

**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
24 JULY 2014**

PRESENT: COUNCILLOR P J O'CONNOR (CHAIRMAN)

Councillors Mrs A M Newton (Vice-Chairman), C J T H Brewis, A Bridges, Mrs J Brockway, M Brookes, P M Dilks, C E D Mair, C E H Marfleet, R B Parker, Mrs H N J Powell, Mrs A E Reynolds, C L Strange, Mrs C A Talbot and T M Trollope-Bellew.

Added Members

Church Representatives: Mrs G Wright

Officers in attendance:-

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

8 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE/REPLACEMENT MEMBERS

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors B Adams, A G Hagues and Mrs M J Overton MBE and Mr C V Miller, Mrs E J Olivier-Townrow, Mr S C Rudman and Mr P Thompson.

It was noted that the Chief Executive, having received a notice under Regulation 13 of the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990, had appointed Mrs H N J Powell as a replacement member of the Committee in place of Councillor Mrs M J Overton MBE, for this meeting only.

9 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest at this point in the meeting.

10 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE HELD ON 26 JUNE 2014

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting held on 26 June 2014 be agreed and signed by the Chairman.

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No Call-Ins had been received.

12 PROPOSAL FOR SCRUTINY REVIEWS

There were no proposals for Scrutiny Reviews received.

13 DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT 2013/2014

Consideration was given to a report by Jasmine Sodhi (Performance and Equalities Manager), which invited the Committee to comment on the draft Annual Report 2013/2014.

The Performance and Equalities Manager presented the report to the Committee and in doing so, highlighted that the draft Annual Report would normally have been considered by the Value for Money Scrutiny Committee. However, one of the recommendations from the Constitution Review Working Group, subsequently agreed by the County Council, was that overarching documents such as the draft Annual Report and the draft Council's Business Plan should be considered in future by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee.

The intention of the Annual Report was to: -

- Highlight some real achievements in services provided for Lincolnshire residents;
- Summarise how the Council had spent its budget and what savings were made; and
- Briefly outline the Council's plans for 2014/2015 and areas for improvement.

Members were advised that the Annual Report was compiled from information from the Leader's Annual Statement, performance against the Council Business Plan and information from performance colleagues in services and Heads of Service. It was organised around the Council's purpose: - 'Investing in infrastructure and the provision of services; Commissioning for outcomes based on our communities' needs; Promoting community wellbeing and resilience; Influencing, coordinating and supporting other organisations that contribute to the life of Lincolnshire; and Making the best use of all our resources'.

Although the Annual Report was primarily a look back over 2013/2014, reference had been made to the Magna Carta exhibition in 2015. Also included was a section on Commissioning for Lincolnshire, as part of Pages 40 and 41 of the Draft Annual Report, which reflected the Council's planned operational changes.

Members were provided with an opportunity to ask questions, where the following points were noted: -

- It was planned that the Annual Report would only be made available electronically, either on request or through the County Council's website and

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therefore there would be no printing costs for this publication. However, hard copies could be made available upon request;

- It was suggested that those sections where it detailed achievements, should be brought forward into the foreword;
- It was noted that the recently awarded grant for road maintenance would be included within the draft Annual Report;
- It was noted that Councillor Mrs P A Bradwell's position on page 18 of the report should be changed to read 'Deputy Leader of the Council';
- It was felt that the success of the Energy from Waste Plant should be emphasised more within the report;
- It was suggested that the content of the report should be consistent with the deadline of 31 March 2014, as the report should be a 'look back' on the previous year. Therefore, any updates on certain areas should be included in italics to make it clearer to the reader;
- It was also suggested that the content of the report should be more analytical, rather than descriptive;
- It was felt that the section on the council's financial position should include detail on the Council's underspend;
- It was queried whether the Wellbeing Service should be included under Adult Care, rather than Public Health. It was agreed that the Performance and Equalities Manager would query this with the relevant officers;
- As an Autism Strategy had not yet been developed, it was suggested that 'Produce a new strategy for autism', which was included on page 30 of the Annual Report' should fall through into the section 'Where we need to improve'; and
- It was suggested that following the outcome of the Judicial Review, reference to libraries should now be included under the section 'Our Plans for the Future'.

Members were advised that the comments of the Scrutiny Committee would be presented to the meeting of the Executive on 2 September 2014.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the content of the Draft Annual Report and comments made be noted.
- (2) That the comments of the Scrutiny Committee be presented to the meeting of the Executive on 2 September 2014, as part of its consideration of the Draft Annual Report 2013/2014.

14 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME

Consideration was given to a report from the 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:-

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i) Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee

It was noted that it was hoped to have a Constitution Review Working Group update to this meeting. However, the Chairman advised that this was still a work in progress and the provisional meeting scheduled for 27 August 2014 would now be required to consider proposals before they were put before the meeting of the County Council on 26 September 2014.

ii) Adults Scrutiny Committee

The Chairman advised that there were two items which were listed for July but would now be considered by the 1 October 2014 meeting of the Committee: -

- Adult Social Care Outcome Framework Benchmarking; and
- Use of Residential Care in Lincolnshire.

iii) Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee

The Scrutiny Officer advised that there were no amendments to the work programme.

