

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 17 FEBRUARY 2011

Present:

Councillors Barnes-Andrews (Chair), Vinson, Dick, Morrell, Norris (minutes 58-63 only) and Dr R Williams (for minutes 61- 66 only).

Apologies

Councillors Fitzgerald, Harris, Jones, Kolker, Mr J Bettridge, Mrs U Topp and Mrs M Bishop

Also in attendance

Councillor Dean, Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport

Councillor Ball, Chair of Scrutiny Panel C

Councillor Moulton, Cabinet Member for Resources and Workforce Planning

Councillor P Williams, Cabinet Member for Local Services and Community Safety

Councillor Hannides, Cabinet Member for Leisure, Culture and Heritage

Councillor Baillie, Cabinet Member for Housing

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

Apologies were received from Councillors Fitzgerald, Harris, Jones and Kolker and Mrs Bishop.

59. **DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS**

Councillor Norris declared a non prejudicial interest in item 10, the Forward Plan which considered the Grants to Voluntary Organisations as she was a Council appointed member of the Nuffield Theatre - Southampton Theatres Trust Board.

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

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee, held on 20th January 2011 be approved and signed as a correct record. (Copy of the minutes circulated with the agenda and appended to the signed minutes).

61. **LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN 3**

The Committee considered the report of the Executive Director of Environment detailing the Local Transport Plan agreed by Transport for South Hampshire (TfSH) and the proposed Implementation Plan for the City. (Copy of the report circulated with the agenda and appended to the signed minutes).

RESOLVED that the Cabinet Member attends a future meeting to update the Committee on the progress of the Local Transport Plan 3.

62. **KNOWLEDGE ECONOMY INQUIRY - FINAL REPORT**

The Committee considered the report of the Chair of Scrutiny Panel C detailing the Inquiry into the Knowledge Economy Scrutiny Panel C had completed. (Copy of the report circulated with the agenda and appended to the signed minutes).

Councillor Ball, Chair of Scrutiny Panel C presented the final report to the Committee.

RESOLVED:

- (i) that recommendation 4 of the report be amended to:
“to support the aim the Solent LEP to establish a single inward investment ...” ;
- (ii) that subject to the amendment as detailed above, the final report be approved and forwarded to the Executive for consideration and further action; and
- (iii) that Cabinet be requested to commission an action plan detailing how it proposes to take forward the recommendations contained in the report.

63. **DETERMINING PROPOSALS TO ADD PRIMARY SCHOOL PLACES THROUGHOUT SOUTHAMPTON**

The Committee received and noted the report of the Cabinet Member for Children’s Services and Learning details the primary school places in the City over the next 5 years. (Copy of the report circulated with the agenda and appended to the signed minutes).

64. **FORWARD PLAN**

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Policy and Performance detailing the Forward Plan for the period February to May 2011. (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 2011/12 Grants for Voluntary Organisations and with the consent of the Chair the following addressed the meeting:-

Nikki Powell - City Reach Youth Project
Sonia Cooter - Southampton Women’s Aid
Jo Ash - Southampton Voluntary Services
Jo Doyle, Patrick Sandford and Kate Anderson – Southampton Nuffield Theatre Trust
Gary Edwards and Kevin (Client) - Southampton Advice and Representation Centre
Councillor Damani

Written representations were received from the Countryside Education Trust, Southampton Nuffield Theatre Trust, Southampton Women’s Aid, Southampton Citizens Advice Bureau and Southampton Voluntary Services.

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and for those who gave presentations.

RESOLVED:

- (i) that Cabinet give careful consideration to the completed integrated impact assessments outlining the potential impacts of the proposed grants funding decisions on the voluntary organisations and the City;
- (ii) that Cabinet when determining the grants funding consider the impact of the proposed reduction in grants to voluntary organisations on the Governments plans on the Big Society;
- (iii) that the Cabinet Member for Leisure, Culture and Heritage seeks clarification that the procurement process is in accordance with the EU procurement law prior to a decision being taken at Cabinet, in relation to Appendix 2, the Procurement of a partner to deliver sports development functions on behalf of the City Council; and
- (iv) that the Cabinet Member for Leisure, Culture and Heritage be requested to ensure that any contract to deliver Sports Development functions on behalf of the City Council is flexible enough to reflect future reductions in the Council's finances.

NOTE: Councillor Norris declared that she was a Council appointed member of the Nuffield Theatre – Southampton Theatres Trust Board and left the meeting.

65. **MONITORING SCRUTINY RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

Jo Ash, Southampton Voluntary Services with the consent of the Chair addressed the meeting in relation to the Review of Grants to Voluntary Organisations in Appendix 1 to the report.

RESOLVED that the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee contacts the Cabinet Members' for Local Services and Community Safety and Resources and Workforce Planning to discuss information raised by the Chief Executive of Southampton Voluntary Services with regards to devolving the Community Chest programme.

66. **THIRD QUARTER PERFORMANCE MONITORING -2010/11**

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Corporate Policy and Performance detailing the progress made by the Executive, at the end of December 2010 in delivering the objectives set out in the Corporate Plan. (Copy of the report circulated with the agenda and appended to the signed minutes).

RESOLVED:

- (i) that the report be noted;
- (ii) that NI 117 (NEETS) be discussed at the next meeting;
- (iii) that NI 60, 99, 100 and 101 be discussed as part of the wider discussion on Safeguarding scheduled for the next meeting; and
- (iv) that an explanation be provided to Members of the Committee regarding the relative decline in recycling levels compared to the overall decline in household waste.