

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL HELD  
AT COUNTY HALL, GLENFIELD ON Wednesday, 21 March 2007.**

**Present**

Mr. B. Garner CC (in the Chair)

Mr. A. D. Bailey CC, Mr. D. C. Bill CC, Mr. G. A. Boulter CC, Mr. D. R. Bown CC, Mr. N. J. Brown CC, Mrs. R. Camamile CC, Mr. M.H. Charlesworth CC, Mr. J. G. Coxon CC, Mrs. J.A. Dickinson CC, Dr. R. K. A. Feltham CC, Mr. R. Fraser CC, Mr. S. J. Galton CC, Mr. D. A. Gamble CC, Mr. M. Griffiths CC, Mr. G.A. Hart CC, Dr. S. Hill CC, Mr. D. W. Houseman CC, Mr. Max Hunt CC, Mr. P. A. Hyde CC, Mr. D. Jennings CC, Mr. Mike Jones CC, Mr. A. M. Kershaw CC, Mr. John Legrys CC, Mr. P.G. Lewis CC, Mr. W. Liquorish JP CC, Mr. J.S. Moore CC, Mr. A.P. Natzel CC, Ms. Betty Newton CC, Dr. M. O'Callaghan CC, Mr. J. T. Orson JP CC, Mr. P. C. Osborne CC, Mr. I. D. Ould CC, Mr. M. B. Page CC, Mrs. R. Page CC, Mr. D. R. Parsons CC, Mrs. L. A. S. Pendleton CC, Mr. G. H. Perkins JP CC, Prof. M. E. Preston CC, Mr. J. B. Rhodes CC, Mr. P. A. Roffey DL, CC, Mr. N. J. Rushton CC, Mr. S. D. Sheahan CC, Mr. R. J. Shepherd CC, Mrs. M. L. Sherwin CC, Mr. E. D. Snartt CC, Mr. D. A. Sprason CC, Mr. C. A. Stanley CC, Mr. N. A. Stork CC, Mr. E. F. White CC, Mr. R. M. Wilson CC and Mr. D. O. Wright CC

**88 -CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

Mr. J.A. Bradley JP

The Chairman reported with sadness that former County Councillor John Bradley had died late last year, aged 80 years. He had been elected to the Council in 1977 and served until 1981, representing the Shepshed Electoral Division. He had served on the Education, Education Arts and Environment Committees and Highways Subcommittee. Since his retirement from local government he had been living in Bournemouth.

Members joined the Chairman in standing in silent tribute to the memory of Mr. John Bradley.

Mr. Tony Harrop

The Chairman reported that Tony Harrop, the County Council's Director of Corporate Management would be retiring on 31<sup>st</sup> March.

Tony had worked in local government for 40 years and for Leicestershire County Council since May 1998 when he had been appointed Director of Social Services. He had been appointed Director of Corporate Management in October 2005.

Tony had led the development of high quality social care services which had resulted in the Social Services Department receiving the top performance ratings every year since these ratings began. More recently he had taken charge of the County Council's new and ground breaking Change Management processes. Tony had contributed in a big way to the County Council's reputation as a provider of high quality services. He had enjoyed a local government career of which he could be

very proud.

Tony would continue to be of service to the people of Leicestershire through his new role as Chairman of the Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust.

The Chairman, on behalf of all members, was pleased to thank Tony for his services to the Council and to the people of Leicestershire and wish him well for a long and happy retirement from the County Council.

Mr. Parsons, Dr. O'Callaghan and Mr. Galton each joined the Chairman in associating their Groups with these thanks.

Tony Harrop was invited to address the Council and replied suitably.

#### Mrs. Marj Jones

The Vice-Chairman, Mr. Mike Jones, reported that his wife Marj had undergone surgery earlier in the day. He was pleased to say that this appeared to have been successful and Marj was recovering well and in good spirits.

Members joined the Chairman in asking that their best wishes be conveyed to her for a speedy recovery.

#### Visitors

The Chairman welcomed to the meeting all visitors and guests of members.

### **89 -MINUTES.**

It was moved by the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Jones and carried:-

“That the minutes of the budget meeting of the Council held on 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2007, copies of which have been circulated to members, be taken as read, confirmed and signed.”

### **90 -DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.**

The Chairman invited members who wished to do so to make declarations of interest in respect of items on the agenda for the meeting.

All members declared personal non-prejudicial interests in Section A of the report of the Constitution Committee relating to Members' Allowances (Minute No 94A).

The following further declarations were made:-

<u>Member</u>	<u>Minute No.</u>	<u>Interest</u>
Dr. O'Callaghan	93A	Personal non-prejudicial as a school governor
Mr. Roffey	93A	“ “ “
Mr. Orson	93A	“ “ “

**91 -QUESTIONS ASKED UNDER STANDING ORDER 7(1)(2) AND (5).****(A) Mr Legrys asked the following question of the Leader or his nominee:**

"I understand that the number of children and students using the school meals service countywide has increased by 5% since September 2006. However, I have been lobbied by a few parents that there has been a decline in the take up of the hot meal service in some schools due to the reduction of the use of processed foods. Could I therefore please ask:-

1. Despite some parental concerns, does the Leader welcome the general increase in the take up of the hot meal service to schools?
2. On a school-by-school basis, what is the increase/decrease of the percentage of school meals served since September 2006?
3. Does the Authority have data on the volume of post meal time food wastage on a school by school basis? If so, what action is being taken to address any significant increases in food wastage?
4. When will the results of the current consultation on the future of the school meals service be available and what is the timetable for follow-up implementation?"

**Mr Ould replied as follows:**

- "1. Yes the general increase in the take up of the hot school meals service to schools is to be welcomed.
2. The breakdown of the increase/decrease in the percentage uptake of school meals served is set out below. This is based on the period September 2006 - January 2007 compared with the same period in 2005/06. The total of the increase for the period is 4%.

The main contributory factor to the variations in uptake is that in a number of areas there has been an adverse reaction to the reduction of convenience products served on the menu. The reduction of convenience items is necessary to meet the Food Based Standards for School Meals, which were implemented in September 2006.

3. Yes. The data for food wastage is held on each site. The Cook Supervisors note the number of portions produced for each menu item and then record the number left at the end of service. They then readdress the balance of the menu the next time those items are produced, which ensures that the children actually receive their preferred option. This is also monitored by the County Council's School Food Advisors as a part of their routine visits.
4. The return date for the schools to respond to the options consultation is 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2007. It is hoped to have a clear picture of the way forward by the start of the Summer Term 2007. The timetable for implementation will depend upon the outcome of the consultation. It is the intention that a report on the outcome is presented to the Cabinet and the Children and Young People's Scrutiny Committee in July 2007. Following that, an Action Plan will be put together to ensure an effective implementation."

School Code	School	Percentage Increase/ Decrease ( - ) in Uptake
A0153	ALBERT VILLAGE C.P. SCHOOL	-2.7%
A0166	ASHBY DE LA ZOUCH C.E.P.SCHOOL	10.3%
A0167	WILLESLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL	15.5%
A0168	ASHBY HILL TOP PRIMARY SCHOOL	1.1%
A0169	WOODCOTE PRIMARY SCHOOL	-0.3%
A0227	BREEDON ST HARDULPHS C.E.P.	46.4%
A0242	ST. EDWARDS C.E.P. SCHOOL	7.8%
A0243	ORCHARD C.P.S. C.DONINGTON	16.6%
A0250	ALL SAINTS C.E.P. COALVILLE	22.9%
A0251	BELVOIRDALE C.P. SCHOOL	11.2%
A0253	BROOM LEYS SCHOOL	-7.3%
A0254	WARREN HILLS C.P. SCHOOL	5.6%
A0255	ST. CLARES CATHOLIC PRIMARY	21.1%
A0256	VISCOUNT BEAUMONTS C.E.P.	4.2%
A0278	DISEWORTH C.E.P. SCHOOL	13.0%
A0280	DONISTHORPE PRIMARY SCHOOL	3.9%
A0303	ELLISTOWN C.P. SCHOOL	32.8%
A0335	GRIFFYDAM PRIMARY SCHOOL	-10.2%
A0345	HEATHER PRIMARY SCHOOL	19.2%
A0346	HEMINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL	6.2%
A0364	HUGGLESCOTE C.P. SCHOOL	-22.2%
A0371	ST DENYS C.E. INFANT SCHOOL	69.7%
A0380	KEGWORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL	7.2%
A0588	LONG WHATTON C.E.P. SCHOOL	30.3%
A0611	MEASHAM C.E.P. SCHOOL	-4.5%
A0624	MOIRA INFANT SCHOOL	-14.1%
A0629	DOVE BANK PRIMARY SCHOOL	-22.7%
A0633	NEW SWANNINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL	6.7%
A0635	NEWBOLD C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL	-54.9%
A0664	PACKINGTON C.E.P. SCHOOL	52.9%
A0700	SNARESTONE C.E.P. SCHOOL	-12.0%
A0701	WOODSTONE PRIMARY	57.9%
A0712	SWANNINGTON C.E.P. SCHOOL	-33.2%
A0723	THRINGSTONE PRIMARY SCHOOL	1.8%
A0756	WHITWICK ST JOHN THE BAPTIST	-23.7%
A0757	HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY	7.1%
A0782	WORTHINGTON SCHOOL	-14.7%
A0900	FOREST WAY SCHOOL	-12.3%
B0155	THE LATIMER SCHOOL ANSTEY	38.5%
B0156	WOOLDEN HILL C.P.SCHOOL	-9.8%
B0189	HALL ORCHARD C.E.P. SCHOOL	1.2%
B0199	BELTON C.E.P. SCHOOL	-12.9%
B0206	RIVERSIDE C.P. SCHOOL	-1.3%
B0235	BURTON ON THE WOLDS PRIMARY	17.6%
B0259	COSSINGTON C.E.P.SCHOOL	9.9%
B0344	HATHERN C.E.P. SCHOOL	-1.5%
B0554	ROBERT BAKEWELL PRIMARY SCHOOL	-8.0%
B0555	BOOTH WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL	22.4%
B0558	COBDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL	4.0%
B0562	LOUGHBOROUGH C.E.P. SCHOOL	-6.1%
B0565	HOLYWELL PRIMARY SCHOOL	23.9%
B0568	ST MARYS CATHOLIC LOUGHBOROUGH	-3.6%
B0569	SACRED HEART CATHOLIC PRIMARY	13.1%
B0573	RENDELL PRIMARY SCHOOL	-8.7%
B0578	SHELTHORPE PRIMARY SCHOOL	34.1%
B0580	THORPE ACRE INFANT SCHOOL	8.0%
B0581	THORPE ACRE JUNIOR SCHOOL	-5.3%

B0584	STONEBOW PRIMARY SCHOOL	11.2%
B0627	CHRIST CHURCH & ST PETERS C.E.	-11.3%
B0668	ST BARTHOLOMEWS C.E.P. QUORN	28.4%
B0678	ROTHLEY C.E.P. SCHOOL	10.6%
B0694	OXLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL SHEPSHED	-3.9%
B0695	NEWCROFT PRIMARY SCHOOL	14.8%
B0696	ST BOTOLPHS C.E.P. SHEPSHED	-0.5%
B0697	ST WINEFRIDES CATHOLIC SHEPSHE	22.3%
B0699	SILEBY REDLANDS C.P. SCHOOL	3.1%
B0703	HIGHGATE C.P. SCHOOL	2.1%
B0715	SWITHLAND ST LEONARDS C.E.P.	-8.4%
B0780	WOODHOUSE EAVES ST PAULS C.E.P	-1.7%
C0160	ASFORDBY CAPTAINS CLOSE C.P.	2.0%
C0161	ASFORDBY HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL	14.7%
C0216	BOTTESFORD C.E.P. SCHOOL	-2.1%
C0267	CROXTON KERRIAL C.E.P. SCHOOL	-7.5%
C0296	BROOMFIELD C.P. SCHOOL	-13.2%
C0317	FRISBY C.E.P. SCHOOL	37.2%
C0320	GADDESBY PRIMARY SCHOOL	-1.1%
C0332	GREAT DALBY SCHOOL	-3.5%
C0343	HARBY C.E.P.SCHOOL	-15.5%
C0361	HOSE C.E.P SCHOOL	-1.0%
C0587	LONG CLAWSON C.E.P. SCHOOL	23.8%
C0616	BROWNLOW SCHOOL	-1.2%
C0618	THE GROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL	-3.8%
C0619	SWALLOWDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL	14.6%
C0621	SHERARD PRIMARY SCHOOL	0.7%
C0622	ST FRANCIS CATHOLIC MELTON	1.0%
C0623	ST MARYS MELTON MOWBRAY C.E.P.	-11.8%
C0659	OLD DALBY C.E.P. SCHOOL	-2.0%
C0667	QUENIBOROUGH C.E.P. SCHOOL	17.5%
C0674	REDMILE C.E.P. SCHOOL	1.0%
C0707	STATHERN PRIMARY SCHOOL	32.1%
C0716	THE MERTON PRIMARY SCHOOL	30.6%
C0717	ST PETER & ST PAUL C.E.P.	-3.6%
C0729	CHURCH HILL INFANT SCHOOL	-15.0%
C0731	EASTFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL	-8.3%
C0732	BISHOP ELLIS CATHOLIC THURMAST	-10.2%
C0752	WALTHAM ON THE WOLDS C.E.P.	-31.0%
C0904	BIRCH WOOD (MELTON AREA SS)	6.7%
D0201	BILLESDON PAROCHIAL PRIMARY	-0.6%
D0210	ST MARYS C.E.P. BITTESWELL	-18.7%
D0228	BRINGHURST PRIMARY SCHOOL	-2.1%
D0229	ORCHARD C.E.P.BROUGHTON ASTLEY	14.0%
D0234	OLD MILL PRIMARY SCHOOL	0.0%
D0236	HALLBROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL	-28.9%
D0245	CHURCH LANGTON C.E.P. SCHOOL	36.3%
D0285	DUNTON BASSETT PRIMARY SCHOOL	110.9%
D0314	FLECKNEY C.E.P. SCHOOL	40.4%
D0315	FOXTON PRIMARY SCHOOL	-15.5%
D0321	GILMORTON CHANDLER C.E.P.	19.9%
D0329	GREAT BOWDEN C.E.P. SCHOOL	36.3%
D0333	GREAT GLEN ST CUTHBERTS C.E.P.	5.0%
D0341	HALLATON C.E.P. SCHOOL	-5.5%
D0362	HOUGHTON ON THE HILL C.E.P.	-7.4%
D0367	HUSBANDS BOSWORTH C.E.P SCHOOL	18.6%
D0383	KIBWORTH C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL	5.9%
D0399	LITTLE BOWDEN SCHOOL	11.2%
D0592	LUBENHAM ALL SAINTS C.E.P	4.5%
D0603	MEADOWDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL	-0.3%
D0604	MARKET HARBOROUGH C.E.P.SCHOOL	15.4%

