

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
HELD ON TUESDAY, 7TH JUNE, 2005**

Present: Councillors B. Burn, A. Burnip,
A. Collinson, Mrs. E.M. Connor,
Mrs. S. Mason, C. Patching, R. Taylor
and P.G. Ward

Also present: Councillor D. Myers - Executive Member for e-government and Scrutiny Liaison

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR

RESOLVED that Councillor A. Burnip be elected Chair of the Resources Scrutiny Committee for the ensuing year.

COUNCILLOR A. BURNIP TOOK THE CHAIR

2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR

RESOLVED that Councillor P.G. Ward be appointed Vice-Chair of the Resources Scrutiny Committee for the ensuing year.

3. THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING held on 10th May, 2005, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were confirmed.

4. THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE held on 24th May, 2005, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were submitted.

RESOLVED that the information contained within the Minutes, be noted.

5. PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

There were no members of the public present.

6. COMMUNICATION AND PUBLICITY

S. Gwilym, Scrutiny Support Manager, reported that in consultation with the Communications and Marketing Manager the Scrutiny Annual Report would be publicised as widely as possible.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

7. DISTRICT OF EASINGTON SCRUTINY ANNUAL REPORT 2004/2005

Consideration was given to the report of the Scrutiny Support Manager, which sought approval of the draft District of Easington Scrutiny Annual Report for 2004/2005, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member.

The Scrutiny Support Manager explained that under Article 6 of the Council's Constitution, Scrutiny Committees had to report annually to Council on their work and make recommendations for future work programmes.

The report had been produced jointly on behalf of the four Scrutiny Committees and aimed to demonstrate the principle that the Scrutiny Committees worked together in ensuring that

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they complemented the strategic work of the Executive and that the corporate priorities and performance targets agreed by the Council were met.

The report detailed the principles behind effective scrutiny within the Council, highlighted the co-ordinating role of the Scrutiny Management Board, reviewed the work undertaken by the Scrutiny Committees, set out the proposed areas of work which formed the Scrutiny Committee's Future Work Programme and proposed further ways through which the scrutiny process could be developed.

District Council would consider the report on 7 July 2005, and any comments and/or amendments would be incorporated into the final document if received by the Scrutiny Support Manager prior to 17 June 2005.

RESOLVED that the District of Easington Scrutiny Annual Report 2004/2005 be agreed, subject to any amendments and submitted to full Council for endorsement.

8. **ADDITIONAL URGENT ITEM OF BUSINESS**

In accordance with the Local Government Act, 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985, Section 100B(4)(b) the Chair following consultation with the Proper Officer agreed that the following item of business, not shown on the Agenda, be considered as a matter of urgency.

9. **EAST DURHAM HOMES (AOB)**

Councillor P. G. Ward made reference to the East Durham Homes' Performance report which was considered by the Service Delivery Scrutiny Committee held on 6th June, 2005.

Clarification was specifically sought in relation to the fees and charges detailed in the Capital Works Programme.

The Scrutiny Support Manager reminded Members that the agreed protocol for accessing information relating to East Durham Homes was to refer the request to the Councils Head of Housing Strategy. It was suggested that Councillor Ward provide details of the specific information sought and the Scrutiny Support Manager liaise with the Head of Housing Strategy to access the said information.

RESOLVED that;

- (i) Councillor Ward provide details of the information required to the Scrutiny Support Manager
- (ii) the Scrutiny Support Manager contact the Head of Housing Strategy to seek clarification on either East Durham Homes attending a future meeting of the Resources Scrutiny Committee or preparing a further report in relation to the information requested.

CERTIFIED TRUE RECORD

CHAIR

DATE