

POLICY SCRUTINY PANEL

9th October, 2007

Present: Councillors Cowper, Freeman, Kellett, Lightley, Lodge, McDonnell, Martin, Simmons, Walker and Wolstemholme.

Also Present: Councillors Marsden, Robinson and D. Smith

Apologies for Absence: Apologies for Absence were received from Councillor Wilkes.

In the absence of the Chairman of the Policy Scrutiny Panel, Councillor Wilkes, the Vice Chairman of the Panel, Councillor Freeman, took the Chair.

Councillor Freeman in the Chair.

Bullet Points from the Meeting held on 11th September, 2007.

The Bullet Points from the Meeting held on 11th September, 2007, were approved as a correct record.

BULLET POINTS

SICKNESS ABSENCE

- Following the Panel's Review of Sickness Absence a Draft Report had been prepared and was submitted to Members.
- After a general discussion Members agreed the Draft Report for submission to the Scrutiny Committee.

TELEPHONE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM

- Following the Panel's Review of the Telephone Communications System a Draft Report had been prepared and was submitted to Members.
- After a general discussion Members agreed the following additions to the Draft Report and Recommendations.
- That an addition be made to the Report's Outcomes to the effect that the Policy Scrutiny Panel has serious concerns regarding staff retention in this area and how this is affected by comparative levels of remuneration at neighbouring Authorities.
- That an additional Recommendation be included to the effect that Cabinet prioritise the review and replacement of the current Telephone Communications Software and identify associated future staffing requirements.
- It was agreed that subject to the inclusion of the agreed additions to the Draft Report and Recommendations the Draft Report be submitted to the Scrutiny Committee.

The Meeting terminated at 5.55pm