

WEST LINDSEY DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES of a Meeting of the Challenge and Improvement Committee held in the Council Chamber at the Guildhall, Gainsborough on Tuesday 21 June 2011 commencing at 6.30 pm.

Present: Councillor Alan Caine (Chairman – In the Chair)
Councillor Paul-Howitt-Cowan

Councillor Owen Bierley
Councillor Richard Doran
Councillor Angela Lawrence
Councillor Irmgard Parrott
Councillor Roger Patterson
Councillor Mick Tinker (arrived at 6.49pm)

In Attendance: Chief Executive
Director of Neighbourhoods and Health
Business Transformation Officer
EPA to the Chief Executive and Chairman's Officer

4 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Malcolm Leaning and David Dobbie with no substitutions.

At the commencement of the meeting the Chairman welcomed the new Committee and explained the aim for the Committee to move to a paperless system.

5 MINUTES

(a) Performance Management and Scrutiny Committee – 12 April 2011

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Performance Management and Scrutiny Committee held on 12 April 2011 be approved.

(b) Challenge and Improvement Committee – 23 May 2011 (CAI.01 11/12)

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Challenge and Improvement Committee held on 23 May be approved.

6 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

7 NEW WAYS OF WORKING (CAI.02 11/12)

The Chief Executive presented Paper B on the New Ways of Working and stressed the need to continue encouraging Members to be more involved in shaping policy.

She outlined the more adequate planning structure for committees and how this will help committees to conduct their business and encourage better decision making and being more action focussed.

Mrs Gill continued to give an overview of the remit of the Committee and how it would differ from Performance Management and Scrutiny Committee.

RESOLVED that the contents of the report be noted.

NB: At this point Councillor Mick Tinker joined the meeting.

8 WORK PLAN (CAI. 03 11/12)

The Chief Executive introduced Paper C for discussion amongst Members to decide on their work plan for the 2011/12 civic year.

The Committee discussed Gainsborough Adventure Playground Association and it was suggested that Councillors Tinker and Doran may like to look in to how the Council may support the Association with the Chief Executive.

Gainsborough Market Trading was requested as an item for a future meeting and the Chief Executive suggested that it should be referred to Prosperous Communities Committees and that a trader representative should be invited to a future meeting of that Committee.

The Committee discussed MOD sites and the Chairman updated on the event held at Market Rasen on Saturday 11 June 2011. It was clarified that this would go to Prosperous Communities Committee. It was suggested that the communities be invited to this Committee to gauge their views.

The Chairman raised the issue of Members IT and the savings that can be made by working paperlessly and it was noted that Councillor Leaning had offered his help to assist members.

The Vice Chairman wished for Trinity Arts Centre to be added to the work plan.

RESOLVED that

- a) the Prosperous Communities Committee Chairman be asked to consider all markets in the area and invite stakeholders to a future meeting of that Committee.
- b) the work plan be approved as a rolling document and the additions requested at this meeting, as set out above, be incorporated.

9 DEVELOPMENT OF A RENEWABLE ENERGY POLICY (CAI.04 11/12)

The Director of Neighbourhoods and Health presented Paper D on the Development of a Renewable Energy Policy and the need to review the adequacies of our policies to encourage what is right for the district in terms of renewable energy. Mr Nicholson spoke about the Council's aspiration to be the Greenest District and renewable energy would be a key cog in the process towards that goal.

Members wished for a singular document which would set out a design for the district in regard to renewable energy which would tie in with the Parish Planning, Carbon Management Plans and Strategic Housing policies.

The Committee discussed the need for a task and finish group on this matter and the involvement of officers and the CLJSP Committee.

RESOLVED that a Task and Finish Group be established composed of Councillors Patterson, Bierley, and Howitt-Cowan and that a clear remit would be established including an input from planning around policy.

10 FORWARD PLAN (CAI.05 11/12)

The Chief Executive presented the Forward Plan for consideration by the Committee in relation to compiling their work plan for 2011/12.

RESOLVED that the forward plan be noted.

The meeting concluded at 7.31 pm

Chairman