

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

Present:

Councillors Barnes-Andrews (Chair), Vinson, B Harris, Kolker, Mead, Morrell and Thomas

Apologies

Councillors L Harris, Stevens, Walker, Dr R Williams, Mr J Bettridge, Mrs U Topp and Mr T Blackshaw

Also in attendance

Councillor Smith – Leader of the Council

Councillor Moulton – Cabinet Member for Children’s Services and Learning

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

The Panel noted apologies from Councillors R Williams, Walker and L Harris and the apologies of Mr Bettridge, Mr Blackshaw and Mrs Topp. In addition the Committee that Councillor Thomas was in attendance as a nominated substitute for Councillor R Williams in accordance with Procedure Rule 4.3.

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

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

76. **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 noted the briefing paper detailing the Future Service Delivery Arrangements for ROMANSE and CCTV set out as Appendix 1 of the report.

77. **SCHOOL ATTENDANCE**

The Committee considered the report of the Executive Director for Children’s Services and Learning detailing the overall absence figures from schools within the City. (Copy of the report circulated with the agenda and appended to the signed minutes).

Liz Filer (Head Teacher at Bassett Green Primary School) and Graham Wilson (Head Teacher at Saint George Voluntary Aided College) were in attendance and, with the consent of the Chair, addressed the meeting.

RESOLVED that the Committee review progress made against school attendance targets in twelve months in line with the work being undertaken with the Troubled Families initiative.

78. **BIG SOCIETY INQUIRY - DRAFT FINAL REPORT**

The Committee considered the report of the Senior Manager – Customer and Business Improvement detailing a draft of the Committee’s report on the Big Society in Southampton. (Copy of the report circulated with the agenda and appended to the signed minutes).

RESOLVED that the Committee

- (i) considered and approved the draft recommendations set out in the report of the Big Society Inquiry in line with amendments circulated by the Chair and Vice-Chair at the meeting;
- (ii) delegated authority to the Chair of the Committee to approve any minor amendments arising from considerations raised at the Committee’s meeting on 12th April 2012.
- (iii) agreed that the amended recommendations and report be presented to the Cabinet meeting on the 16th April 2012;

79. **UPDATE ON PROGRESS - PREVIOUS SCRUTINY INQUIRIES**

The Committee noted the report of the Senior Manager – Customer and Business Improvement providing an update on the progress made by the Executive in implementing recommendations generated by the Scrutiny Inquiries which have been completed. (Copy of the report circulated with the agenda and appended to the signed minutes).

80. **MONITORING SCRUTINY RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Committee noted the report of the Senior Manager – Customer and Business Improvement, 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).

SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 8 MAY 2012

Present:

Councillors Barnes-Andrews (Chair), Vinson, B Harris, Kolker, Morrell, Stevens, Dr R Williams, Daunt and Norris

Apologies

Councillors L Harris and Mead and Mr J Bettridge, Mrs U Topp and Mr T Blackshaw

Also in attendance

Councillor Smith – Leader of the Council

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

The Panel noted that Councillor Norris was in attendance as a replacement for Councillor Walker and Councillor Daunt was in attendance as a nominated substitute for Councillor L Harris, in accordance with Procedure Rule 4.3.

82. **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

In accordance with the Council's Constitution, specifically the Access to Information Procedure Rules contained within the Constitution, the press and public were excluded from the meeting in respect of any consideration of the confidential appendices to the following Item. The Committee noted that Appendices 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 of the appended Cabinet report were not for publication by virtue of category 3 (financial and business affairs) of paragraph 10.4 of the access to information procedure rules as contained in the Constitution. It is not in the public interest to disclose this information because it compromises financial and business information that if made public would prejudice the Council's ability to operate in a commercial environment and obtain best value during a 'live' procurement process prior to final tenders being received and contracts being entered into.

83. **CALL-IN OF EXECUTIVE DECISION CAB 11/12 7980 - FUTURE DELIVERY ARRANGEMENTS FOR ROMANSE AND CCTV**

The Committee considered the Senior Manager, Customer and Business Improvement, detailing the Call-in of the Executive Decision CAB 11/12 7980 – Future Delivery arrangements for Romanse and CCTV. (Copy of the report circulated with the agenda and appended to the signed minutes).

RESOLVED

- (i) that the Committee recommended that the Decision Makers re-consider the called-in decision at the next decision meeting; and
- (ii) that the Committee recommended that the Chair and Vice- Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee should be briefed on the confidential details of future projects.