

Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee: Holding the Executive to Account

Scrutiny Monitoring – 18th February 2013

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:</p> <p>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	Efficiency & Improvement		<p>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>	<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 systems in use • 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>	<p>A verbal update will be provided to OSMC at the 18th February meeting.</p>

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24:01:13	Adult Services	Non-Residential Adult Social Care Charging Policy	i) That the Cabinet Member considers extending the phasing for all proposed charge increases over a two year period	<p>The proposal related to day services has been changed to phase this over 2 years. This has reduced the potential income for 13/14. To phase the other changes over 2 years would reduce income achievable. If income were reduced other service reductions which are likely to have an impact on residents would be required, which could include consideration of restricting social care services to those with the highest level of need.</p> <p>To phase over 2 years is likely to increase customer confusion and concern and be resource intensive to implement.</p> <p>Key principles of the policy are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No one will ever pay more than they are assessed as being able to afford • The service has the discretion to waive or reduce changes for welfare reasons • No one will ever be refused a service because they cannot afford to contribute • Anyone who is considering ending their service will be visited and a Care Management review undertaken. If required consideration will be given to waiving or reducing contributions if services are required to ensure their continued safety and well being. 	Rejected
			ii) That the Cabinet Member reconsiders the recommendation to take 100% of disposable income of clients income into account when determining individual contributions and retains the current level of 95%	To retain current level of disposable income taken into account in determining contributions towards service costs would reduce income achievable. If income were reduced other service reductions which are likely to have an impact on residents would be required, which could include consideration of restricting social care services to those with the highest level of need. Taking 100% of disposable income into account leaves individuals with 25% above national minimum income levels set by Government.	Rejected
			iii) That the Committee monitor and review the impact of the charging proposals within the first year of implementation	The service will monitor the impact of the proposed changes and report them to the OSMC	

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24:01:13	Children's Services	Early Years Strategy	That the Cabinet Member for Children's Services circulates to the Committee information on Early Years provision for 2 year olds, including the anticipated number of 2 year olds eligible and the proposals to develop capacity.	<p>The DfE are estimating that in Southampton, 900 children aged 2 will be eligible for a funded Early Years Place (using free school meals criteria) by September 2013. By December, it is anticipated 900 places will be available. Officers are working with providers, in all sectors, to assist them to increase place numbers.</p> <p>The DfE estimates a further 800 children to be eligible (eligibility criteria yet to be confirmed) by September 2014.</p> <p>In March 2013 the Cabinet Member will consider options for a capital programme to support the development of new places, in areas where there are deficiencies and other opportunities cannot be identified.</p>	
24:01:13	Environment & Transport	Parking	i) That the Cabinet Member request that officers write to the businesses within the City Centre directly involved with the night time economy as part of the budget consultation process	Budget consultation has been carried out with groups and forums representative of businesses directly involved with the night time economy. The proposal to introduce evening charges will require a Traffic Regulation Order which will be advertised and consulted upon before implementation providing another opportunity for specific objections to be raised.	
			ii) A full review, of how the proposed changes are impacting on the surrounding areas and the night time economy, be brought to the Committee 6 months after the proposals are implemented	The service will monitor the impact of the proposed changes and report them to the OSMC after a 6 month review.	
			iii) The Cabinet Member be requested to attend a future meeting of the Committee to detail any proposed changes to charges for the initial period of parking within council car parks.	A future report will be prepared as necessary.	

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			iv) That the Cabinet Member issues clear guidance to Councillors and officers in relation to parking off street on grass verges	Where grass verges occur adjacent to yellow lines in the road and are positioned next to a kerb, any vehicles parked on the verge would be liable to be issued with a Penalty Charge Notice. Where a grass verge occurs on the other side of a footway, a Penalty Charge Notice cannot be issued. There may be instances however where a local Bye-Law prevents verge parking in these cases, but it would be for the appropriate body (e.g. Housing) to take action against the owners of offending vehicles. In the majority of cases, a form of barrier or posts would provide the ultimate safeguard to the grass verge.	
			v) That the Cabinet Member approaches Southampton Football Club requesting that they support the City Council to alleviate match day parking problems	Regular meetings take place between Parking Services and Southampton Football Club to discuss match day parking issues and the recommendation of OSMC will be brought to the attention at the next meeting.	
			vi) The Cabinet Member be requested to circulate information to the Committee on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the number of houses within resident parking schemes across the City; • the planning criteria regarding parking space allocations for businesses and organisations across the City. 	The requested information is as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approximately 8,000 first permits are issued across the city. • Maximum Parking provision for new developments (both business and residential) are defined by the Parking Standards Supplementary Planning Document for all locations except the city centre. Within existing on street resident parking zones, there is a presumption against providing permits for new developments which trigger a section 106 agreement. In the city centre, parking provision for new developments will be defined by the City Centre Action Plan, once this adopted in 2014. In the meantime, existing Local Plan standards are applied. 	