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Scrutiny Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the **Scrutiny Committee** held in the **Garden Room, Lewes House, 32 High Street, Lewes** on **Thursday, 11 September 2008** at **9.30am**

Present:

Councillors E E J Russell (Chair), D M Gray, T M Hawthorne, C S Lambert, C R O'Keeffe, J Sheppard

Officers Attending:

A J Batty, Head of Democratic Services

Minutes

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9 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 26 June 2008 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

10 Apologies for Absence/Declaration of Substitute Members

Councillor Sheppard declared that he was substituting for Councillor P A Howson. An apology for absence had been received from Councillor M A Cutress.

11 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Hawthorne declared a personal, non-prejudicial interest in Item 6 on the Agenda, Draft Annual Report 2007/08 and Work Programme 2008/09, as he was Chair of Rural Voices, Rural Choices.
Councillor O'Keeffe declared a personal, non-prejudicial interest in the same item as she was a member of the Lewes Town Partnership.
Councillor Russell declared a personal, non-prejudicial interest in the same item as she was a member of ReGen.

12 Urgent Item

The Chair advised that she had agreed, in accordance with Section 100B(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972, that Report No 173/08

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<p>entitled "Community Engagement – Summary of the Impact of the Government White Paper" and the subsequent decision of Cabinet be considered as a matter of urgency in order that the Committee could take account of the White Paper and the Cabinet decision when considering its work programme for 2008/09.</p>	
<p>13 Draft Annual Report 2007/08 and Work Programme 2008/09</p>	
<p>The Committee considered Report No 154/08, the purpose of which was to inform Council of the Scrutiny Committee's activities for 2007/08 and to seek approval of the Committee's Work Programme for 2008/09.</p>	
<p>The Committee also had before them Report No 173/08 entitled "Community Engagement – Summary of the Impact of the Government White Paper" which had been considered by Cabinet at its meeting on 9 September 2008.</p>	
<p><u>Resolved:</u></p>	
<p>13.1 That the Role of Ward Councillors – Development of Voluntary Ward Councillor Compact and Action Plan Review be undertaken by a panel of five members and that the remit on page 4 of the Agenda be agreed subject to the timescale being amended to read October/December 2008;</p>	HDS (D Feintuck)
<p>13.2 That the Clean and Green Team Operations Review be undertaken by a panel of five members and commence in late Autumn 2008;</p>	DFCS/ HDS (D Feintuck)
<p>13.3 That a cost benefit analysis of the role of the South Downs Council for Voluntary Service Development Officers be obtained and that that information together with a report by Debby Matthews, Director of the South Downs Council for Voluntary Service, as well as the information circulated to this meeting, be submitted to a meeting of this Committee to be arranged with a view to considering whether there was justification for seeking the agreement of Cabinet to the continuation of grant funding for the Development Officer posts beyond 2008/09;</p>	HDS (D Feintuck)
<p>13.4 That a review be undertaken in early 2009 of the procedures for allocating Section 106 monies throughout the District and for consulting town/parish councils regarding projects to which such monies can be applied;</p>	DFCS
<p>13.5 That the decision of Cabinet, at its meeting on 9 September 2008, to ask the Committee to consider including in its work plan for 2008/09 consideration of the recommendations contained in the Community Engagement White Paper with a view to making suitable recommendations to Cabinet be noted but that Council, when it considers the Committee's work programme, be requested to give</p>	HDS

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the Committee a clear indication as to which aspects of the wide-ranging White Paper it would wish to see considered by the Committee;	
13.6 That the remainder of the Report be noted	
14 Date of Next Meeting	
The Head of Democratic Services would contact members to agree the date of a meeting to consider the information referred to in Resolution 13.3 above and that it be noted that the next ordinary meeting of the Committee was scheduled for 22 January 2009 at 9.30am in the Warren Room, Lewes House.	HDS (D Feintuck)
The meeting ended at 10:30 am	
E E J Russell, Chair	