

## Minutes of Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Meeting Date: Tuesday, 22 June 2010, starting at 6.30pm  
Present: Councillor J S Sutcliffe (Chairman)

Councillors:

D Berryman	B Jones
G Geldard	C Ross
A Gridley	I Sayers
R Hargreaves	M Thomas
J Hill	N Walsh
T Hill	J H White
K Hind	

In attendance: Director of Community Services.

### 151 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence.

### 152 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 April 2010 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### 153 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest at the meeting.

### 154 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

### 155 MATTERS ARISING

#### (a) Minute 956 (Traffic Calming in Villages)

The Director of Community Services reported that this minute had been referred to Community Committee who had resolved that the Traffic Calming Report produced by the Working Group should be passed on to Lancashire County Council's Road Traffic Engineers.

#### (b) Minute 957 (Planning Enforcement)

In relation to the report of the Working Group on Planning Enforcement, this had also been referred to Planning and Development Committee at its recent meeting.

#### (c) Minute 958 (Sport and Leisure Facilities)

Councillor White advised that Longridge Town Council were taking up the question of grants available with Nigel Evans MP and urged that other Members do likewise.

## 156 PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Members received a report detailing the Council's performance against national and local performance indicators. There were 80 indicators and of those 63.75% have met the target, 26.25% were close to target with 10% below target.

In addition 41.9% of PI's had improved, 2.4% had stayed the same, leaving 37.7% having worsened over the 12 month period.

Members then went through the list of indicators supplied and asked specific questions about a number of indicators including domestic violence, attendance at sport development activities, number of homes granted planning permission, surveillance of dog fouling, amongst many others.

Attention was also given to the new Government's likely views on the continuance of performance indicators and the Director of Community Services advised that until a decision had been taken by Central Government, these figures and reports would continue to be produced. He did advise that the Principal Policy and Performance Officer was scheduled to present a report to the next meeting of this Committee in September.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

## 157 WORKPLAN AND WORK PRIORITIES 2010/11

The Director of Community Services presented his report which attempted to give some focus and direction to Committee in relation to choosing topics for investigation, discussion and future scrutiny.

He highlighted four areas which had previously been agreed as broad subject areas which Committee should concentrate its attention on for topics of scrutiny:

- Community leadership.
- Priorities.
- Performance.
- Partnerships.

Members then discussed possible areas which they felt would be worthwhile topics for scrutiny over the forthcoming municipal year.

Following a lengthy debate the following areas were identified for further discussion/scrutiny:

- Olympiad and its effects on Ribble Valley – Councillor White.
- Twinning for Ribble Valley – Councillor J Hill.

- Member development – Councillor Hind.
- Energy efficiency of Council buildings – Councillor Berryman.
- Trees, in particular high hedges and Tree Preservation Orders – Councillor Sayers.

In addition it was also suggested that some work was need to be done around assisting Help Direct to raise their profile, particularly in rural areas, although it was noted that they were currently working with David Ingham, the Partnerships Officer, on the Healthy Valley Project.

RESOLVED: That

1. the following topics be selected for further scrutiny during the current municipal year:
  - a) Olympiad and its effects on the Ribble Valley – lead Councillor, Councillor White.
  - b) Twinning for Ribble Valley – lead Councillor, Councillor J Hill.
  - c) Member development – lead Councillor, Councillor Hind.
  - d) Energy efficiency of Council buildings – lead Councillor, Councillor Berryman.
  - e) Trees, in particular high hedges and Tree Preservation Orders – lead Councillor, Councillor I Sayers.
2. the Director of Community Services and Community Development Officer, liaise with Officers from Health Direct in an attempt to help better publicise their work to the residents of Ribble Valley.

The meeting closed at 8.56pm.

If you have any queries on these minutes please contact John Heap (414461).

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