

**SOUTH RIBBLE BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**COUNCIL MEETING – 20 MAY 2014**  
**REPORT OF THE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

The Scrutiny Committee met on the evening of 17 March 2014.

The first item and the main item for this meeting was **Highways & Transportation matters in South Ribble** and the opportunity to question County Councillor John Fillis (Lancashire County Council's Cabinet member for Highways & Transportation). County Councillor Fillis was accompanied by Shaun Capper (Assistant Director Local Network Management & Engineering Design [in his words *Highways*]). The item was split into three question/discussion topic areas namely: highways, buses and trains.

Following a comprehensive discussion, the committee thanked County Councillor Fillis and Mr Capper for their attendance and responding to its enquiries. It recognised that there were a few issues that the county council would report back on. The appreciated the county council's commitment to consultation and in particular this council being consulted on the Lancashire footprint review. It also appreciated the county council's offer of support to resolve the problem of buses not stopping in the grounds of Chorley Hospital. In connection with this, the committee invited the NW Traffic Commissioner, Stagecoach and Chorley Hospital to meet and discuss a way forward.

The next item considered was **Matters Arising** which listed the outstanding matters from previous meetings. The committee considered the various items and agreed to remove all the matters from the list.

The final item discussed by the committee was an **Update on Scrutiny Reviews and Scrutiny Matters**. The committee noted progress with its reviews and a draft report on planning would be presented to the next meeting. The chairman reported his attendance at Lancashire County Council's Health Scrutiny Committee. The committee noted the Cabinet's Forward Plan. In respect of its own forward plan and a review of welfare reform, it agreed to set up a task group.

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

COUNCILLOR MICK TITHERINGTON  
CHAIRMAN  
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE