
SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10 MARCH 2016

Present: Councillors Fitzhenry (Chair), Furnell, Galton, Hannides, Jordan, Keogh, Morrell, Moulton (Vice-Chair) and Whitbread (Except Minute 50)

Apologies: Councillor Fuller

Also in attendance: Cabinet Member for Housing and Sustainability

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

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 4 February 2016 be approved and signed as a correct record.

51. **IMPROVING FIRE SAFETY IN THE COUNCIL'S HIGH RISE ACCOMMODATION**

The Committee considered the report of the Cabinet Member for Housing and Sustainability providing the Panel with an update on the steps taken implementing the agreed actions for improving fire safety in the Council owned high rise accommodation.

RESOLVED:

- (i) that the Committee be provided with details of the scale of the rewiring works to install fire resistant cable supports in the City's tower blocks;
- (ii) that the Cabinet Member investigate the benefits of carrying out a private sector housing condition survey; and
- (iii) that the Cabinet Member work with the Tenants Resource Group to consider fire safety issues and develop proposals to minimise the risk of a fire.

52. **COUNCIL PERFORMANCE 2015/16 - QUARTER 3**

The Committee considered the report of the Leader detailing the Council's performance in Quarter 3 of the 2015-2016 municipal year.

RESOLVED:

- (i) that officers consider the following comments relating to how the performance figures and supporting information be presented in the future:
 - (a) changing the way the variance figures were calculated. It was felt that where the actual and target figures were expressed in percentages the variance figure, also expressed as a percentage was misleading;
 - (b) that an explanation be provided with the figures regarding the direction of travel to enable greater understanding.
- (ii) that the Chief Executive or Chief Strategy Officer be present at future meetings where the Council's performance would be considered.

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

The Committee considered the report of the Service Director, Legal and Governance detailing the actions of the Executive and monitoring progress of the recommendations of the Committee.

RESOLVED

- (i) that in relation to the response to the Townhill Park Regeneration Phase 1 recommendations from the meeting on 4 February that:
- Clarification be sought regarding whether the pilot scheme at Woodside Lodge / Wimpson Lane was part of the Estate Regeneration Programme (Recommendation 3);
 - that details of any responses be provided to the OSMC from the five partner Housing Associations in relation to whether there was any interest in them being involved in the development of Townhill Park Phase one.
- (ii) that a response on recommendation 1. on Air Quality be provided.