D0606	FARNDON FIELDS PRIMARY SCHOOL	17.9%
D0607	RIDGEWAY PRIMARY SCHOOL	14.9%
D0608	ST JOSEPHS CATHOLIC PRIMARY	8.0%
D0638	ST ANDREWS C.E.P. N.KILWORTH	34.3%
D0702	SOMERBY PRIMARY SCHOOL	8.8%
D0714	SWINFORD C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL	198.7%
D0739	TUGBY C.E.P. SCHOOL	17.6%
D0744	ULLESTHORPE C.E.P.SCHOOL	-22.2%
E0186	BARLESTONE C.E.P.SCHOOL	15.3%
E0193	BARWELL INFANT SCHOOL	24.5%
E0194	BARWELL C.E. JUNIOR SCHOOL	20.1%
E0195	BARWELL NEWLANDS C.P. SCHOOL	-5.9%
E0231	BURBAGE C.E. INFANT SCHOOL	20.1%
E0232	BURBAGE JUNIOR SCHOOL	-12.4%
E0257	CONGERSTONE PRIMARY SCHOOL	10.1%
E0275	DESFORD C.P. SCHOOL	-16.9%
E0290	TOWNLANDS C.E.P. SCHOOL	-5.1%
E0291	WEAVERS CLOSE C.E.P. SCHOOL	11.3%
E0294	ST PETERS CATHOLIC E.SHILTON	0.8%
E0337	LADY JANE GREY PRIMARY SCHOOL	12.8%
E0338	MARTINSHAW PRIMARY SCHOOL	3.3%
E0339	ELIZABETH WOODVILLE PRIMARY	9.6%
E0348	HIGHAM ON THE HILL C.E.P.	-38.2%
E0352	BATTLING BROOK C.P. SCHOOL	-3.1%
E0353	ST MARYS C.E.P. HINCKLEY	12.2%
E0355	RICHMOND PRIMARY SCHOOL	-0.4%
E0356	ST PETERS CATHOLIC HINCKLEY	-9.7%
E0602	ST PETERS C.E.P. MKT BOSWORTH	10.0%
E0610	MERCENFELD PRIMARY SCHOOL	-2.9%
E0634	NEWBOLD VERDON PRIMARY SCHOOL	-5.0%
E0690	SHARNFORD C.E.P. SCHOOL	-17.8%
E0693	SHEEPY MAGNA C.E.P. SCHOOL	2.4%
E0706	STANTON UNDER BARDON C.P.S.	-18.8%
E0709	ST MARGARETS C.E.P. SCHOOL	17.0%
E0721	THORNTON C.P. SCHOOL	-31.8%
E0778	WITHERLEY C.E.P. SCHOOL	2.8%
E0901	DOROTHY GOODMAN SCHOOL	-0.2%
F0220	HOLMFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL LFE	-10.7%
F0221	MILLFIELD COMMUNITY SCHOOL	4.9%
F0223	RAVENHURST PRIMARY SCHOOL	3.3%
F0224	KINGSWAY PRIMARY SCHOOL	11.0%
F0258	COSBY PRIMARY SCHOOL	-8.1%
F0263	GREENFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL	10.1%
F0266	CROFT C.E.P. SCHOOL	41.5%
F0307	ENDERBY DANEMILL PRIMARY	-3.1%
F0325	THE HALL SCHOOL GLENFIELD	8.3%
F0326	GLENFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL	-12.9%
F0366	HUNCOTE C.P. SCHOOL	-1.4%
F0387	KIRBY MUXLOE PRIMARY SCHOOL	21.8%
F0395	STAFFORD LEYS C.P. SCHOOL	-0.9%
F0630	RED HILL FIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL	32.6%
F0631	THE PASTURES PRIMARY SCHOOL	20.9%
F0632	GREYSTOKE PRIMARY SCHOOL	-6.7%
F0670	RATBY PRIMARY SCHOOL	4.2%
F0685	ALL SAINTS C.E.P. SAPCOTE	41.9%
F0710	MANORFIELD C.E.P. SCHOOL	-1.6%
F0726	RICHARD HILL C.E.P.SCHOOL	31.9%
F0728	THURLASTON C.E.P. SCHOOL	24.9%
F0755	BADGERBROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL	19.1%
G0328	GLEN HILLS PRIMARY SCHOOL	-4.3%
G0385	KILBY ST MARYS C.E.P. SCHOOL	0.7%

G0642	BROCKS HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL	-0.6%
G0643	BROOKSIDE SCHOOL	-29.8%
G0644	LANGMOOR PRIMARY SCHOOL OADBY	5.1%
G0646	LAUNDE PRIMARY SCHOOL	1.2%
G0647	WOODLAND GRANGE PRIMARY SCHOOL	-1.0%
G0735	THURNBY ST LUKES C.E.P. SCHOOL	26.3%
G0760	ALL SAINTS C.E.P WIGSTON	-11.1%
G0762	THE MEADOW C.P.S WIGSTON	2.7%
G0764	WATER LEYS PRIMARY SCHOOL	13.5%
G0765	GLENMERE C.P. SCHOOL	16.5%
G0768	LITTLE HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL	9.3%
G0769	THYTHORN FIELD C.P. SCHOOL	2.2%
G0771	FAIRFIELD C.P. SCHOOL	12.1%
G0772	PARKLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL	-8.3%
G0774	ST JOHN FISHER CATHOLIC SCHOOL	13.4%
E0351	HOLLIERS WALK PRIMARY SCHOOL	0.0%
<b>Total</b>		<b>4.1%</b>

**(B) Mr. Legrys asked the following question of the Leader or his nominee:**

"Given that Civil Parking Enforcement (CPE) commences on July 1<sup>st</sup> 2007, can the Leader or his nominee inform me:

1. How will the County Council inform motorists of the re-introduction of regular waiting restriction enforcement?
2. Many residents with no off street parking have found zero enforcement of waiting restrictions convenient. What help will the County Council provide to aid residents find alternative parking spaces?
3. Due to the implementation of CPE, many residents in Coalville have asked for revision of waiting restrictions to facilitate more on street parking. What is the timescale for Officers to commence a detailed revision exercise in North West Leicestershire?
4. When will scheme preparation and consultation for Residents Parking Permits for Coalville and Hugglescote commence?"

