

MINUTES OF SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

20 March 2008

7.30pm-9.00pm

PRESENT

COUNCILLORS

Joshua Jolles (Chair)

Nick Churchill
Patrick McClarnon

Sean Folan

SUBSTITUTIONS

Lesley Rideout substitute for Su Lawton

APOLOGIES

Linda Pailing
Su Lawton

48. **COUNCILLOR ROB ESCHLE**

The Committee noted with regret the untimely passing of Councillor Rob Eschle and asked that the Committees sympathies be extended to Councillor Eschle's family.

49. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 31 January 2008 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

50. **MATTERS ARISING**

None.

51. **WRITTEN QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS**

None.

52. **UPDATE ON FREEVIEW IN HARLOW**

The Committee received a verbal update on the issues surrounding the accessibility of free to air digital signals for Harlow residents (Freeview).

Following meeting with Virgin Media it was established that the provision of Freeview across the existing MATV network is not possible because Virginmedia use the same bandwidth as Freeview, it therefore follows that Virginmedia are unable to use the bandwidth for Freeview to Harlow residents. It was also agreed that Harlow Council would develop a list of questions for Virginmedia to respond to, so that the Council can share this information with the residents of Harlow.

Members heard that the issue is one of access, the majority of Harlow (98%) is covered by the cable franchise network which does not currently and is not required to provide free to air channels. Topographical issues and covenant restrictions prevent free to air signals being received via a rooftop aerial.

Members agreed that further clarification of the issues was required.

RESOLVED that a further report be brought to this Committee's first meeting of the 2008/09 municipal year.

ACTION MARK SLOAN/JOE MCGILL

53. **FLOODING REVIEW – ACTION PLAN UPDATE**

The Committee received a progress report on the Flooding Review Action Plan.

Members attention was drawn to persistent and ongoing flooding at the junction of Brocklesmead and Ployters Road next to Kingsmoor School.

RESOLVED that

- (a) the update of the actions, as set out in Appendix 1 of the report be noted;
- (b) the Committee receive a further action plan update report at it's next meeting.

ACTION MARK SLOAN/JOE MCGILL

54. **SUSTAINABILITY REVIEW - REPORT BACK**

The Committee received a report proposing revised terms of reference for this review.

Members were asked to be mindful of not duplicating any work that the Sustainability Working Party were carrying out.

RESOLVED that

- (a) the Committee agree the revised terms of reference as set in Appendix 1.
- (b) the Committee agree to appoint to the sustainability working party at it's first meeting of the 2008/09 municipal year.

55. **ANNUAL REVIEW OF COMMITTEE DECISIONS**

The Committee received a report reviewing this Committees decisions for this municipal year.

RESOLVED that

- (a) the Annual Review of Committee Decisions be noted

56. **REFERENCES FROM OTHER COMMITTEES**

- (a) Environment & Community Committee
19 February 2008

Scrutiny Review – Parking and Road Safety Associated with
he School Run

In response to the reference from the Scrutiny Committee, the Environment & Community Committee stated that it was not possible for that Committee to consider establishing a School Run Task Force until such time that it received a more detailed report on the specific issues to be addressed.

RESOLVED that a more detailed report be submitted to the Environment and Community Committee.

ACTION MARK SLOAN/JOE MCGILL

57. **MATTERS OF URGENT BUSINESS**

None.

CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE