
SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11 OCTOBER 2012

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

Apologies: Mrs U Topp and Mr T Blackshaw

Also Present: Councillor Rayment – Cabinet Members for Communities
Councillor Williams – Leader of the Council
Councillor Thorpe – Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport

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

RESOLVED: that the minutes for the Committee meeting on 13 September 2012 be approved and signed as a correct record. (Copy of the minutes circulated with the agenda and appended to the signed minutes).

23. **SOUTHAMPTON YOUTH OFFENDING SERVICE (YOS) ANNUAL YOUTH JUSTICE PLAN**

The Committee considered the report of the Cabinet Member for Communities detailing the Annual Youth Justice Plan (Copy of the report circulated with the agenda and appended to the signed minutes).

The Cabinet Member thanked Sue Morse for her involvement in producing the first ever Youth Justice Strategic Plan for the Southampton Youth Offending Service.

RESOLVED that

- (i) the Cabinet Member request officers to circulate information to the Committee that detailed the numbers of looked after children and the numbers of persistent offenders that were classed as looked after children;
- (ii) the Cabinet member request officers to explore options for external funding from businesses in the City.

24. **A CITY WIDE APPROACH TO ENERGY**

The Committee considered the report the Leader of the Council regarding an opportunity for the Council to develop a strategic approach to energy which would include the development of a strategic delivery programme of suitable schemes to support the Council's strategic objectives. (Copy of the report circulated with the agenda and appended to the signed minutes).

RESOLVED that

- (i) the Leader of Council ensures that the energy agenda is taken forward on a cross party basis.

25. **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 and seeking the Committee’s indication as to what items will be required for discussion scheduled at a forthcoming meeting. (Copy of the report circulated with the agenda and appended to the signed minutes).

RESOLVED that;

- (i) there would be a special meeting of the Committee on the 19th November 2012 to discuss issues related to the forthcoming Cabinet Budget recommendations.
- (ii) on consideration of the briefing paper relating to the forthcoming Cabinet Decision, “Increasing Southampton’s Recycling Rate and Enhancing Collections”, that the Cabinet Member looks again at increasing the range of aluminium items collected at the kerbside

26. **CONSIDERATION OF PETITIONS**

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Legal, HR and Democratic Services detailing the Council response to petitions received with over 750 signatories. (Copy of the report circulated with the agenda and appended to the signed minutes).

RESOLVED that:

- (i) in relation to Appendix 1 detailing the response for the “Making Our Community a Safer Place Petition” the Committee noted that work had been carried out in the area but requested that a site visit is organised with the petitioners to ensure that the work that has been undertaken to clear the undergrowth is satisfactory;
- (ii) in relation to Appendix 2 detailing the response for the “Hollybrook Lodge Petition” the Committee made the following recommendations:
 - a. that the Cabinet Member be requested to provide the family with a breakdown of the savings the proposal will generate;
 - b. that the Cabinet Member ensure that the Council identifies the number of Council employees whose accommodation is tied to their employment with the Council and develops appropriate policies to address this matter;
 - c. that the Cabinet Member ensure that Council contact these employees, to reiterate their status and seeking to ensure that when their term of office ends that they are not left out of pocket through investing in property improvements;
 - d. that Cabinet Member ensure that the appropriate screening is erected to screen the property; and
 - e. that the Cabinet Member, in compliance with the Council’s allocations policy, looks to ensure that the sensitivity of the location is taken into consideration when tenants are identified for the property,
- (iii) the Committee noted the response in relation to the “Save Oaklands Pool” set out in Appendix 3.

27. **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).