**Mr Rushton replied as follows:**

- “1. A comprehensive publicity campaign is planned, in conjunction with all the district councils. This will include a wide distribution of leaflets and posters, articles and editorials in local authority newspapers and work with the media to secure effective coverage. The “parkingmatters” website will provide comprehensive information and there will be a campaign of advertisements on the backs of buses. For two weeks before civil parking enforcement comes in, warning leaflets will be placed on cars parked in contravention of parking restrictions and travel announcements on local radio will be used to underline the message further.
2. Waiting restrictions are imposed to help improve road safety and prevent obstruction, and civil parking enforcement is designed to reduce the abuse of these restrictions. However, finding a parking space can be a real problem for many residents and we will be moving forward with our programme of residents’ parking schemes to help wherever it is feasible to do so.

3. Once civil parking enforcement is in place, parking restrictions will be reviewed on a continuous basis. Staff will endeavour to give a high priority to the concerns which Mr Legrys mentions but no timescale has yet been determined.
4. Requests for residents' parking schemes are investigated and ranked in accordance with criteria which reflect the extent of the problem caused by commuter parking and the ability for a scheme to improve the situation. Initial assessments support the case for the area around Belvoir Road in Coalville, and initial consultation will start during 2007/08"

**(C) Mr. Jones asked the following question of the Leader or his nominee:**

"Bearing in mind the importance to road safety of the legislation forbidding the use of hand held mobile telephones while driving or riding on the highway, can the Chairman of the Police Authority please tell me:-

1. How many prosecutions have taken place in Leicestershire since the original legislation?
2. How many prosecutions have taken place under the latest, more stringent, regulations?
3. What measures have been put in place in Leicestershire to ensure robust enforcement of the legislation?
4. What response would you expect a member of the public to receive from the Police, if they report a contravention of the legislation and are willing and able to give evidence?
5. Do you feel that any further actions on the part of the Police Authority or Leicestershire Constabulary are required at present?"

**Mr Rhodes replied as follows:**

1. The number of prosecutions in Leicestershire since 2001 is 3176.
2. The Leicestershire Roads Policing Unit has so far reported 30 members of the public for offences under the latest regulations, which took effect on 27th February 2007. The force as a whole has so far issued 85 fixed penalty notices.
3. Prior to the introduction of the new regulations the Roads Policing Unit carried out media interviews advising the public of the new requirements and informing them that under National ACPO instruction there would be immediate enforcement of legislation with no period of grace. The RPU has a calendar of monthly campaigns and March had already been designated as mobile phone legislation enforcement. We circulate to Area Colleagues and Commanders details of our campaigns to encourage them to assist with enforcement and information is always put on our intranet.
4. This question was put by the National Media to Meredydd Hughes who is Chief Constable of South Yorkshire and ACPO lead for Roads Policing matters. Leicestershire will be following the national stance which will be that any information provided by a member of public will be followed up. A witness statement will be taken and information passed either to local or national colleagues to make follow up enquiries. Prosecutions may arise where appropriate.
5. Anecdotal evidence indicates that since the new regulations were invoked on 27th

February 2007 increasing the fixed penalty notice fine to £60.00 plus three penalty points, drivers have been deterred from using a hand held phone whilst driving. Whilst the number of offenders appears to have fallen since 27th February it remains to be seen whether this trend continues over time.

With this factor in mind the Police Authority and the Force must continue to take steps to keep this issue to the fore with a view to ensuring that road safety maintains its current high profile with the local media. The Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Road Safety Partnership comprising members of the local authorities, emergency services, health service and the highways agency will continue to promote the theme throughout the coming year. Local radio stations and the press will be involved in various promotions with the Fire Service carrying adverts on its vehicles.

Any opportunities that elected members from the local authorities get to enhance and advance our ongoing campaign would be gratefully received by the Road Safety Partnership. With this in mind I am arranging for an advisory leaflet entitled "Dying to take the call" to be circulated to all members of the Council. Any opportunities elected members have for raising this topic and distributing the leaflets would help with our campaigning and undoubtedly advance the cause."

**Mr Jones asked the following supplementary question on the response to question 4:**

"Does the Chairman agree that the willingness of the Police to follow up reports from members of the public should act as a serious deterrent to those who are tempted to flout this important legislation?"

**Mr Rhodes replied as follows:**

"Yes, I certainly do and I thank Mr Jones for raising this issue in the County Council. It is important that it gets publicity. Certainly, the Police will do all they can to deal with people who carry out this practice because it is very dangerous and it can cause major accidents and, of course, the penalties now are much greater than before. Everyone has a copy of the leaflet which sets out exactly what the issues are now and what the penalties are if you use a mobile phone while you are driving your car or while the engine is running."

**(D) Mr. Legrys asked the following question of the Leader or his nominee:**

"At around 2pm on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2007, there was a further trespass by Travellers at Snibston Discovery Park. Can I be provided with the following details?"

1. The number of occasions and length of stay of unauthorised use by Travellers at Snibston Discovery Park and grounds in the last 3 years?
2. Annual costs including staff time, court and legal fees, and clean up?
3. What security measures have been put in place to prevent unauthorised use by Travellers and are further measures proposed?
4. What assurances can the Leader or his nominee give to Coalville residents that the County Council will re-double efforts to prevent trespass by Travellers on its land and property?"

**Mr White replied as follows:**

"An initial batch of 14 traveller caravans were found on the Snibston arena car park when staff arrived to open up the galleries and offices at approximately 7.30 am on 14<sup>th</sup> March, this subsequently increased to 41 caravans by mid afternoon. The lock and chain securing the entrance gate had been removed and could not be found.

