
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 17 June 2010

Present: Councillors Barnes-Andrews (Chair), Vinson (Vice-Chair), Baillie, Dick, Kolker, Norris, Stevens, Osmond and Parnell
Mrs Bishop (Primary Parent Governor)

Apologies: Councillors Councillor Neil Fitzgerald, Councillor Matthew Jones, Councillor Richard Williams, John Bettridge, Tony Blackshaw and Mrs Urzula Topp

In attendance: Councillor Moulton – Cabinet Member for Resources and Workforce Planning
Councillor Walker – Cabinet Member for Safeguarding Children and Youth Services
Councillor P Williams – Cabinet Member for Housing and Local Services

9. **APOLOGIES AND CHANGES IN PANEL MEMBERSHIP (IF ANY)**

Apologies were received from Councillors Fitzgerald, Jones and Dr R Williams. The Panel noted that in accordance with the provisions of Procedure Rules 4.3 and 4.4 Councillors Osmond, Parnell and Letts replaced them respectfully, for the purposes of this meeting.

10. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (INCLUDING MATTERS ARISING)**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee held on 20 May 2010 be approved and signed as a correct record. (Copy of the minutes circulated with the agenda and appended to the signed minutes).

11. **DRAFT CORPORATE PLAN 2010-13**

The Committee consider the report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Strategy) relating to the contents for the draft Corporate Plan. (Copy of the report circulated with the agenda and appended to the signed minutes).

RESOLVED that the following points be included in the Plan prior to its approval at Full Council in July:-

- In light of the financial situation, and following agreement by Cllr Moulton, that the Plan would be altered to show the Administrations priorities in a "traffic light" system, in order for it to be clear which would take precedence. This would then be up-dated and progress reported in 6 months time reflecting the Comprehensive Spending Review;
- The introduction from the Leader would include a reference about the highways improvements; and
- That the statistics from the residents feed back would include the figure of the number of people that had responded.

12. **KNOWLEDGE ECONOMY AND HEALTH SECTOR SCRUTINY INQUIRIES**

The Committee considered the Assistant Chief Executive (Strategy) setting out the draft Terms of Reference and Inquiry Plan for the proposed inquiries into the Knowledge Economy and the proposed scope for an inquiry into the local health sector, for

comment and consideration, (Copy of the report circulated with the agenda and appended to the signed minutes).

RESOLVED

- (i) that the draft terms of reference and Inquiry Plan for an inquiry into the local Knowledge Economy be approved subject to authority being delegated to the Chair to finalise points in relation to the following:-
 - that the meeting with the University be the first meeting of the Inquiry;
 - the concerns raised in relation to the “Work Foundation” being used as an example; and
 - the inclusion of Solent Synergy, Business Southampton and Centre for Cities PUSH report
- (ii) that the proposed scope for the inquiry into the local Health Sector be approved subject to the authority being delegated to the Chair to agree draft terms of reference with the Chair of the Inquiry Panel.

13. **MONITORING SCRUTINY RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Policy and Improvement, detailing actions and monitoring progress of the recommendations of the Panel. (Copy of the report circulated with the agenda and appended to the signed minutes).

RESOLVED that the Chair would liaise with the Leader expressing concern that budget proposals not being made available in advance.

14. **INTERAGENCY RESPONSE TO THE SOUTHAMPTON REVIEW OF SAFEGUARDING**

The Committee considered the report of the Executive Director of Children’s Services and Learning in relation to the independent review that was carried out into inter-agency safeguarding arrangements across Southampton. (Copy of the report circulated with the agenda and appended to the signed minutes).

RESOLVED

- (i) that the finalised action plan as set out in Appendix 1 to the report be noted; and
- (ii) that an update on progress as part of the annual report from the independent chair of Southampton’s Local Safeguarding Children’s Board, be received at a future meeting.

15. **LOCAL SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN'S BOARD**

The Committee noted the report of the Chair of the Local Safeguarding Children’s Board detailing the work of the Safeguarding Children’s Board and highlights the increased demand for safeguarding services on all agencies and the concerns about capacity to meet the needs. (Copy of the report circulated with the agenda and appended to the signed minutes).

Donald Mc Phail, Chair of LSCB, Linda Dawson, Hampshire Police, Andy Timms, Hampshire Police, Judy Gillow, SUHT, Stephanie Ramsey (Associate Director NHS Southampton City),

Alison Alexander and Annie McIver, Southampton City Council were in attendance and with consent of the Chair addressed the meeting.

16. **FORWARD PLAN AND PERFORMANCE MONITORING**

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Policy and Improvement detailing the Forward Plan for the period June to September 2010. (Copy of the report circulated with the agenda and appended to the signed minutes).

Members of the public were in attendance, in relation to the forward plan item that related to Grants for Voluntary Organisations 2010/11 and with consent of the Chair the following addressed the meeting:-

Ian Loynes – Shopmobility
Geoff Wilkinson – User of Shopmobility
Roz Park – Community Play Link
Gary Edwards – SARC
Jo Ash – SVS
Steve Hall – City Reach Project
Ali Beg – Awaaz FM
Anne-Marie McCarthy – Rainbow Project

THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS WERE PROPOSED:-

That following concerns raised about information not yet being available it was recommended that Cabinet be requested to consider the additional information due to be verbally given at their meeting on Monday 21st June and that in order to give them enough time to fully consider the information they then defer making their decision until their next meeting on 5th July.

ON BEING PUT TO THE VOTE THIS RECOMMENDATION WAS LOST.

It was recommended that the panel that considers Community Chest application should also include outside representative and not just Council officers.

ON BEING PUT TO THE VOTE THIS RECOMMENDATION WAS LOST.

RESOLVED that the report of the Cabinet Member for Housing and Local Services set out in Appendix 1 to the report : 2010/11 Grants to Voluntary Organisation be noted and that the following points be agreed:-

- that the previous and current grants priorities be circulated to members; and
- that the Executive member contact Southampton Advice and Representation Centre directly to give details of the proposed cut to Southampton Voluntary Services and their grant and the position with Citizens Advice Bureau.