

Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee: Holding the Executive to Account

Scrutiny Monitoring – 8th November 2012

Date	Portfolio	Title	Action proposed	Action Taken	Progress Status
12:07:12	Resources	Changes to existing revenue and capital budgets	<p>That the Cabinet Member requests details of the Capita Partnership's Senior Managers pay levels and circulates to OSMC</p> <p>Follow up 16th 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</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>Officers have requested the information from Capita.</p>	
13:09:12	Resources	STEP	That the Cabinet Member provides information to the Committee on the IT system, including costings, that is to be developed to support the policy	<p>The use of 2 potential IT systems is being explored:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A new intranet site which will be the main information site signposting employees to the various policies, training and support available • A simple database to manage the redeployment process. This will record details and skills of employees on the redeployment register and enable offers of redeployment and matching to be recorded <p>Further details of these systems will be made available when the work is further developed.</p>	
13:09:12	Efficiency & Improvement		That relevant SCC departments collaborate to agree an approach to service planning such that all use the same set of data sources, analyse and interpret the information derived in a consistent way and share information in order to produce the most effective and efficient results	<p>The Policy, Performance Management and Systems review completed in December 2011 recommended:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The establishment of a data warehouse or a central point of access to information on policies, performance and systems including an agreed (reduced) list of policies, performance indicators and 	

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				<p>systems in use</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Within this exercise, to identify the top high level strategies and policies and PIs that link to them (to form the core), setting out clearly the golden thread from strategy to practice and a council wide gateway process for reviewing and developing these in the future • Identify ways in which officers can shift resources and focus from scanning data to analysis and problem solving to improve the overall product and outcomes from data. <p>The implementation of the review is about to commence and will take on board this OSMC recommendation.</p>	
11:10:12	Communities	Youth Justice Plan	That the Youth Offending Service explores options for external funding from businesses in the city	<p>The YOS has started to seek out opportunities to involve the local business community in working with and on behalf of young offenders, for instance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Since April 2012 funding has been secured from Southampton Rotary Club and Network Rail to fund the sporting activities that form part of the Youth Offending Service offending behaviour programme. The YOS Manager has delivered a presentation to the Rotary Club summarising how the funding has been used to benefit young people's supervision and diversion from further offending and to thank the Club for its contribution • In addition, the Youth Offending Service has worked in partnership with the Hansard Gallery to secure funding for its new Arts Programme (accredited at 	Completed

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				<p>GCSE level). The Youth Offending Service also works proactively with the Construction Youth Trust to explore local placement opportunities for young people in the construction industry.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The total amount of funding brought in is £10,250. The funding for the arts course forms the lion's share of this (£9,500) – this was an arts grant applied for and held by the Hansard. We contribute staff to the programme and have agreed to participate in the evaluation process. <p>The YOS will continue to seek out opportunities to engage with the whole community for the benefit of all.</p>	
11:10:12	Leader's	A Citywide approach to Energy	That the Leader seeks to ensure that the energy agenda is taken forward on a cross party basis	This will be considered alongside the proposed December cabinet report covering the Strategic City Wide Approach to Energy.	
11:10:12	Environment & Transport	Increasing Recycling Rates	That the Cabinet Member looks again at increasing the range of aluminium items collected at the kerbside	The Project Integra Waste Technical Group chaired by Southampton City Council is currently looking at the feasibility of adding aluminium foil and packaging to the kerbside collected dry recyclables. Initial findings are that the value paid for any aluminium packaging would not cover the additional sorting and transportation costs. A full update will be provided when the feasibility study is complete in early 2013.	
11:10:12	Housing and Leisure	Petition – Redbridge Hill undergrowth	That a site visit is organised with the petitioners to ensure that the work that has been undertaken to clear the undergrowth is satisfactory	<p>The works arising from this petition took place in three phases:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tree works carried out by the Council's appointed Tree Contractor 2. Under-storey pruned by District 'Green Team' 3. Soil encroachments removed by Community Payback Team 	Completed

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				The third and last phase of this work took place as part of a Street Cred day within the area and the job is now complete as far as we understood the petitioners' request. However, we will meet on site to ensure all is as petitioners hoped and expected.	
11:10:12	Environment & Transport	Petition – Cemetery	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	Information will be provided to the Committee in advance of the 8 th November meeting and circulated at the meeting.	
			That the Council contact these employees to reiterate their status and seek to ensure that when their term of office ends that they are not left out of pocket through investing in property improvements	Information will be provided to the Committee in advance of the 8 th November meeting and circulated at the meeting.	
			That the Cabinet Member provides the family with a breakdown of the savings the proposal will generate	Information will be provided to the Committee in advance of the 8 th November meeting and circulated at the meeting.	
			That appropriate screening is erected to screen the property	Information will be provided to the Committee in advance of the 8 th November meeting and circulated at the meeting.	
			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	Information will be provided to the Committee in advance of the 8 th November meeting and circulated at the meeting.	