

**SOUTH RIBBLE BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**COUNCIL MEETING – 22 JANUARY 2014**  
**REPORT OF THE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

The Scrutiny Committee met on the evening of 10 December 2013.

At the start of the meeting, the chairman reported further on the committee's consideration of the Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service's consultation on emergency cover. He was pleased to state that in respect of Bamber Bridge Fire Station, the Lancashire Fire Authority had decided to amend its proposal to completely remove a whole-time fire engine and crew to the introduction of Day Crew Plus at the station.

The first item considered was **Matters Arising** which listed the outstanding matters from its last meeting. The committee agreed to remove the item relating to South Ribble Partnership. Also to remove items 3, 4, 9 and 10 of the Performance Monitoring Report: Mid Year 2013/14 (April 2013 to September 2013), but felt that items 5 and 8 should remain on the list.

Next the committee considered a report on the **Safer Chorley & South Ribble Community Safety Partnership**. The committee commended the work of the Community Safety Partnership, in particular reducing the level of crime. It welcomed the assurance that despite a reduction in funding, this will not seriously affect the efficiency of the Chorley & South Ribble Community Safety Partnership. The committee welcomed a review of the PACT meetings and the willingness to have a flexible dialogue with the council's My Neighbourhood Forums and the possibility to synchronise meetings.

The committee then turned its attention to the council's **Waste Management Partnership**. The committee commended the achievement in increasing the council's recycling figures. It welcomed the offer to create a Member Working Group for Waste. The committee recommended that the council launches a publicity campaign to reduce the amount/level of packaging.

The next item was a progress report on the **Scrutiny Review of Worden Park**. The committee had concerns at the length of time being taken to formulate and produce the Vision Plan. In connection with (2) above, the committee requested an update at its meeting in March 2014 on Worden Park, this to include the Vision and Action Plan. It also requested that the engagement with stakeholders was more formalised and suggested that this included the Leyland My Neighbourhood Forum and a representative be invited to future meetings.

The committee then discussed **Dog Fouling**. The committee requested the Cabinet member to keep the addressing of dog fouling under regular consideration and that the opportunity of issuing high visibility bio-degradable spray to community champions be pursued.

The penultimate item was the **Corporate Plan, Medium Term Financial Strategy and Risk Register 2014/15**. It was agreed that a task group (membership being all members of the committee) be created and convened to discuss and provide informal feedback on next year's corporate plan, medium term financial strategy and risk register.

The final item discussed by the committee was an **Update on Scrutiny Reviews and Scrutiny Matters**. The committee noted progress with its reviews of planning and drainage & flooding and, the NHS Healthcheck: Joint Scrutiny Review. The chairman reported that Lancashire County Council's Health Scrutiny Committee had focused on adult social care complaints procedure. In respect of meetings and training attended by members - a number of members had attended sessions and fed back: Pendle BC - Dementia Friendly Borough, NWEO Member Development Showcase, LDF Health Impact Assessment, Lancashire Scrutiny Partners Forum & Parliamentary Outreach, INLOGOV Scrutiny Chairing course, and meeting My Neighbourhood chairmen and vice-chairmen as part of the reviews into health inequalities. The committee considered and noted its forward plan and also that of the Cabinet.

I hereby commend the report of the Scrutiny Committee to the Council.

COUNCILLOR MICK TITHERINGTON, CHAIRMAN, SCRUTINY COMMITTEE