

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE AUDIT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
HELD ON MONDAY 6 JUNE 2005**

Present: Councillors B Bates, E Bell,
Mrs G Bleasdale, A Collinson,
R Davison, M Nicholls, Mrs M Nugent,
G Pinkney, B Quinn and P Stradling

1. **ELECTION OF CHAIR**

RESOLVED that Councillor G Pinkney be elected Chair of the Committee for the ensuing year.

2. **APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIR**

RESOLVED that Councillor Mrs G Bleasdale be appointed Vice Chair of the Committee for the ensuing year.

3. **THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING** held on 9 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 24 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**

There were no items to report.

7. **DISTRICT OF EASINGTON SCRUTINY ANNUAL REPORT 2004/2005**

Consideration was given to the report of the Scrutiny Support Manager which sought approval to 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 in accordance with the Council's Constitution Scrutiny Committees had to report annually to Council on their work and make recommendations for future work programmes. A report had been produced jointly on behalf of the four Scrutiny Committees and aimed to demonstrate that the Committees worked together in ensuring that they complimented the strategic work of the Executive and that the corporate priorities and performance targets agreed by the Council were met.

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The report detailed the principles behind effective scrutiny within the Council and 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 future work programme and proposed further ways through which the scrutiny process could be developed.

The report was to be considered by District Council on 7 July 2005 and any comments or amendments should be forwarded to the Scrutiny Support Manager prior to 17 June 2005.

A Member made reference to work carried out during the year relating to the security arrangements at Hackworth Road Depot. He felt that reference should be made in the report that management carry out spot checks on vehicles leaving the Depot and that the Committee had recommended that the perimeter fencing be replaced.

RESOLVED that the draft District of Easington Scrutiny Annual Report be agreed, subject to the amendments referred to and any further comments from Members and submitted to full Council for endorsement.

8. **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

RESOLVED that in accordance with Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act, 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) Act, 1985 the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involved the disclosure of exempt information, as defined in Paragraphs 7 and 9, Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

9. **GLEBE CENTRE CONTRACT**

Consideration was given to the report of the Director of Finance and Corporate Services in relation to the Glebe Centre Contract, Murton, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member.

The report provided a response to the issues raised at the last meeting of the Committee.

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

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CHAIR

DATE