1. There have been 3 occasions of unauthorised use by travellers at Snibston Discovery Park in the last 3 years, all of which have taken place in the last 12 months. The first incident lasted approximately 3 days, the second incident lasted approximately two weeks.
2. The previous two incidents were relatively small scale and were resolved without the need to take legal action and no additional staff time was incurred in dealing with them. Costs of clearing up afterwards were approximately £2,000 per incident. The current situation is on-going at the time of writing this response so costs of the clean-up, etc are not yet known.
3. Since the last incident improvements to security have included the fitting of 'pull up' bollards on the main car park entrances. In addition, costs of fitting CCTV have been obtained, and discussions with the Golf Course owners about fitting a height barrier over the main access road have been held.
4. Specifically relating to the land and property at Snibston, officers have started an urgent review of security and will be consulting with appropriate agencies to try and balance the various interests of valid users of the Discovery Park with those problems associated with trespass by travellers."

**Mr Legrys asked the following supplementary question on the reply to question 3:**

"Could I ask the Lead Member if, at a later date, he could please supply me with a timescale?"

**Mr White replied as follows:**

"I would be happy to do that."

**(E) Mr. Hunt asked the following question of the Leader or his nominee:**

1. "Would the Leader provide figures of the amount of capital funding for education in Leicestershire in 2004/5, 2005/6, 2006/07 and 2007/8 (a) Allocated to the Local Authority (b) Devolved to Schools (c) Government Building Schools for the Future funds and (d) awarded in support of the 2006 Education and Inspections Act (including from Specialist Schools and Academies Trust (SSAT), YST, etc)?"
2. What capital and revenue funding for Post 16 has been allocated from the Learning & Skills Council to Local Authority schools in those years?
3. Have any schools taken up the opportunity of considering Trust status under the new Education and Inspections Act? And if so which?
4. What encouragement has the Local Authority given to Leicestershire schools to consider Trust Status?

5. What approaches has the Authority made to obtain early access to Building Schools for the Future capital funding to fund our plans for secondary review?"

**Mr Ould replied as follows:**

1. "Capital Funding

Category	2004/5	2005/6	2006/7	2007/8
(A) Allocated to the Local Authority	24,391,078	29,224,697	26,533,247	25,391,277
(B) Devolved to Schools	8,865,684	9,107,545	11,349,295	11,958,944
(C) Government Building Schools for the Future Funds (N1)				13,350,000
(D) 2006 Education & Inspections Act (including from specialist schools and academies trust) (N2)	100,000	200,000	100,000	
<b>Overall Total</b>	<b>33,356,762</b>	<b>38,532,242</b>	<b>37,982,542</b>	<b>50,700,221</b>

**Notes**

(N1) Pathfinder School - total of £17.8m over 3 years

(N2) Excludes Vale of Belvoir - Potential £5.9m grant if successful in becoming a trust school - profile of funding not known.

2. Capital and revenue funding

Category	2004/5	2005/6	2006/7	2007/8
LSC Capital Funding	565,882	439,470	87,900	0
LSC Revenue Funding	30,802,291	32,931,090	35,678,733	37,909,226

3. The only Leicestershire school currently consulting on becoming a Trust School is Belvoir High School. This is a consequence of the capital funding (of £5.9 million) which has been made available by the DfES being conditional upon the school becoming either a Trust School or a Voluntary Aided C of E school.
4. Officers of the Local Authority have, on request, discussed with Head Teachers the technical aspects of Trust Schools and advised on the process of becoming a Trust School.
5. The Building Schools for the Future Initiative for Leicestershire is currently indicatively scheduled by the DfES for the period 2012 to 2017, in two separate tranches. In early November 2006 the Director of Children and Young People's Service wrote to Mr. Tim Byles, the new Chief Executive of Partnership for Schools. He requested that the BSF initiative should be brought forward for Leicestershire, to commence sometime within the tranche for 2009-2011. It is known that the letter is under consideration whilst BSF progress is itself under review by the new Chief

Executive."

**Mr Hunt asked the following supplementary question on the reply to question 5:**

"Noting that the Director of Children and Young People's Service has written to the Chief Executive of Partnership for Schools, will he add the strong cross party support for bringing forward the building schools for the future programme in Leicestershire as indicated, bearing in mind perhaps that some authorities who have been allocated it will not yet have been able to spend it?"

**Mr Ould replied as follows:**

"I was not aware that we actually had all party support, so it is good to know that Mr Hunt is speaking on behalf of two other groups. The letter is currently under consideration and we will keep it under consideration. Mr Hunt is quite right in his comments that some authorities are having difficulty in spending the money. I strongly suspect that a later item on the agenda today may have some bearing in terms of beefing up our case to be considered at an earlier date. I will expand on that at a later point in this meeting."

**(F) Mr. Hunt asked the following question of the Leader or his nominee:**

"What steps has the Authority taken to frame and develop in partnership the concept of Regional Park status for Charnwood Forest proposed in the draft Regional Plan?"

**Mr White replied as follows:**

"Following changes to the planning system, which mean that the existing Structure Plan Charnwood Policy will cease to have effect, considerable effort has been applied by the County Council to ensure a suitable policy for the Forest area is incorporated within the Regional Spatial Strategy. This effort may also include giving evidence at the Regional Spatial Strategy Examination in Public in May and June this year. Such a Regional Spatial Strategy policy will guide the preparation of Local Development Frameworks across the Charnwood Forest Area.

Currently proposals are being put in place by the County Council for a Charnwood Forest Conference to be held in the early summer and informal discussions have been held with a variety of interested organisations including officers in the 3 district councils affected, Natural England and the National Forest Company. Formal invitations are expected to be issued in April."

**Mr Hunt asked the following supplementary question:**

"Can I thank the Cabinet Lead Member for bringing forward proposals for a Charnwood Forest Conference later in the year and ask him if there will be County proposals put to that Conference or is it intended simply as a talking exercise and airing of views?"

**Mr White replied as follows:**

"I didn't think we organised conferences as talking exercises. Clearly it will be a two way process and whatever is said or whatever comments are made these will be taken on board and will influence the progress of the proposals."

**(G) Mr Hunt asked the following question of the Leader or his nominee:**

- “1. What are the terms of reference and criteria for the kitchen waste collection trials being conducted in the County?
2. How will the yield and cost of a county wide or optional scheme be evaluated from sample data obtained?”

**Prof. Preston replied as follows:**

- “1. The County Council has conducted extensive modelling of the cost, performance and net benefit of potential kitchen waste collection systems using external advice, in partnership with Harborough District Council and Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council who expressed a wish to be involved in the trials. The costs and performance levels from the modelling have been contrasted with operational experience through a "benchmarking" exercise; and these have validated the output of the model.

Consequently the Council is in a position to anticipate the performance levels in terms of the kilograms of kitchen waste collected per household per year and the associated costs for a kitchen waste collection which would have a net benefit on the County's (and Waste Partnership's) Landfill Allowance Trading Scheme (LATS) position.

The details of the trials are still to be finalised in formal documentation between Harborough District Council and Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council and the County Council, but broadly the aims as defined at this stage are to demonstrate (a) whether the necessary levels of performance and cost control can be delivered and (b) the context of an evolving service design which offers the high standards of customer care and quality to which the Harborough District Council and Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council and County Council are jointly committed.

