

**WEST LINDSEY DISTRICT COUNCIL**

MINUTES of the Challenge and Improvement Committee held in the Council Chamber at the Guildhall, Gainsborough on Tuesday 29 May 2012 commencing at 6.30 pm.

**Present:** Councillor Alan Caine (Chairman)  
Councillor Paul-Howitt-Cowan (Vice-Chairman)

Councillor Owen Bierley  
Councillor David Dobbie  
Councillor Richy Doran  
Councillor Angela Lawrence  
Councillor Malcolm Leaning  
Councillor Roger Patterson  
Councillor William Parry

**Also Present:** Councillor Geoff Wiseman

**In Attendance:** Revenues Benefits and Customer Services Manager  
Governance and Civic Officer

**Apologies** Councillor Irmgard Parrott  
Councillor Mick Tinker

**5. MINUTES**

Meetings of the Challenge and Improvement Committee held on 10 April and 14 May 2012.

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting of the Challenge and Improvement Committee held on 10 April and 14 May 2012 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

**6. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**7. MATTERS ARISING SCHEDULE (CAI.01 12/13)**

The Governance and Civic Officer presented the Matters Arising Schedule and updated Members on recent changes.

The Committee discussed Access to WLDC Services as highlighted on Paper A, and it was confirmed that relevant information had been brought before

members within the Customer Excellence Report at the meeting on 10 April 2012. Queries and options for service delivery were raised, and it was requested that an update was brought before the meeting of the Committee on 11 September 2012.

**RESOLVED** that the Matters Arising Schedule be noted.

## **8 WEST LINDSEY HONOURS (CAI.02 12/13)**

The Governance and Civic Officer presented Paper B which asked members to consider the discussions that took place at the Annual Meeting of Council and the officer advice given to formulate recommendations for amendments to the role, limitations, criteria and process for the titles of Honorary Alderman, Honorary Freeman and Freedom of Entry.

The Committee discussed the report and the advice within and concurred that all roles should be awarded in recognition of outstanding performance only. Some Members were dubious as to whether these honours should be bestowed at all, and it was advised that a framework was being created in response to a change in the law; without an agreed process, any nominations that may be received may be dealt with inconsistently and the decisions made on those nominations may be open to challenge.

Members wished for the adjudication panel, as discussed within the report, to be composed of appointed Members, in addition to the officers suggested. Further suggestions for change were made, including limiting the amount of Freeman, Freedoms and Aldermen to a maximum of four within the first year and one a year maximum thenceforth.

### **RESOLVED that**

- i) the original report be amended to reflect the agreed officer advice and discussions that have taken place at both Annual Council and Challenge and Improvement Committee; and
- ii) the role, limitations, criteria, and process for Honorary Aldermen, Honorary Freeman, and Freedom of Entry to the District be brought back for approval to the next meeting prior to ratification by Council.

## **9 FORWARD PLAN (CAI.03 12/13)**

The Governance and Civic Officer updated the Committee on the Forward Plan which set out forthcoming items for consideration by all Committees of the Council.

**RESOLVED** that the Forward Plan be noted.

**10 WORK PLAN (CAI.04 12/13)**

Members discussed the Work Plan which set out the programme of work for the Challenge and Improvement Committee in the coming months.

A brief discussion took place in relation to the review of the impact of the closedown of the green waste service during the winter months. It was noted that the Vice-Chairman was a representative on a Member Panel who were looking at this in more detail. The consensus from the Committee was that the closedown dates may need to be altered, and that the public feedback had been that the service was still required within November.

**RESOLVED** that the Work Plan be noted.

The meeting concluded at 7.39pm

Chairman