

**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY
 MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
 26 FEBRUARY 2015**

PRESENT: COUNCILLOR P J O'CONNOR (CHAIRMAN)

Councillors Mrs A M Newton (Vice-Chairman), B Adams, C J T H Brewis, A Bridges, Mrs J Brockway, M Brookes, P M Dilks, R L Foulkes, A G Hagues, A J Jesson, Mrs M J Overton MBE, R B Parker, Mrs A E Reynolds, C L Strange, Mrs C A Talbot and T M Trollope-Bellew.

Officers in attendance:-

Simon Evans (Health Scrutiny Officer), Cheryl Hall (Democratic Services Officer), David Hair (Team Leader - Scrutiny and Member Support), Tracy Johnson (Scrutiny Officer), Louise Tyers (Scrutiny Officer), Nigel West (Democratic Services Manager) and Richard Wills (Executive Director for Environment and Economy).

52 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE/REPLACEMENT MEMBERS

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor C E H Marfleet and from Added Members: Mr C V Miller, Mrs E J Olivier-Townrow, Mr S C Rudman, Mr P Thompson and Mrs G Wright.

It was noted that the Chief Executive, having received notice under Regulation 13 of the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990, had appointed Councillor R L Foulkes as a replacement member on the Committee in place of Councillor C E D Mair, until further notice.

53 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

No declarations were made at this stage in the proceedings.

54 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE HELD ON 29 JANUARY 2015

During consideration of the minutes of the Committee held on 29 January 2015, a number of Councillors expressed their concerns in relation to the lack of detail regarding the discussion on the Audit Committee's meeting held on 26 January 2015 and its consideration of the 'Organisational Learning – Libraries Project' report.

Further to the reference to Councillor Mrs C A Talbot providing figures outside of the meeting on the Bids which had been put together by the local NHS, Minute 51 refers, it was agreed that clarification would be sought on what bids the minute related to.

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Reference was made to the possibility of the NHS contributing to the funding of winter highways maintenance, in particular the treatment of footways. Councillor Mrs C A Talbot agreed to pursue this matter.

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting held on 29 January 2015 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

55 CONSIDERATION OF CALL-INS

No Call-Ins had been received.

56 PROPOSALS FOR SCRUTINY REVIEWS

There had been no proposals for scrutiny reviews.

57 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME

Consideration was given to a report by David Hair, Team Leader (Scrutiny and Member Support), which provided the Committee with an opportunity to consider its work programme and the work programmes of the Scrutiny Committees. Copies of the individual work programmes were appended to the report and the following updates were received:-

i) Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee

The Team Leader (Scrutiny and Member Support) advised Members that there were no changes to the Committee's work programme.

ii) Adults Scrutiny Committee

The Health Scrutiny Officer advised Members that two reports had been deferred from the meeting of the Committee held on 25 February 2015 to 1 April 2015: the Wellbeing Service Update and the Performance Report for Quarter 3.

There were no other changes to the Committee's work programme.

iii) Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee

The Vice-Chairman advised Members that there were no changes to the Committee's work programme.

However, it was noted that the next three agendas for the Committee were very full due to a large number of pre-decision scrutiny reports coming to the Committee for consideration.

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A Member of the Committee raised a concern regarding availability of respite care for children with disabilities. It was agreed that this issue would be investigated by the Committee's Scrutiny Officer and would provide a response back to the Member.

It was noted that a Member of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee was currently doing a piece of work on the availability of interpreters for hearing impaired children.

It was also agreed that the Vice-Chairman would provide Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee with an update on the performance of Lincolnshire Schools at the meeting on 26 March 2015.

iv) Community and Public Safety Scrutiny Committee

The Chairman advised Members that the Committee would receive an update on the Joint Ambulance Conveyance Pilot at its meeting scheduled to be held on 15 July 2015.

It was noted a visit to HMP Lincoln would be arranged for Members of the Committee.

A discussion took place regarding the role out of the community defibrillator project across Lincolnshire by LIVES First Responders and the East Midlands Ambulance Service NHS Trust. It was noted that Councillors could use their individual Big Society Fund budgets to fund a defibrillator within their electoral division.

