

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE  
HELD ON TUESDAY 20 FEBRUARY 2007**

Present: Councillor A. Burnip (Chair)  
Councillors B. Burn, A. Collinson,  
Mrs. E.M. Connor, S. Huntington,  
Mrs. S. Mason and R. Taylor.

Apology: Councillor Mrs J Maitland

1. **THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING** held on 30 January 2007, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were confirmed.
2. **THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE** held on 6 February 2007, 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. **POST OFFICE NETWORK CONSULTATION**

The Chair reported the receipt of correspondence from Postwatch regarding the Government's consultation on the future funding and structure arrangements of the Post Office Network.

Members were advised that the consultation was a crucial exercise, as it would help determine the long-term role post offices played in rural and urban communities.

The Chair explained that the Scrutiny Support Manager had drafted a response to the consultation document which would be returned by the 8 March 2007 deadline.

**RESOLVED** that the Scrutiny Support Manager be authorised to respond to the consultation document.

5. **COMMUNICATION AND PUBLICITY**

There were no items to report.

6. **ADDITIONAL URGENT ITEMS 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 following items of business, not shown on the Agenda, be considered as a matter of urgency.

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**7. SITE VISITS(AOB)**

Councillor A. Collinson suggested that the Resources Scrutiny Committee undertake visits to Hackworth Road Depot, East Durham Business Service and the newly established Call Centre.

**RESOLVED** that the suggested visits be incorporated into the 2007/2008 work programme.

**8. CLEANSING AND MAINTENANCE OF BUS SHELTERS(AOB)**

It was suggested that P. Penman, Environmental Operations Manager be invited to attend a future meeting of the Resources Scrutiny Committee to provide an update on the cleansing and maintenance of bus shelters.

**RESOLVED** that P. Penman, Environmental Operations Manager be invited to attend a future meeting.

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