

SELBY DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

Minutes of the proceedings of a meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 13 May 2010, in Committee Room 2, The Civic Centre, Portholme Road, Selby, commencing at 5.00 pm.

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Present: Councillor J McCartney in the Chair

Councillors: Mrs S Duckett, Mrs J Dyson, Mrs M Hulme, W Inness, B Marshall and Mrs S Ryder.

Officials: Chief Executive, Head of Service – Finance, Head of Service – Customers and Business Support, Overview and Scrutiny Coordinator

Invitees: Steve Shaw-Wright, Funding Support Officer with Selby Association of Voluntary Services AVS (in relation to Minute 771)

Public: 0

Press: 0

765 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Councillors J Cattnach, Mrs K McSherry, R Sayner and Mrs A Spetch.

766 **Disclosures of Interest**

There were no disclosures of interest.

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RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 18 March 2010 be confirmed as a correct record and be signed by the Chair.

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Chair's Address to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Work Programme

There was no Address from the Chair and the Work Programme was confirmed as being dealt with later in the agenda.

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Performance Indicator Report: April 2009 – March 2010

The Head of Service – Finance presented the report, highlighted salient points and commented that the overall message from the performance indicator data was positive.

The Head of Service – Finance explained that income collection figures were expected not to reach their target due to the nature of the current economic climate, especially in relation to businesses failing and the difficulty in recouping monies owed to Selby District Council (SDC).

In response to questions from the Committee the Head of Service – Customers and Business Support explained that very few applications had been received from ethnic minorities. It was also confirmed that SDC does employ people with disabilities and that placement opportunities are also available.

The Chair suggested the use of a local indicator for health and hygiene regarding restaurants and food outlets in Selby. It was further explained that North Yorkshire County Council is operating a 'scores on the doors' system to help inform the public over the health and hygiene score received by each establishment presented on the entrance to the establishment.

The Head of Service – Finance commented that the recycling target for 2010/11 was expected to be more challenging given the strong performance in 2009/10.

Resolved:

That the report be noted

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Section 215 Notices – Information Report

The Overview and Scrutiny Coordinator presented the report and highlighted salient points.

The Chair commented that Section 215 Notices could be utilised in respect of anti-social behaviour and community safety and that police are currently receiving training on how local authorities issue Section 215 Notices.

It was confirmed by the Chair that SDC currently utilise Section 215 Notices through planning enforcement.

It was concluded by the Committee that the Community Safety Partnership should receive the findings of the report to consider if they could utilise Section 215 Notices.

Resolved:

- i) That the report be noted;**
- ii) That the report be passed onto the Community Safety Partnership Manager**

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Task and Finish Group Report – Voluntary/Community Organisations in the Selby District

The Overview and Scrutiny Coordinator presented the report and highlighted salient points.

Steve Shaw-Wright of the Selby Association of Voluntary Services (AVS) addressed the Committee and explained that his organisation had concerns over the number of groups who had replied to the survey stating that they had no contact with AVS when they had received definite support from AVS in terms of minuting meetings, preparing constitutions or advising on funding for example. He also explained that there were a number of surveys circulating at national and regional levels which may have had an impact on the level of survey responses received by the Overview and Scrutiny Task and Finish Group.

The Chair explained that Citizenlink would be a useful tool to help support the work of the voluntary and community groups throughout Selby and suggested that the report be forwarded onto the Media and Corporate Communications Manager.

The Chief Executive praised the work carried out by AVS in Selby.

Councillor Hulme requested clarification that Carlton Cricket Club and

Carlton Village Hall both received surveys. The Overview and Scrutiny Coordinator confirmed that the issue would be looked into and a response provided to Councillor Hulme.

Resolved:

- i) That the report be noted; and**
- ii) That the report be forwarded onto the Media and Corporate Communications Manager to review the conclusions in line with the Media Strategy.**

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Annual Report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee

The Overview and Scrutiny Coordinator presented the report and highlighted salient points.

Resolved:

- i) That the report be noted;**
- ii) That the new MP be contacted and the invite to attend the Overview and Scrutiny Committee be extended; and**
- iii) That the Annual Report of the Overview and Scrutiny be made available to the public.**

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Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme 2010/2011

The Overview and Scrutiny Coordinator presented the Work Programme to the Committee and invited Councillors to provide any additional topics to be considered.

Resolved:

That the report be noted

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Questions to the Chief Executive

Councillors raised the issue of emptying litter bins and the regularity of collections. It was further queried as to whether there were workforce number issues for those involved in street cleansing.

Flytipping near the traveller's site in Carlton was also raised as an issue. The Chair confirmed that signs were available from Environmental Health to help deter instances of flytipping and had been proven to work.

The Overview and Scrutiny Coordinator confirmed that the Committee was scheduled to meet with Enterprise during the course of 2010/11 and issues such as grass cutting and litter collections can be addressed.

The Chief Executive explained that progress at the new Civic Centre and Hospital site is both on budget and ahead of schedule. It was also confirmed that Green Lanes access to the site would only be used when the hospital site is due to be demolished c. August 2011.

The meeting closed at 6.06pm.