2. The intention is that the data from the trials will be processed to estimate the outcomes across a district including areas which currently recycle less. A consultancy company is in position to do this, and care is being taken to ensure that a minimum sample size is adhered to so that statistical significance is maintained."

**Mr Hunt asked the following supplementary question on the reply to question 1:**

"The request was for the terms of reference for the kitchen waste trials. Am I to assume from the third paragraph of the reply, where Professor Preston says that the details of the trials have still to be finalised, that we don't have yet terms of reference for those trials?"

**Professor Preston replied as follows:**

"The current state is that these are being worked out between the districts who wanted to take part in the trials and, obviously, will be published when they are finally completed."

**(H) Mr. Hunt asked the following question of the Leader or his nominee:**

- “1. How is the County Council progressing towards its target of an 8% growth rate in cycling from the 2003 level to 2010?
2. What were the annual average weekly number of of cycle trips at the 21 county locations (or those current) used as the core indicator for LTP1 from 2000 to the latest year available?

3. What percentage of schools had adopted travel plans in the years 2003/4 to the latest year; and what are those percentages in terms of pupils attending schools with travel plans?
4. What is the rate of traffic growth in Leicestershire for the years 2004, 2005 to 2006 against the base rate (of 100) in the year 2000?
5. What is the current level of person journey time per mile in urban Central Leicestershire in years succeeding the 2004/5 baseline and what is our 2010/11 target?"

**Mr Rushton replied as follows:**

- "1. The previous decline in cycling has been arrested and there has been modest growth since 2003. This is in line with our trajectory towards the target contained in LTP2.
2. The annual average weekly number of cycle trips at the current automatic count sites is shown below.

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Forest Road, Loughborough	891	1011	895	928	904	988
Burleigh Way, Loughborough	667	641	597	546	615	487
Loughborough Road, Quorn	1282	1194	1328		589	553
Epinal Way, Loughborough	2175	2131	2087	2180	2265	2482
Ashby Road, Loughborough	704	729	722	679	668	749
Derby Road, Dishley	884	894	773	727	697	732
Northern Perimeter Road, Hinckley		303	313	323	276	284
St Catherines path, Burbage		223	197	153	201	171
Welland Park, Market Harborough		645	1050	1061	1123	974
St Johns, Enderby		988	913	1003		
Great Central Way, Blaby		453	347	498	562	520
Soar Valley Way, Enderby		1010	857	1022	1026	1042
Lubbesthorpe Way		700	684		618	546
Warwick Way, Loughborough			780	802	837	780
Lutterworth Road, Misterton			52	50	54	62
Loughborough Road nbnd, Mountsorrel			251	229	218	236
Loughborough Road sbnd, Mountsorrel			78	81	69	76
Loughborough Road, Wanlip			272	271	256	253
Enderby Road, Whetstone			598	601	465	531
Melton Road, East Goscote			755	654	720	800
Ling Road, Loughborough						923

The number of sites increased significantly during the first three years and some additions have been made since. Some sites have been resited for operational reasons, including changes to the road network. If there was any doubt over the robustness of the data for any site in a particular year, that site was excluded from the analysis of growth in that year. As a consequence of the above and the way [Department for Transport](#) rules require the figures to be presented, these figures do not directly compare with the figures in the Local Transport Plan Delivery

Report.

3. The cumulative percentage of schools which had adopted school travel plans between 2003/04 and 2005/06, and the [percentage of total pupils that represents, are](#) shown below:

Year	Schools with travel plan	Pupils attending a school with travel plan
2003/04	12%	16%
2004/05	25%	29%
2005/06	38%	42%

We are on track to achieve our second Local Transport Plan target of a further 10% of schools in 2006/07.

4. Figures are given in the table below and are based on the Department for Transport's national statistics. From 2000 to 2005 the increase nationally was 7% and for the East Midlands 8.5%.

Year	Growth (Base 100 in 2000)
2000	100
2001	102
2002	105
2003	106
2004	108
2005	108

5. Our analysis of car journey times is based on information provided to us by the Department for Transport and no information has yet been provided beyond 2004/05. The Urban Central Leicestershire congestion baseline and target have been derived in consultation with the Department for Transport and were shown as provisional in the second Local Transport Plan. Subject to agreement with the Department for Transport, I envisage the confirmed 2004/05 baseline will be 4.07 minutes per person mile with a target to limit the increase to 4.56 minutes per person mile in 2011. These figures illustrate the great difficulty in arresting the increase in congestion."

**Mr Hunt asked the following supplementary question on the reply to question 1:**

"Mr Rushton says that there has been a modest growth since 2003. This in line with our trajectory towards the target contained in Local Transport Programme 2, but Local Transport Programme 2 predicts no growth until 2007/08. Is he saying that we are over the 100% baseline figure which is in advance of, not in line with, the Local Transport Plan?"

**Mr Rushton replied as follows:**

"The answer is as stated in the reply. This is in line with our trajectory towards the target contained in LTP2."

- (I) **Mr. Legrys asked the following question of the Leader or his nominee:**

"Would the Leader provide the following information:

1. The annual cost of providing a chauffeur driven car for the Leader, including fuel, insurance and depreciation?
2. The total cost of the chauffeur and of any other staff?
3. The approximate annual mileage of the vehicle?
4. What are the criteria for vehicle use?
5. Vehicle Carbon Emission on annual mileage used?
6. What is the Authority doing to mitigate emissions from the Leader's car in accordance with recently adopted Environment and Climate Change statements?
7. Has the vehicle been used for other personnel when not being used by the Leader, if so how many times in the last year?"

**Mr Parsons replied as follows:**

- "1. The car used to support the Leader is used also to support the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman and occasionally other Cabinet members in the course of their duties in and out of the County. It is a back-up vehicle to the civic car and was purchased second-hand. Since the car was purchased the Leader's use equates to approx 60% of driving commitments.

The total annual cost for the back-up vehicle is £21,900 p.a.

2. Approximately £15,400 plus the cost of a relief driver (employed by the County Council) as necessary at £7.52 per hour.
3. 10,000 miles.
4. As stated in the answer to question 1.
5. CO2 emission data is not available for the vehicle but the same new model emits 299 g/km. Based on 10,000 miles p.a. = 16,090 kilometres x 299 g/km = 4.8 tonnes p.a. for the vehicle.
6. The Authority has asked for a revised Environment Strategy Action Plan to be prepared which focuses on Energy, Waste and Procurement issues. The Scrutiny Commission, following its meeting in February is appointing a 5 Member Panel to take forward this work recognising that the Cabinet will also have an important input. It is expected that the County Council's approach to issues of carbon offsetting will be dealt with through that Action Plan.
7. As stated in the answer to question 1."

