COUNTY OF HEREFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of Health Scrutiny Committee held at The Council Chamber, Brockington, 35 Hafod Road, Hereford on Thursday, 16th March, 2006 at 2.15 p.m.

Present: Councillor W.J.S. Thomas (Chairman) Councillor T.M. James (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors: Mrs. W.U. Attfield, G.W. Davis, Brig. P. Jones CBE, G. Lucas, R. Mills and Ms. G.A. Powell

37. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors P.E. Harling and J.B. Williams.

38. NAMED SUBSTITUTES (IF ANY)

There were no named substitutes.

39. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

40. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 30th January, 2006 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

41. NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE ORGANISATIONAL CHANGE

The Committee considered the response to three consultations about the future reconfiguration of the NHS Services in the West Midlands, upon which it had received a presentation from representatives of the Strategic Health Authority at the Committee's meeting in January.

A joint draft response in the name of the Leader of the Council and the Chairman of the Health Scrutiny Committee was circulated.

RESOLVED: that the joint response as circulated at the meeting be approved.