport & Recreation and Environment
Miss G Waller Ward Member for Normanton

44 RECORD OF MEETING

- i. The Record of the Meeting of the Places Scrutiny Panel held on 20 April 2017 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
- ii. The Record of the Meeting of the Resources Scrutiny Panel held on 27 April 2017 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

45 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

46 PETITIONS, DEPUTATIONS AND QUESTIONS

No petitions, deputations or questions had been received.

47 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE FROM MEMBERS

No questions with notice had been received from Members.

48 NOTICES OF MOTION FROM MEMBERS

No notices of motion had been received from Members.

49 CONSIDERATION OF ANY MATTER REFERRED TO THE PANEL FOR A DECISION IN RELATION TO CALL IN OF A DECISION

No matter had been referred to the Panel for a decision in relation to call-in of a decision in accordance with Procedure Rule 206.

---oOo---

The Chair announced that item 9 on the agenda would be taken first to allow Mrs Briggs and Mr Ranson to leave the meeting following consideration of the item should they wish to do so.

---oOo---

50 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN WORKING GROUP REPORT

Report No. 118/2017 was received from the Director for Places (Development and Economy).

During discussion the following points were noted:

- i. It was noted that the toolkit was more of an internet tool than paper copy due to the use of hyperlinks.
- ii. The toolkit had benefitted from peer to peer support with Councils learning from each other. Parish Councils not in Rutland had spent money using consultants when they could have gone to their local authorities for guidance.
- iii. The toolkit would be available on the website so that Parishes could readily access the document.

AGREED

That members **CONSIDERED** the report and recommendations of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group.

That members **NOTED** the changes to Government Regulations for Neighbourhood Plans.

---oOo---

Mrs Briggs and Mr Ranson left the meeting at 7.17pm and did not return.

---oOo---

51 QUARTER 4 FINANCE MANAGEMENT REPORT

Report No. 111/2017 was received from the Director for Resources.

During discussion the following points were noted:

- i. Mr Della Rocca was asked about the carry forward of funds re Agresso, He commented there was more work to be done on Agresso such as sorting invoices electronically, which would reduce the amount of time taken in processing and as a result save staffing costs.
- ii. It was noted that there had been a reduction in grass cutting, with Oakham and Uppingham now cut the same number of times as the villages. The Council offered Oakham Town Council and Uppingham Town Council the opportunity to fund additional cuts or to take over the responsibility for grass cutting.
- iii. Mr Brown acknowledged that this year's weed spraying had only just started and the grounds around the Rutland Council building were one of the areas that required attention.
- iv. Miss Waller asked what the community-led housing was that was listed on page 15. Mr Della Rocca stated he would provide an answer in writing outside of the meeting.
- v. Mr Bird noted that there was an over spend on waste management. Mr Walters reported that the overspend was mainly due to the increasing cost of disposing of recyclable materials.

52 QUARTER 4 PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT REPORT

Report No. 98/2017 was received from the Chief Executive.

During discussion the following points were noted:

- i. Mr Bird noted that it would be useful to have a comparison of statistics between the previous quarters.
- ii. It was reported that when there were incidents of fly tipping, evidence was searched for to determine if the source could be identified. If evidence was found, then action would be taken.
- iii. It was noted that the cost of the Children's Centre was getting close to £1 million, but the Leader explained that it was not expected to exceed the approved budget.

---oOo---

Mr Stewart left the meeting at 7.55pm and did not return.

---oOo---

53 SCRUTINY PROGRAMME 2017/18 & REVIEW OF FORWARD PLAN

The Forward Plan was reviewed.

During discussion the following points were noted:

- i. The Chair reported that following the most recent Scrutiny Commission, it was agreed that Scrutiny Panels should evaluate themselves in order to identify where and how the panel could improve.
- ii. The Chair gave an update on the Poverty paper. The White Paper would not be brought back to Scrutiny; however it would be circulated to all Members for feedback before it has gone to Cabinet.
- iii. It was raised that there should be an item regarding the Blue Light services and the Council's relationship with them.

- iv. The Chair suggested that members of the panel email areas of interest for consideration. The next meeting would be 31st August, which would give time to develop ideas.
- v. It was suggested that there should an audit of responsibilities for Parish/Town Councils, notably regarding grass cutting and cemetery responsibilities. A list would need to be made of what each Parish/ Town Council could do, then the list be given to the Scrutiny Panel to make a recommendation on how the Council might work with others.

54 ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

There was no other urgent business.

55 DATE AND PREVIEW OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 31 August 2017 at 7pm

Items to include: Q1 Performance Management Report

---oOo---

Chairman closed the meeting at 8.34 pm.

---oOo---