
SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14 MARCH 2013

Present: Councillors Moulton (Chair), Vinson (Vice-Chair), Barnes-Andrews, Chaloner, Fitzhenry, Hannides, Pope, Thomas and Tucker

Apologies: Councillors McEwing, Mrs U Topp and Mr T Blackshaw

Also in Attendance Councillor Williams – leader of the Leader
Donald McPhail – Independent Chair of the Southampton Local Safeguarding Children Board
Councillor Letts – Cabinet Member for Resources

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

The Panel noted that the apologies of Councillors Hannides, Lewzey, McEwing and Morrell and noted that Councillors Tucker and Thomas were in attendance as a nominated substitute for Councillors Lewzey and Morrell in accordance with Procedure Rule 4.3.

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

RESOLVED: that the minutes for the Committee meeting on 18th and 19th February 2013 be approved and signed as a correct record. (Copy of the minutes circulated with the agenda and appended to the signed minutes).

60. **CITY DEAL**

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Skills, Regeneration and Partnerships, setting out an update in relation to the City Deal process. (Copy of the report circulated with the agenda and appended to the signed minutes).

RESOLVED that

- (i) that details of the financial mechanisms involved in the City Deal be briefed to all Members in a training session
- (ii) that the Leader of the Council ensures that the Committee are kept apprised of future developments

61. **SOUTHAMPTON LOCAL SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN'S BOARD ANNUAL REPORT 2011-12**

The Committee noted the report of the Independent Chair of the Local Safeguarding Children's Board detailing the Annual Report 2011-12. (Copy of the report circulated with the agenda and appended to the signed minutes).

62. **PROGRESS REPORT ON POST OFSTED ANNOUNCED INSPECTION PLAN**

The Committee considered the report of Cabinet Member for Children's Services and Director of Children's Services and Learning detailing progress since November 2012 in addressing the areas for improvement recommended by Ofsted. (Copy of the report circulated with the agenda and appended to the signed minutes).

The Committee noted the apologies of the Cabinet Member for Children's Services.

RESOLVED that

- (i) that the Cabinet Member for Children's Services encourages a radical review, to include consideration of all available options to address the safeguarding issues, and provide feedback to the Committee on this review, and progress with regards to the Ofsted recommendations, including the identification of priorities and the direction of travel, sooner rather than later;
- (ii) that the Cabinet Member for Children's Services communicates to all Councillors, in their role as Corporate Parents, informing them of the current position regarding safeguarding children within the City;
- (iii) that the Cabinet Member for Children's Services request officers to provide the Committee with information on back office process changes going on in Safeguarding services; and
- (iv) that the Cabinet Member request officers to provide the Committee with information relating to the review of IT systems used within Safeguarding, including the cost of maintaining PARIS, and that the Council consults all relevant organisations and professional bodies to identify a system that will meet the Council's requirements.

63. **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:

- (i) on consideration of the briefing paper relating to the forthcoming Cabinet "Decision City Centre Action Plan (Proposed Submission) and City Centre Master Plan (Final)" the Committee recommended that the Cabinet Member for Resources:
 - a. requests that officers continue to work with objectors in order to best resolve any outstanding issues raised;
 - b. request that officers update the Committee on the plan, policy and timescales for the provision of secondary education provision within the City Centre

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

The Committee noted the report of the Head of Communities, Change and Partnership, detailing the actions of the executive and monitoring progress of the recommendations of the Committee (Copy of the report circulated with the agenda and appended to the signed minutes).