

CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

HELD ON MONDAY, 27 FEBRUARY, 2012 AT 4.00 P.M.
IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK

PART 1

PRESENT: Councillors

Gilbert, P. (Chairman)
Grice, Mrs. D. (Vice-Chairman)

Bernard, Mrs. A. F.	Kraujalis, J. T.
Bernard, J. D.	Jones, Ms. J. L.
Green, M.R.	Morgan, C. W. J.
Grocott, M. R.	Spicer, Mrs. A.
Holder, M. J.	

21. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors R. Jones, R. Todd and A. Williams.

22. Declarations of Interests of Members in Contracts and Other Matters and Restrictions on Voting by Members and Party Whip Declarations

No declarations of interests or party whip declarations were made.

23. Minutes

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 28 November, 2011 be approved as a correct record and signed.

24. Quarter 3 Performance Report 2011-12

Consideration was given to the Report of the Head of Policy (Enclosure 4.1 -4.7) of the Official Minutes of the Council).

The Policy and Performance Manager advised Members on the progress of the Council during Quarter 3 of 2011/12 in respect of the Priority Outcomes as set out in the Corporate Plan 2011-14 and the supporting Priority Delivery Plans (PDPs) for 2011/12.

He explained that although Members had previously asked for benchmarking information this would be difficult to provide at present, but following the year end when the annual

figures had been completed it may be possible for this to be done. The annexes to the report gave information that the Lead Officers had provided on what had been achieved in Quarter 3 of 2011/12.

Concern was raised with regard to the number of affordable homes and the reason for the postponement of 11 of the homes being delivered. The Policy and Performance Manager informed the Committee that this may be due to a delay in road access work.

A Member expressed concern that affordable housing was normally provided by Housing Associations who worked to tight deadlines and requested that the Head of Housing be asked to give an assurance that the funding for the affordable housing would not be lost as a result of the delay.

The Policy and Performance Manager agreed to liaise with the Head of Housing on the matters raised and email an update to Members.

A Member asked when it was anticipated that the handover of the full sized ATP at Cardinal Griffin High School would be completed. The Policy and Performance Manager agreed to look into the matter and provide Members with the information.

Concern was raised with respect to the priority of reducing the impact and perception of anti-social behaviour and the actions listed as –

- stop and search exercises being undertaken by Staffordshire Police
- contacting all companies that handle the two main waste streams which are predominantly flytipped in the District and randomly sample 20% of them to provide documentation to confirm their compliance with Duty of Care
- Ensuring all abandoned vehicles are removed within 24 hours of notification

Members commented that they had previously expressed concern with regard to problem neighbours and drug related issues. The Committee considered that Inspector C. Ratcliffe should be invited to the next meeting in order that these matters could be further discussed.

Members asked why these three actions had been included in the report as there were not ones that they had asked for information on. The Head of Governance reported that the actions were included as they are from the PDP included in the Corporate Plan. Members asked what relevance the three actions had to reducing Anti-Social behaviour. The Head of Governance advised that she would seek clarification from the appropriate Officers as to how the three actions listed relate to ASB.

A Member asked if Wider Management Team meetings were still taking place. The Head of Governance explained that the meetings were continuing and that a Steering Group had been established to look at the format and content of future WMT meetings; this will include the sharing of best practice.

RESOLVED:

- (A) That the performance information relating to PDPs as detailed at Annexes 1, 2, 3 and 4 be noted.
- (B) That the actions and indicators which were rated Red or Amber and the associated

commentary/remedial action proposed by the Lead Officer be noted. That further information be provided on:-

- (i) the delay in the delivery of affordable housing and any impact on funding;
 - (ii) when the handover of the full sized ATP at Cardinal Griffin High School would be completed;
 - (iii) the actions listed and their relevance to reducing the impact and perception of anti social behaviour.
- (C) That Inspector C. Ratcliffe be invited to attend the next meeting in order that problem neighbours and drug related issues could be further discussed.

CHAIRMAN

The meeting closed at 4.20 pm