

CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE

SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MONDAY, 16 MAY, 2005 AT 4.00 P.M.

IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK

PART 1

PRESENT: Councillors

Williams, B (Chairman)
Freeman, M.P. (Vice-Chairman)
Ball, G.D. Jones, R.
Carr, I.R. Thomas, D.
Daly, K. Toth, J.
Davies, D.N. Turville, R.C.
Dixon, D.I. Williams, A.
Easton, R.

(Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs. D.J. Bennett, K.L. Bennett and C.W.J. Morgan).

Prior to commencement of the meeting, the Chairman thanked all Members for their contribution to the Scrutiny Committee over the past year.

43. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS OF MEMBERS IN CONTRACTS AND OTHER MATTERS AND RESTRICTION ON VOTING BY MEMBERS

<u>Member</u>	<u>Nature of Interest</u>	<u>Type</u>
Toth, J.	Partner works in the Council's CCTV/Social Alarms Section	Personal
Toth, J.	Member of Heath Hayes and Wimblebury Parish Council	Personal
Toth, J.	Member of Staffordshire County Council	Personal

44. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 11 April 2005 were agreed as a correct record.

45. CORPORATE AND PERFORMANCE PLAN

Consideration was given to the Report of the Chief Executive (Enclosure 4.1 – 4.3 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

Councillor J. Toth raised concern over the objective “Building an Excellent Council” and recommended that Cabinet review the wording of this objective.

In response to Members questions as to how progress would be monitored, Members were informed that progress against the actions and performance targets contained within the Corporate and Performance Plan would be reported to Scrutiny Committee on a quarterly basis.

RESOLVED:

(A) That the contents of the draft Corporate and Performance Plan be approved.

(B) That Cabinet be recommended to review the wording of the Objective

46. LEISURE MANAGEMENT REVIEW AND BUSINESS PLAN

Miss K. Bradford, Head of Leisure and Councillor M.R. Grocott, Culture and Sport Leader were present for this item.

Councillor G. Ball raised concern that the proposed Old Hednesford Park development had still not been completed, after initially being started in 1995.

The Head of Leisure explained that there was only one officer at the time working on Capital Projects, and due to other priorities the officer was taken off the project. It was explained that a letter was forwarded to Councillor G. Ball explaining that when the officer became available, the work on Old Hednesford Park would continue with approximately £94k in the budget to spend.

Councillor D. Thomas commented that the Council had agreed to the project some time ago, and if work was going to be delayed it was felt that a report should have been submitted to the relevant Committee explaining the reasons.

Councillor M.R. Grocott, Culture and Sport Leader commented that the officer responsible for Capital Projects was involved with the completion of three other play areas in other areas

Members felt that there were other projects in which funding was allocated and work not being carried out. It was felt that there should be indicative time periods.

The Head of Leisure commented that the concerns of Members had been recognised and gave her assurance that she would like to see Old Hednesford Park completed in 2005/06.

CHAIRMAN