



Leicester
City Council

MINUTE EXTRACT

Minutes of the Meeting of the
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT BOARD

Held: THURSDAY, 11 FEBRUARY 2010 at 5.30pm

P.R.E.S.E.N.T.

Councillor Grant– Chair

Councillor Hall – In the Chair until Minute 49.

Councillor Glover

Councillor Potter

Councillor Thomas

Councillor Newcombe

Councillor Senior

Councillor Suleman

Also In Attendance

Councillor Westley

Cabinet Lead Member for Housing

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143. CHAIR OF MEETING

RESOLVED:

Under Scrutiny Procedure Rule 6c, in the absence of Councillor Grant, the meeting agreed that Councillor Hall would Chair the meeting until the arrival of Councillor Grant.

144. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bhatti and Joshi. Apologies for lateness were received from Councillor Glover and Grant.

145. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members are asked to declare any interests they may have in the business on the agenda, and/or indicate that Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 applies to them.

Councillor Senior declared a personal interest in Item 6 'Tracking of Petitions – Monitoring Report' as her partner worked in Transport Strategy and had been involved in dealing with an ongoing petition listed in the report. She also

declared that she had been consulted as a Ward Councillor in respect of the petition opposed to the Spinney Hills Schools Cycle Link.

Councillor Senior declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Item 9 'Culture and Leisure Task Group Review of the Special Olympics Leicester 2009' as she was a volunteer director on the Special Olympics Board. She undertook to leave the meeting during consideration of this item.

Councillor Senior declared a personal interest in Item 10 'Local Development Scheme 2010-2013' as her partner worked in transport strategy.

Councillor Potter declared personal interests in Item 13 'Final Report of the Adults and Housing Task Group Review of HomeCome Limited' and Item 14 'Final Report of the Adults and Housing Task Group Review of Housing Repairs' as she was a Council tenant.

157. FINAL REPORT OF THE ADULTS AND HOUSING TASK GROUP REVIEW OF HOUSING REPAIRS

Councillor Potter submitted a report that provided the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board with the findings of the Adults & Housing Task Groups' review into the Housing Repairs Service in Leicester.

Councillor Potter introduced the report and stated that she was very pleased with the outcomes of the investigation, and in particular, referred to the fact that the service had greatly improved and modernised since the introduction of the Housing Repairs Mobile Working Scheme.

As a Member who was also involved with the review, Councillor Newcombe stated that the new working practices were extremely positive and were generally supported by constituents.

Councillor Westley, Cabinet Lead Member for Housing was in attendance and stated that it was hoped that there would now be quicker turn-around times for housing repairs. He also acknowledged that the number of complaints in relation to housing repairs needed to reduce further, but felt that the new ways of undertaking repairs should help to do so.

RESOLVED:

- (1) That the recommendations of the Task Group be supported; and
- (2) That the report be re-submitted to the Board on 15 April 2010 to include a departmental response.