**(J) Dr. O'Callaghan asked the following question of the Leader or his nominee:**

"Could the Leader tell the Council:

1. If there is any truth in the rumour that the County Highways Office in Melton is to be closed?
2. Which other highways offices are under consideration for closure?"

**Mr Rushton replied as follows:**

- "1. The highways service is required to make substantial efficiency savings over the next three years and the Director has put forward proposals to secure these. One of the proposals involves a move to home-based working for staff who are currently based in various of our area offices. This would allow economies to be made without undermining the local delivery of service. The Melton office has been identified in this exercise but no decision has yet been taken, nor will it be before full staff consultation is completed.
2. Staff based at Market Harborough, Coalville and Nailstone, as well as at Melton, could move to home-based working. All existing operational depots would be maintained as would the two main offices at Croft and Mountsorrel."

**Dr O'Callaghan asked the following supplementary question on the reply to question 1:**

"Would the Lead Member confirm that staff of Melton and Harborough have already been told that they will be moving?"

**Mr Rushton replied as follows:**

"As it says in the answer to the question, this is out for consultation at present."

**Dr O'Callaghan asked the following supplementary question on the reply to question 2:**

"Would the Lead Member like to review the debate that we had when we moved the delegated responsibility for highways from the districts back to the County, when an assurance was given that we would have local based offices? Would he agree with the view that if we are to now have call centres at Croft and Mountsorrel, we might as well have them in Bombay?"

**Mr Rushton replied as follows:**

"Personally I think that is a pretty stupid remark. None of the depots where the lorries and stuff is based are moving. This is really about bringing our highways system into the present day. We have got 'Roadline' which is already particularly well used. The Highways Department is going to be the first Department to introduce 'Customer First'. We have got a new enhanced website. We have already got Highways Forums. We are going to have better trained staff in our libraries. County Councillors can also be contacted as can district councillors and parish councillors. This is about delivering the same service but in a different way. A lot of companies have already got remote workers with laptops in cars. You do not necessarily need to have people sat in little offices sporadically distributed around the County in no particular fashion at all to deliver an efficient highways service. I can bet my bottom dollar that within one year Dr O'Callaghan will be back here saying thank goodness we did this because the service has improved and improved and improved."

**(K) Mr Stork asked the following question of the Leader or his nominee:**

"Will the Leader please provide the following information:

1. The dates, length of stay and destinations of each of the out of UK trips made by the Leader on behalf of the Authority since 2002?
2. How many officers and councillors accompanied the Leader on each trip?
3. What was the total cost of each trip in money and in staff time?
4. What classes did the Leader, councillors and officers fly each time?
5. Can the Leader estimate the annual greenhouse gas emission for such trips?
6. What is the Authority doing to mitigate overseas trip emissions in accordance with recently adopted Environment and Climate Change statements?"

**Mr Parsons replied as follows:**

"1 – 4.

Dates	Length of stay	Destn.	No. of Cllrs.	Class	No. of officers	Class	Total Cost to Council of Trip
29 Nov – 6 Dec 2003	7 nights	Sichuan, China	3 (plus Chairman's consort)	Economy	2	Economy	£8,310.00 (a)
22 – 25 Oct 2004	3 nights	Kilkenny, Ireland	6 (plus 4 spouses)	Economy	2 (plus 2 spouses)	Economy	£2260.00
23 Nov – 4 Dec 2004	11 nights	Sichuan, China	2	Business	1	Economy	£6339.69 (b)
8 – 15 Oct 2005	7 nights	Sichuan, China	1	Business	1	Economy	£4900.20
13 – 16 Oct 2006	3 nights	Kilkenny, Ireland	5 (plus 5 spouses)	Economy	3 (plus 3 spouses)	Economy	£2208.00
2 – 11 Nov 2006	9 nights	Sichuan, China	1	Upper	(c)		£11078.47 (d)

- (a) Cost of trip shared between Council and Sichuan Government.
- (b) Cost of trip shared between Council and LSEP.
- (c) Officer support provided by LSEP.
- (d) Officer support costs met by Council.

5. The annual estimated greenhouse gas emissions are as follows:

Year	Estimated Greenhouse Gas Emissions (primary footprint) In kg of CO2
2003	22668
2004	23334
2005	7556
2006	13586

6. The Authority has asked for a revised Environment Strategy Action Plan to be prepared which focuses on Energy, Waste and Procurement issues. The Scrutiny

Commission, following its meeting in February is appointing a 5 Member Panel to take forward this work recognising that the Cabinet will also have an important input. It is expected that the County Council's approach to issues of carbon offsetting will be dealt with through that Action Plan."

**(L) Mr. Legrys asked the following question of the Leader or his nominee:**

- “1. Can I be informed of the total for allowances and expenses received by the Leader each year since 2004 as Leader of Leicestershire County Council?
2. Can I be informed of the total for allowances and expenses received by the Leader each year since 2004 as a Blaby District Councillor?
3. Can I be informed of the total for allowances and expenses received by the Leader each year since 2004 as a member/Chairman of the East Midlands Regional Assembly?
4. Can I be informed of the total for allowances and expenses received by the Leader so far for his work with the European Community?
5. Can I be informed of the total for allowances and expenses received by the Leader each year since 2004 for any other work from public funds?”

**Mr Parsons replied as follows:**

- “1. Mr Legrys can find the details of allowance and expense payments made to all members since 2002/03 on the Council's website.
- 2, 3, Mr Legrys should contact the other public organisations referred to in
4. & 5. his question if he wants information relating to them and to make whatever point it is that he wants to make.”

**92 - POSITION STATEMENTS.**

The Leader presented a position statement on the following matters:

Local Government White Paper.  
Comprehensive Performance Assessment.  
Travellers.

The Lead Member for Children and Young People's Service presented a position statement on the following matters:

Meeting with Lord Adonis  
Funding from Government Office East Midlands (GOEM) and the National College for Leadership and skills (NCLS)  
Funding for Making Good Progress  
The Invest to Save bid for the Restorative Justice and Mentoring in Children's Homes Project  
Funding for Targeted Services  
Funding for KS4 from School Funding Forum  
Other Funding and Performance Issues.

The Chairman of the Scrutiny Commission presented a position statement on the

following matters:

Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS)  
Local Area Agreement (LAA)

Copies of the Position Statements are attached to these minutes.

**93 -REPORTS OF THE CABINET, SCRUTINY COMMISSION, SCRUTINY COMMITTEES AND OTHER BODIES.**

**93 -REPORT OF THE CABINET.**

**93A. REVIEW OF SCHOOLS ORGANISATION IN MELTON MOWBRAY AND THE VALE OF BELVOIR**

It was moved by Mr. Ould and seconded by Mr. Brown:-

“That the action taken by the Cabinet, relating to the Review of Schools Organisation in Melton Mowbray and the Vale of Belvoir, as set out in Section A of the report of the Cabinet, involving a variation to the Children and Young People’s Plan 2006 to 2009, be approved.”