A request was made for a defibrillator to be installed on the Council Offices site in Lincoln and it was agreed that this would be looked into by the Chairman of the Health Scrutiny Committee for Lincolnshire. It was noted that training was provided prior to the installation of any defibrillator.

v) Economic Scrutiny Committee

The Chairman advised that a report on the 'Outcomes of the Greater Lincolnshire Employer Survey' had been added to the Committee's agenda for 9 June 2015.

A discussion took place regarding the Local Government Association's draft peer review report on Economic Development in Lincolnshire, in particular when it would be considered by the Committee. Although it was originally anticipated that this would not be considered until September 2015, it was agreed that the Chairman would look at bringing this item forward and would provide a copy of the report to this Committee when it became available.

vi) Environmental Scrutiny Committee

The Chairman advised Members that the meeting of the Committee on 13 March 2015 would be held at the Energy from Waste Facility in North Hykeham, followed by a tour of the facility and a visit to the Gainsborough Household Waste Recycling Centre.

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A discussion took place regarding the Dry Recyclables Contract and Members were advised that this would be considered by the Committee at the appropriate time.

vii) Health Scrutiny Committee for Lincolnshire

The Chairman highlighted the following items:

11 March 2015

The Chairman confirmed that the meeting of the Committee on 11 March 2015 would be an all-day meeting. This would enable the Committee to give full consideration during the morning session to the update report from United Lincolnshire Hospitals NHS Trust. The update would include: Cancer Care; Breast Cancer Services; Referral to Treatment Waiting Times; Recruitment and Retention; Care Bundles; Delayed Transfers of Care; Infection Control; Inappropriate Attendances at Accident and Emergency; and the Trust's Financial Position. The Chief Executive of the Trust would be in attendance for the item.

Dr Tony Hill would now be presenting his 'Annual Report of the Director of Public Health' to the Committee as part of the afternoon session, together with the item on the 'Process for Updating the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment'.

22 April 2015

It was noted that the Committee would not be holding a formal Committee meeting on 22 April 2015. However, a training session with officers from the Care Quality Commission on the CQC's inspection arrangements for hospitals, community health services, mental health services and GP practices would be held on that date instead.

20 May 2015

In addition to the item on the 'Health Visiting and School Nursing Service' on 20 May 2015, the Committee was also seeking to include an item on 'Lincolnshire Workforce Strategy' from Health Education East Midlands.

It was anticipated that the Care Quality Commission's re-inspection report on United Lincolnshire Hospitals NHS Trust would be published prior to the General Election in May 2015.

Concerns were raised by a number of Members on the efficiency of Pharmacy Services in Hospitals. The Chairman agreed to take this issue forward.

viii) Highways and Transport Scrutiny Committee

The Chairman advised Members that on 20 April 2015 the Committee would be considering a draft Schools Safety Issues Policy. It was noted that this piece of work followed on from the Committee's review of Speed Management and if agreed, would go out for consultation alongside the revised Speed Limit Policy.

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The Committee would consider the issues around surface dressing at its meeting scheduled to be held on 1 June 2015.

Members were advised that the draft Speed Limit Policy would be out for consultation by April 2015, ready for implementation during the Autumn of 2015. Further to this, it was agreed that the Executive Director for Environment and Economy would provide Councillor Mrs C A Talbot with clarity on its proposed implementation timetable.

ix) Value for Money Scrutiny Committee

The Chairman advised Members that the Committee had met on Monday, 23 February 2015 and had considered quarterly update items on Performance and on the Treasury Management performance. The Committee had also considered the Treasury Management Statement and Annual Investment Strategy 2015/16. It was agreed at the meeting that the Committee would receive a progress update on the 'Support Service Arrangements' during the summer of 2015.

It was noted that the meeting of the Committee scheduled to be held on 28 April 2015 may be cancelled, owing to a lack of pressing business.

Following a request, it was agreed that the Chairman would ask for the Property Update report scheduled for 23 June 2015 to include information on the Asset Value List.

RESOLVED

1. That the work programmes for the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee and the Council's other Scrutiny Committees (Appendices A and B) be approved, subject to any amendments identified above.
2. That the working group activity, as set out in Appendix C, be noted.
3. That the Forward Plan of Key Decisions from 2 March 2015, as set out in Appendix D, be noted.

The meeting closed at 11.05 am.