

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
HELD ON TUESDAY 10 MARCH 2009

Present: Councillor C Patching (Chair)
Councillors B burn, R Burnip, T Longstaff, Mrs S Mason, D
Milsom and T Unsworth

Apology: Councillor Mrs A E Laing

1 **THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING** held on 17 February 2009, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were confirmed.

2 **THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE** held on 24 February 2009, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were submitted.

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

3 **PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION**

There were no members of the public present.

4 **FEEDBACK FROM SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT BOARD**

The Chair reported that there were no issues considered at the Scrutiny Management Board held on 2 March 2009 which fell within the remit of this Committee.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

5 **DISTRICT OF EASINGTON SCRUTINY ANNUAL REPORT 2008/2009**

Consideration was given to the report of the Scrutiny Support Manager which sought approval of the District of Easington Scrutiny Annual Report 2008/09, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member.

Members were advised that this was the final Scrutiny Annual Report for the District of Easington prior to the move to a single Unitary Authority for County Durham on 1 April 2009. The report outlined the work undertaken by the three Scrutiny Committees during the last 12 months.

The report highlighted the following service areas that the Scrutiny Committees had identified as a high priority during the past year and which needed to be brought to the attention of the new Council for inclusion in their Scrutiny Work Programmes for 2009/10.

- Robust Performance Monitoring and Reporting
- Health Improvement
- Regeneration Issues
- ALMO/East Durham Homes 2 – 3 star status

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- East Durham LSP – AAP's

A Member referred to Health and Housing and explained that a lot of feedback was given to the committee and hoped that issues continued to be passed onto the new authority.

RESOLVED that;

- (i) the District of Easington Scrutiny Annual Report 2008/09 be approved and submitted to Full Council for endorsement,
- (ii) the outstanding priority issues be referred to Durham County Council as part of the development of their Scrutiny Work Programme for 2009/10.

6 **CHAIRS COMMENTS**

The Chair explained that this was the final scrutiny meeting at the District of Easington as the function would now transfer to the Unitary Authority. He expressed his appreciation to all individuals who had been willing to present themselves and be involved, including outside partners and organisations.

The Chair thanked the Scrutiny Support Officer and Democratic Services Officer for their professionalism and support as well as Councillor R Burnip for his support as Vice Chair from inception.

Final thanks went to all members of the committee past and present for their commitments and contributions.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

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