Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee: Holding the Executive to Account

Scrutiny Monitoring – 13th September 2012

Date	Portfolio	Title	Action proposed	Action Taken	Progress Status
12:07:12	Resources	Changes to existing revenue and capital budgets	That the Cabinet Member requests details of the Capita Partnership's Senior Managers pay levels and circulates to OSMC	This has not been requested at the current time. The Council is working positively with Capita to deliver savings, and this would only serve as a distraction.	
			Follow up 16 th August: That the Cabinet Member requests details of the Capita Partnership's Senior Managers pay bands and the number of managers in each band and circulates to OSMC	To be updated at the 13 September meeting of the OSMC	
16:08:12	Housing and Leisure	Oaklands Pool	That the number of users who took up the free swim initiative at Oaklands Pool is circulated to the OSMC	Work in progress – This information will be circulated to the Committee as soon as it is available	
			That the Cabinet Member informs the OSMC of the date that officers were instructed to stop repairs to Oaklands Pool	20 th June 2012	
			That information on the capital grants that were available for refurbishing swimming pools following the free swim initiative be circulated to the OSMC	£69,296 awarded to SCC (advised 27 th November 2008). Funding was for development to improve access, and had to provide lasting community benefit. It could not be used to carry out lapsed repairs and maintenance works.	
				Suggested uses: architects fees, QS fees, cost of feasibility studies, legal fees, site surveys.	
				Excluded uses: purchase of land, consultant's fees to develop funding applications. Had to be spent by March 2011. Could not be used for partnership funding for funding bids from April 2009.	

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				Money was spent on improving DDA access at Bitterne Leisure Centre (reception area) and a grant made to Red Lodge Swimming Pool (£6.5k)	
			That the Cabinet Member explores all funding streams available, including Olympic legacy, to support Oaklands Pool	To be updated at the 13 September meeting of the OSMC	
			That the Cabinet Member uses the term subsidise instead of losing money when referring to Oaklands Pool	To be updated at the 13 September meeting of the OSMC	
			That the Cabinet Member provides details to the Committee outlining when the brief was changed to remove a swimming pool from the Lordshill Masterplan	To be updated at the 13 September meeting of the OSMC	
			That staff, and parents of children who go to the nursery on the Oaklands site, are consulted about the proposals	To be updated at the 13 September meeting of the OSMC	
			That the Cabinet Member ensures that nothing is done to Oaklands Pool that will make it more expensive to re-open and operate	To be updated at the 13 September meeting of the OSMC	
16:08:12	Housing and Leisure	Licensing scheme for HMO's	That the Cabinet Member informs the OSMC whether the HMO licence fee is tax deductable for landlords	The licence fee would be classed as an allowable expense for landlords for tax deduction against rental income as it is an expense wholly and exclusively for the property letting business.	Completed
			That the new HMO licensing scheme includes Carbon Monoxide monitoring and gas appliance safety checks	The proposals for the new HMO licensing scheme incorporate requirements for Carbon Monoxide detectors and gas appliance safety checks.	Completed
			That all ward Councillors are informed of the consultation events outlined in the report	All Councillors will be informed of the consultation events when they have been confirmed (by 7 September 2012).	
16:08:12	Efficiencies and Improvement	Grants	That the Cabinet Member, when exploring opportunities for participatory budgeting, looks at examples wider than Thornhill	Case studies from the national Participatory Budgeting Unit will be considered when exploring opportunities for Community Chest.	