

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 15 DECEMBER 2011

Present:

Councillors Barnes-Andrews (Chair), Vinson, B Harris, Morrell, Stevens, Dr R Williams and Mr T Blackshaw

Apologies

Councillors Fitzgerald, Kolker, Mead, Walker, Mr J Bettridge and Mrs U Topp

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

The Committee noted that Councillor Ball was in attendance as the nominated substitute for Councillor Fitzgerald in accordance with Council Procedure Rules for the purposes of this meeting.

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

RESOLVED: that the minutes for the Committee meetings on the 17th November 2011 and the 1st December 2011 be approved and signed as a correct record. (Copy of the minutes circulated with the agenda and appended to the signed minutes).

45. **CALL IN OF EXECUTIVE DECISION CAB 11/12 7331 - SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL'S CHANGE PROGRAMME**

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Corporate Policy and Performance detailing the call-in of the Cabinet Decision. (Copy of the report circulated with the agenda and appended to the signed minutes).

RESOLVED that the Leader of the Council be requested to reconsider the called-in decision at the next decision making meeting taking particular consideration of the following:

- (i) that the words 'and implement' are deleted from recommendation; and
- (ii) that before adoption of changes items are taken to the Leader's Group meetings for consideration

46. **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC - CONFIDENTIAL PAPERS INCLUDED IN THE FOLLOWING ITEM**

In accordance with the Council's Constitution, specifically the Access to Information Procedure Rules contained within the Constitution, the press and public be excluded from the meeting in respect of any consideration of the confidential appendix to the following Item

Confidential Appendix 3 contains information deemed to be exempt from general publication based on Category 3 of paragraph 10.4 of the Council's Access to Information Procedure Rules. The appendix includes a table showing the rental income and values of property which, if disclosed prior to entering into any contracts, could put the Council at a

commercial disadvantage. In applying the public interest test it is not considered appropriate to publish this information as it could influence bids for a property which may be to the Council's financial detriment.

47. **FORWARD PLAN**

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Corporate Policy and Performance detailing items requested for discussion from the current Forward Plan (Copy of the report circulated with the agenda and appended to the signed minutes).

RESOLVED that the Committee noted the report of the Cabinet Member for Resources, Leisure and Culture on the re-categorisation of investment properties.

48. **CAPITA PROPERTY SERVICES PERFORMANCE REVIEW**

The Committee noted the report of the Head of Property and Procurement setting out an overview of the Capita Property Services Performance Review (Copy of the report circulated with the agenda and appended to the signed minutes).

49. **SECOND QUARTER PERFORMANCE MONITORING FOR 2011/12**

The Committee considered the report of Head of Corporate Policy and Performance detail performance for the above quarter. (Copy of the report circulated with the agenda and appended to the signed minutes).

RESOLVED that following scrutiny of the Quarter 2 Council Plan performance at this meeting, the Committee requested briefing papers on the following issues to enable a discussion with the Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport:

- (i) Recycling - reasons why performance is not meeting target, impact of this and plans to address this.
- (ii) Affordable Homes - reasons why performance is not meeting target, impact of this (New Homes Bonus etc) and plans to address this.

50. **MONITORING SCRUTINY RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE EXECUTIVE**

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Corporate Policy and Performance, 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 following updated information be provided as follows:

- (i) Appeal against decision not to allow a petition – Committee to be informed at the 12th January 2012 meeting on the meeting scheduled or that has taken place with the Citizens Advice Bureau;
- (ii) Options for alternative delivery vehicles to be considered by the Committee at the 9th February 2012 meeting.
- (iii) Committee to be provided with the local impact assessment information on absence from schools, including post 16 year olds prior to the 12th January 2012 meeting.

- (iv) Reschedule the annual meeting at which Safeguarding is discussed by the Committee to include information requested on neo-natal mortality.

51. **BIG SOCIETY INQUIRY - AN INTRODUCTION TO CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY AND VOLUNTEERING IN SOUTHAMPTON**

The Committee noted the report of the Head of Corporate Policy and Performance and received presentations from Capita and the Southampton Voluntary Service providing an introduction to corporate responsibility and volunteering in Southampton. (Copy of the report circulated with the agenda and appended to the signed minutes).

Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee

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12th January 2012