It was noted that following the meeting on 12 September 2014, the Committee would be holding a workshop on Children's Commissioning. This was to inform Members of the commissioning strategies, which would fall under the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee along with a list of current contracts and new contracts which would start to come through over the next six to twelve months.

iv) Community and Public Safety Scrutiny Committee

The Chairman reported that there were no changes to the work programme, however, the meeting on 10 September 2014 would be held at the Fire and Rescue Waddington Training Facility. Following the meeting, there would be a development session for councillors on Public Health Harm Reduction, which would look at alcohol and tobacco, illegal medicines and legal highs. Invitations to the session had been sent out and if any members wished to attend, then they should contact the relevant Scrutiny Officer.

It was queried who would be the presenting officer for the report on Lincolnshire Libraries.

It was suggested that the Committee received an update on the Localism Act 2012.

v) Economic Scrutiny Committee

The Chairman advised that there was one amendment to the work programme. A report on Grantham Southern Economic Corridor had been added to the agenda for 9 December 2014.

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It was noted that the next meeting on 9 September 2014 would be held at Mercury House in Gainsborough. The Committee would receive a tour of the building prior to the Committee meeting.

vi) Environmental Scrutiny Committee/ Flood and Drainage Management Committee

The Chairman advised Members that the report on 'Anglian Water', which was due to be presented to the Flood and Drainage Management Committee on 5 September 2014, had been deferred to its meeting on 4 December 2014.

The Chairman also advised that he was proposing to move the meeting of the Environmental Scrutiny Committee from 19 September 2014 to 31 October 2014, to ensure there was a full agenda.

It was noted that a report on 'The future options for Gibraltar Point' would now be considered by the Environmental Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 12 December 2014.

The Chairman also updated Members on the progress of the Textiles Recycling Working Group. A report on the future of textiles recycling at household waste recycling centres was deferred at the meeting of the Environmental Scrutiny Committee on 18 July 2014. This was to allow further financial work to take place and a further meeting of the Working Group would be held on 5 September 2014.

vii) Health Scrutiny Committee for Lincolnshire

The Chairman highlighted the following items:

17 September 2014

At the Committee's meeting on 23 July 2014, Members received an update on the situation regarding the Burton Road GP Surgery in Lincoln. The Committee was told the key dates in the timeline for securing an interim provider at the surgery and the procurement arrangements. As a result of the timeline, the Committee would need a further update at its meeting scheduled to be held on 17 September 2014.

The Chairman stressed that a key item on the agenda for September was 'United Lincolnshire Hospitals NHS Trust – Response to Care Quality Commission Report'. This had followed the publication of a report in July 2014 on the Care Quality Commission's (CQC) report following inspections in April and May 2014. The Chairman reminded Members that the Trust was one of eleven hospital trusts placed in special measures following the Keogh reviews in 2013. The CQC overview report on United Lincolnshire Hospitals NHS Trust had concluded that the Trust 'requires improvement'.

In addition to the overview report, there were four individual hospital reports for Lincoln County; Pilgrim Hospital; Grantham and District Hospital; and for the services provided by United Lincolnshire Hospitals NHS Trust (ULHT) and Louth County

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Hospital. Of the four ULHT hospitals, Lincoln County had presented the most challenges: for example, the outpatient services at Lincoln County were rated as 'inadequate' overall. There was one piece of excellent news: the responsiveness of Critical Care at Lincoln County was rated as 'outstanding'. ULHT remained in special measures following this year's inspection and would remain in special measures for a further six months.

22 October 2014

At the Committee's meeting on 23 July 2014, Members considered the Care Quality Commission's Report on the Health of Looked after Children. The Committee received an update on the progress with the action plan in relation to the CQC's recommendations. On 22 October 2014, the Committee would also be seeking an update on the progress with specialist assessments and community paediatricians.

The Chairman also reported that the meetings of the Health Scrutiny Committee for Lincolnshire on 18 March 2015 had been brought forward to 11 March 2015 and the meeting scheduled for 22 April 2015 had been cancelled. The changes had been made as NHS staff were likely to be discouraged in participating in public meetings in the lead up to the General Election on 7 May 2015.

Following a conversation regarding Personal Health Budgets, it was suggested that this issue would be better placed under the remit of the Adults Scrutiny Committee.

viii) Highways and Transport Scrutiny Committee

The Chairman reported that there were a couple of changes to the work programme for the 15 September 2014, which were that the report on the 'Grantham Southern Quadrant Link Road' would now be considered at the 27 October 2014 meeting, prior to Executive on 2 December 2014. The Civil Parking Enforcement Annual Report would now be considered on 15 September 2014, rather than 15 December 2014.

The Committee was provided with an opportunity to ask questions and some of the points raised during discussion included the following: -

- Issues surrounding verge and amenity cutting were discussed and it was suggested that any specific issues should be raised with the relevant Highways Divisional Officer;
- It was queried whether the County Council received notification of the temporary closure of railway crossings. It was agreed this would be queried with the relevant officers; and
- It was suggested that the Committee considered an item on Tourist Park and Ride.

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ix) Value for Money Scrutiny Committee

The Chairman reported that there was one change to the Committee's work programme, the Customer Satisfaction Annual Report had been deferred to the September 2014 meeting of the Committee.

It was reported that following a successful trial of paperless working at the meeting on 9 June 2014, the Committee intended to work without paper again at its meeting scheduled to be held on 29 July 2014.

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 set out in Appendix C be noted.
3. That the Forward Plan of Key Decisions from 1 August 2014 be noted.

The meeting closed at 12.10 pm.