

SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 12 July 2012

Present:

Councillors Moulton (Chair), Barnes-Andrews, Chaloner, Fitzhenry, Hannides, Lewzey, McEwing, Pope, Tucker and Vinson

Apologies

Mrs U Topp and Mr T Blackshaw

Also in attendance

Councillor Bogle, Cabinet Member for Children's Services

Councillor Letts, Cabinet Member for Resources

Councillor Rayment, Cabinet Member for Communities

1. **ELECTION OF VICE - CHAIR**

RESOLVED that Councillor Vinson be appointed Vice-Chair for the remainder of the municipal year.

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

RESOLVED: that the minutes for the Committee meetings held on 12th April and the 8th May 2012 be approved and signed as a correct record. (Copy of the minutes circulated with the agenda and appended to the signed minutes).

3. **ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAMME 2012 - 2013**

The Committee considered the report of the Democratic Services Manager seeking approval of a revised programme of meeting dates. (Copy of the report circulated with the agenda and appended to the signed minutes).

RESOLVED that the revised programme of meeting dates for the Committee be approved.

4. **SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN**

The Committee considered the report of the Cabinet Member for Children's Services and the Director of Children's Services and Learning detailing the results of the OFSTED inspection of Safeguarding and Children Looked After Services. (Copy of the report circulated with the agenda and appended to the signed minutes).

RESOLVED that the Committee recommended that

- (i) the Cabinet Member considers every available option to recruit experienced social workers, not just relying on a single recruitment event;
- (ii) the Safeguarding budget be ring fenced from service cuts for 2013/14; and
- (iii) the Cabinet Member communicates with Safeguarding staff to ensure that social workers feel valued and motivated.

5. **SAFE CITY PARTNERSHIP PLAN**

The Committee considered the report of the Community Safety Manager detailing the content of the Safe City Partnership Plan for the Committee to identify any related issues or concerns. (Copy of the report circulated with the agenda and appended to the signed minutes).

The Committee noted the achievements and performance of the partnership in the last year.

6. **FORWARD PLAN**

The Committee considered the report of the Senior Manager – Customer and Business Improvement 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 recommended that:

- (i) the Cabinet Member revisit Capita's contribution to the Council's savings target prior to the next budget being set;
- (ii) the Cabinet Member request details of the Capita Partnership's Senior Managers pay levels and circulate to members of the Committee; and
- (iii) the Cabinet Member ensures that information is in the public domain in sufficient time to scrutinise the mini budget before Council consideration in September.

7. **SHARED SERVICES**

The Committee received and noted the report of the Cabinet Member for Resources detailing the Council's developing approach to the development of shared service. (Copy of the report circulated with the agenda and appended to the signed minutes).

8. **SCRUTINY REVIEW PROGRAMME 2012/13**

The Committee considered the report of the Senior Manager – Customer and Business Improvement seeking approval for a Scrutiny Review programme for 2012- 2013. (Copy of the report circulated with the agenda and appended to the signed minutes).

RESOLVED

- (i) that the Scrutiny Review programme for 2012/13 consist of two review topics regarding:
 - changes to benefits
 - apprenticeship schemes; and

- (ii) that authority be delegated to the Senior Manager – Customer and Business Improvement, to develop draft terms of reference for the reviews, in consultation with the Chair of the OSMC, and present them for approval at the August 2012 meeting of the Committee.