

## ITEM NO: 9 Appendix 1

### Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee: Holding The Executive To Account Scrutiny Monitoring Recommendations – February 2009

Date	Title	Portfolio	Action proposed	Action Taken	Progress Status
14/11/08	Cabinet Decision CAB068-10/2008: Review of City Council Residential Care Home Provision in Southampton	Adult Social Care and Health	that the following recommendations be considered:		
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The feasibility of a LIFT scheme be investigated to fund a multi-layered residential offer for older people.</li> </ul>	Initial discussion with the LIFT project has identified that options can be considered when the date of closure of the home is nearer, however this would also depend upon a viable business plan and a demand for residentially based services.	<b>Outstanding</b>
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensure that lessons are learnt about the success or otherwise of this consultation process.</li> </ul>	Some of the residents have now made an application for Judicial Review. This will entail a thorough review of the	<b>Outstanding</b>

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				process to date.	
14/12/08	Council sustainability principles	Environment and Transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consideration be given to adding a standard paragraph relating to sustainability issues to all Council reports.</li> </ul>	<p>The Sustainability Principles have been integrated into the business planning process. A Sustainability Impact Assessment template is being developed based on the principles and will be piloted for the Town Depot project with a view to all transformational projects being assessed for their Sustainability Impact in the future. Adopting the use of a Sustainability Impact Assessment for all council reports is not currently viable due to the amount of work this could generate and the limited resources of the Sustainability Team.</p>	<b>Rejected</b>
14/12/08	Communal	Housing and	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Cabinet Member be</li> </ul>	The previous	<b>Completed</b>

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	television system upgrade	Local Services	requested to assess the feasibility of including private sector dwellings adjacent to council owned dwellings using a communal television system within the scope of the project.	<p>administration agreed with the consultation on Digital TV. During this time the possibility of sharing communal TV services with neighboring private sector dwellings was considered and rejected as it was not practical or feasible. Consideration is being given to what else can be done now but it should be noted there is a scarcity of capital as well as the tight timescales.</p> <p>The possibility of joint procurement arrangements will be explored in order to obtain mutually beneficial prices. In addition, Council officers will provide help and advice to any private sector landlord who is</p>	

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				considering their own television system in dwellings adjacent to council building with a communal television system.	
15/01/09	Economic Recession: City Council Action to Support Business and Residents	Economic Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For large scale capital projects contractors be encouraged to offer a significant number of apprenticeships.</li> </ul>	Economic Development addressing as part of wider response to economic downturn.	<b>Completed</b>
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A local focus on all procurement processes be encouraged.</li> </ul>	Economic Development addressing as part of wider response to economic downturn.	<b>Completed</b>
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A mechanism be put in place to identify all small and medium businesses that are at risk of closure.</li> </ul>	Economic Development addressing as part of wider response to economic downturn.	<b>Completed</b>
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Government's Small Business Guarantee Scheme be promoted as widely as possible to encourage its take up by local businesses.</li> </ul>	Economic Development addressing as part of wider response to economic downturn.	<b>Completed</b>
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Council considers short term relief for businesses from business rates.</li> </ul>	Economic Development addressing as part of wider response to	<b>Completed</b>

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				economic downturn.	
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The expansion of the local business partnership be considered.</li> </ul>	Economic Development addressing as part of wider response to economic downturn.	<b>Completed</b>
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The possibility for the Authority to assist in the completion of more new homes be investigated.</li> </ul>	Economic Development addressing as part of wider response to economic downturn.	<b>Completed</b>
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Authority explores the opportunity to make use of vacant properties in the City.</li> </ul>	Economic Development preparing report on vacant retail for Southampton Partnership Delivery Board	<b>Completed</b>
15/01/09	Acceptance of funding to deliver volunteering opportunities for young	Young People and Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Cabinet Member be requested to circulate a copy of the Council's Volunteering Policy to Members of Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee.</li> </ul>	Circulated to Members of OSMC on 29/01/09.	<b>Completed</b>
15/01/09	Workforce Strategy	Resources and Workforce Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Council be innovative in ameliorating the impact of job cuts in the Council given the present economic climate.</li> </ul>	The Council has policies in place and every attempt is made to keep redundancies to an absolute minimum (i.e. re-deployment). Policies	<b>Completed</b>

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				are at present being reviewed and the Panel's recommendation will be considered within this process. Added to Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee work programme.	
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Cabinet Member be requested to consider the development of a policy regarding the employment of consultants within the Council.</li> </ul>	A procedure is being developed with regard to the employment of consultants	<b>Outstanding</b>
15/01/09	Re-organisation of Primary School Places in Central and Freemantle	Children's Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Members of OSMC be provided with a detailed breakdown explaining the pressures for the additional school places and statistics for the increase in birth rate.</li> </ul>	A report is in preparation and will be circulated as soon as it has been completed.	<b>Outstanding</b>
15/01/09	Bitterne Park 5-A-Side Football Centre	Children's Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>That lessons be learnt regarding the need to seek thorough and early consultation with local residents before the Planning Application Stage.</li> </ul>	<p>Lessons will be learnt. Fuller public consultation will take place at an earlier stage.</p> <p>A short code of practice will be developed for schools and circulated</p>	<b>Completed</b>