With regard to paragraph 18 of the report, Mr. Ould indicated that he wished to elaborate on what was stated and asked that his remarks be recorded.

The position was that a meeting had been held with local members relating to the development of catchment areas for the schools in Melton Mowbray which were to be the subject of public consultation and consideration by the Cabinet in the autumn. The meeting had reached agreement that the following guiding principles for the development of catchment areas should be put forward as part of that process:-

- catchment areas should respect physical and geographical boundaries;
- the primary school catchment areas should be coterminous with those of secondary schools;
- catchment areas should be contiguous.

The motion was put and carried unanimously.

**93B GENDER EQUALITY SCHEME**

It was moved by Mrs. Pendleton, seconded by Mr. Kershaw and carried:-

“That the Gender Equality Scheme 2007 to 2010, as referred to in Section B of the report of the Cabinet, be approved.”

**93C. ENVIRONMENT STRATEGY**

It was moved by Mr. White, seconded by Mrs. Camamile and carried:-

“That the action being taken in relation to the County Council’s Environment Strategy, as set out in Section C of the report of the Cabinet, be noted.”

**94 -REPORT OF THE CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE.****94A REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT PANEL ON MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES**

It was moved by Mr. Rushton and seconded by Mr. Parsons:-

- “(a) That the report of the Independent Panel on Members’ Allowances, as set out in Appendix A to the report of the Constitution Committee, be received and that the recommendations contained therein be approved;
- (b) That the present scheme of allowances be revoked on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2007 and that the scheme of allowances set out in Appendix B to the report of the Constitution Committee be adopted with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2007.
- (c) That the County Council considers it will be timely after the Annual Meeting to undertake an external review of the effectiveness of scrutiny and that the means of doing so be considered by the Group Leaders and Scrutiny Commission Spokesmen, the outcome of such review to be communicated to the Independent Panel on Members Allowances prior to its next review.”

An amendment was moved by Dr. O’Callaghan and seconded by Mr. Galton:-

- “(i) That all of the words after the word “received” be deleted from paragraph (a) of the motion and the following inserted in their place:-
- and that recommendations (iv) and (v) contained therein be approved;
- (ii) That paragraphs (b) and (c) be deleted from the motion and the following inserted in their place:-
- “(b) That subject to paragraphs (a) (as amended) and (c) of this motion, the present scheme of allowances be revoked on 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2007 and that a new scheme of allowances be adopted based on the 2006 scheme but with provision for the payment of the following annual rates of allowances:-

	£
Leader	34,656
Deputy Leader	20,796
Cabinet Member	18,492
Cabinet Support Member	8,988
Main Opposition Group Leader )	672
Minority Opposition Group Leader )per member	
Chairman of Scrutiny Commission	14,424
Spokesmen of Scrutiny Commission	12,708
Chairman of Scrutiny Committees	6,936
Spokesmen of Scrutiny Committees	5,208
Chairman of Development Control and Regulatory Board	3,804
Chairman of Corporate Governance Committee	2,472
Chairmen of Highways Forums	1,236
Group Whips	1,164

(c) That in the meantime the Independent Remuneration Panel be consulted, in time for a decision to be made at the Annual Meeting of the County Council in May, 2007 on the following amendments to their recommended Scheme of Allowances:-

A. Amend the level of Special Responsibility Allowances to read as follows:-

	£
Leader	27,258
Deputy Leader	16,847
Cabinet Members	15,124
Scrutiny Commission Chairman	9,932

These being the 2006 average for shire counties + 3%

B. Delete the Special Responsibility Allowances for the following positions:-

Cabinet Support Members

C. Amend level of Basic Allowance to £9,260.'

This being the average for shire counties + 3%

The savings on the above from the Panel's recommendations being £90,843"

On the amendment being put and before the vote was taken, five members rose asking that the vote be recorded. The vote was recorded as follows:-

For the Amendment

Mr. Bailey, Mr. Bill, Mr. Boulter, Mr. Bown, Mr. Brown, Mr. Charlesworth, Mr. Galton, Mr. Gamble, Mr. Griffiths, Dr. Hill, Mr. Hunt, Mr. Hyde, Mr. Legrys, Mrs. Newton, Dr. O'Callaghan, Mr. Sheahan, Mr. Stanley, Mr. Stork, Mr. Wilson and Mr. Wright.

Against the Amendment

Mrs. Camamile, Mr. Coxon, Mrs. Dickinson, Dr. Feltham, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Garner, Mr. Hart, Mr. Houseman, Mr. Jennings, Mr. Kershaw, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Liquorish, Mr. Moore, Mr. Natzel, Mr. Orson, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Ould, Mr. M.B. Page, Mrs. R. Page, Mr. Parsons, Mrs. Pendleton, Prof. Preston, Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Roffey, Mr. Rushton, Mr. Shepherd, Mrs. Sherwin, Mr. Snartt, Mr. Sprason and Mr. White.

The amendment was not carried, 20 members voting for the amendment and 30 against.

The motion was put and carried, 30 members voting for the motion and 20 against.

**RELATED MATTERS**

It was moved by Mr. Rushton, seconded by Professor Preston and carried:-

“(a) That the following be added to the list of panels contained in Section E of Part 3 of the Constitution concerning Responsibility for Functions:-

‘(m) Disputes Panel: to consider oral representations from unions and management when negotiations at officer level have failed to reach agreement (following written submissions) and to make recommendations to the Employment Committee or Cabinet, or both, as appropriate.’

(b) That the revised Officer Employment Procedure Rules (Part 4H of the Constitution) as set out in Appendix C to the report, be approved.”

**95 - TO MAKE APPOINTMENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITEMS 11 AND 12 OF STANDING ORDER 4.**

**95A ELECTION OF PARENT GOVERNOR REPRESENTATIVES TO SERVE ON LOCAL AUTHORITY COMMITTEES DEALING WITH EDUCATION**

It was moved by PROFESSOR PRESTON seconded by MR STANLEY and carried:-

“That Ms Sue Foreman be appointed as a co-opted member of the Children and Young People’s Service Scrutiny Committee for the period ending with the County Council Elections in 2009.”

**96 - NOTICE OF MOTION.**

**96A “STOP THE TRAFFIK” Campaign**

It was moved by Dr. Feltham and second by Mr. Galton:-

“That this Council:

- (a) supports the "STOP THE TRAFFIK" campaign launched in the European Parliament on 21st March 2006 seeking the end of human trafficking;
- (b) calls for a renewed effort to end the trafficking of people, and
- (c) calls on all of Leicestershire's people to support the campaign on 'Freedom Day' on Sunday 25th March 2007, the 200th anniversary of the Abolition of the Slave Trade Bill (1807) being passed by the House of Commons.”

The motion was put and carried unanimously.

2.30 pm. to 7.45 pm  
21<sup>st</sup> March, 2007.

CHAIRMAN