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				within three months. No similar projects are currently under way.	
15/01/09	Safer City Partnership, Strategic Assessment and Partnership Plan 2009-2012	Economic Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Investigations be carried out to identify what actions other local authorities are taking to reduce alcohol related anti-social behaviour. Specific reference was made to Nottingham.</li> </ul>	Investigations will be carried out. Report back added to Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee work programme for May 2009.	<b>Completed</b>
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enforcement opportunities be explored for Trading Standards and the Licensing Department, with reference to the Licensing Act 2003, to constrain the sale of alcohol.</li> </ul>	Investigations will be carried out. Report back added to Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee work programme for May 2009.	<b>Completed</b>
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An alcohol awareness education programme for secondary school pupils be developed, with the focus targeted at children most at risk.</li> </ul>	Alcohol awareness amongst children and young people has been included in the re-refresh of the Safer City Partnership Plan and the Children and Young People Plan.  The Young People and	<b>Completed</b>

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				<p>Community Support Division are working with a range of partners within the City Council and the wider community to address the issues around alcohol abuse. These measures include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Targeted outreach services provided by NO Limits providing advice information and support around their substance misuse issues, this involves operating drop in sessions in some schools during the school day and through the three NO Limits shops.</li> <li>• Young people</li> </ul>	



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				<p>have access to specialist treatment for their substance misuse issues (including alcohol) this service is operated by Portsmouth PCT in partnership with No Limits.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The service is managing two pilot programmes around positive activities which specifically targeted street based drinking. The programme is a pilot and is being trialled in Millbrook and Thornhill.</li> <li>• Youth workers, via Youth Clubs and youth projects in the community address</li> </ul>	

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				key issues such as alcohol	
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Details be forwarded to Members of the OSMC on actions to support children and families who were considered to be at risk from hidden harm.</li> </ul>	Actions are undertaken through the following processes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“Think Family Project”</li> <li>Children’s social care will respond to hidden harm referrals.</li> <li>Children’s social care take into account parental substance and alcohol misuse in initial and core assessments.</li> </ul>	<b>Completed</b>
15/01/09	General Fund Revenue and Capital Budgets and Council Tax	Resources and Workforce Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Cabinet Member be requested to forward the outcome of the budget consultation to Members of the OSMC.</li> </ul>	This has been sent to Members of OSMC	<b>Completed</b>
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The budget analysis submitted to Council on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2008, detailing the proposed Council tax discount for persons over the</li> </ul>	Papers detailing the proposal will be available with the Council Meeting papers	<b>Outstanding</b>

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			age of 65, be circulated to Members of the OSMC.	prior to OSMC	
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Details of the geographical split over the delivery of the 10% discount in Council tax for pensioners be provided, if, or when, the information is available.</li> </ul>	Information will be re-circulated to Panel Members	<b>Outstanding</b>
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Opportunities available within the market place for fixed rate short term borrowing be investigated by the Council.</li> </ul>	This activity is carried out on a daily basis as this is good financial practice.	<b>Completed</b>
15/01/09	Closure of Whitehaven Lodge and Birch Lawn Care Homes	Adult Social Care and Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Members of the OSMC be provided with the entire contents of the e-mail from the Head of Health and Community Care to the Managing Director of Commercial Services at Southampton City PCT, sent on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2008.</li> </ul>	The Head of Service has been trying to trace the e-mail, however the recent imposition of mail box limits has entailed deletion of older e-mails and this one may have been included. A copy may have to be sought from the PCT.	<b>Outstanding</b>
15/01/09	Children and Young People's Plan 2009 -2012	Children's Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The support of the Primary Care Trust be sought in carrying out health monitoring exercises in Southampton schools.</li> </ul>	Health Monitoring exercises - already exist in three year groups for 5, 11 and 15 year olds. For example, a survey of	<b>Completed</b>

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				the responses of 1300 15 year olds last summer has provided a large amount of valuable data for both the PCT and CSL.	
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The draft Children and Young People's Plan should include under priority 2, in the section "What we want to achieve" the need to improve skills and understanding of parents and carers in the parenting process.</li> </ul>	The CYPP has been modified to include 'Improve the skills and understanding of parents and carers of the parenting process' in the What We Want to achieve section of Priority 2.	<b>Completed</b>
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Executive publishes a list of priorities from within the plan.</li> </ul>	The CYPP and its executive summary will be published documents following the Council decision on March 18 <sup>th</sup> .	<b>Completed</b>
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The action plan produced in response to the Ofsted Annual Performance Assessment be consistent with the Children and Young People's Plan.</li> </ul>	The CYPP includes all weaknesses identified by the APA and the action plans within CYPP addresses these weaknesses, and they	<b>Completed</b>

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				will be consistent with the APA action plan.	