

Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee: Holding the Executive to Account

Scrutiny Monitoring – 11th April 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: 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 11th April meeting.</p>

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14:03:13	Children's Services	Safeguarding	i) that the Cabinet Member for Children's Services encourages a radical review, to include consideration of all available options to address the safeguarding issues, and provide feedback to the Committee on this review, and progress with regards to the Ofsted recommendations, including the identification of priorities and the direction of travel, sooner rather than later.	The Council's Management Team (CMT) is taking a radical look at redesigning children's services across the city, This is being achieved in partnership with our colleagues in Health and the assistance of Price Waterhouse Coppers. Felicity Budgen, Head of Safeguarding and Donna Chapman, Associate Director of Child Health and Maternity Services are leading this review. A presentation presenting the new service design and implementation plan will be presented to OSMC in due course.	
			ii) that the Cabinet Member for Children's Services communicates to all Councillors, in their role as Corporate Parents, informing them of the current position regarding safeguarding children within the City.	A letter is being drafted which informs the members of the current position. This letter will be ready to be distributed following the Easter break.	
			iii) that the Cabinet Member for Children's Services request officers to provide the Committee with information on back office process changes going on in Safeguarding services.	As with i) above the Council's Management Team is reviewing all back office functions across the new People's Directorate this will result in a new model for back office support. This work stream is also being supported by Price Waterhouse Coopers and the responsible officer is the Head of Finance and IT and a report describing the new model when it is complete can be presented to OSMC.	
			iv) that the Cabinet Member request officers to provide the Committee with information relating to the review of IT systems used within Safeguarding, including the cost of maintaining PARIS, and that the Council consults all relevant organisations and professional bodies to identify a system that will meet the Council's requirements.	CMT are also reviewing the entire information system for the new People's Directorate this is being worked on by a Transformation work group. The responsible officer is the Head of Finance and IT and a report can be presented to OSMC in due course.	

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14:03:13	Leader's	City Deal	i) that details of the financial mechanisms involved in the City Deal be briefed to all Members in a training session		A verbal update will be provided to OSMC at the 11 th April meeting.
			ii) that the Leader of the Council ensures that the Committee are kept apprised of future developments.		A verbal update will be provided to OSMC at the 11 th April meeting.
14:03:13	Resources	City Centre Action Plan and Master Plan	i) that the Cabinet Member for Resources requests that officers continue to work with objectors in order to best resolve any outstanding issues raised.	Officers have worked with objectors to help address their concerns through the production of the City Centre Action Plan including recent discussions to finalise the wording in the plan. As a result a number of changes have been made to the City Centre Action Plan. Officers will continue to work with objectors in the light of any further comments made.	
			ii) that the Cabinet Member for Resources request that officers update the Committee on the plan, policy and timescales for the provision of secondary education provision within the City Centre.	A meeting will shortly be held between Education and Planning to discuss further the specific requirements of a secondary school and how this project will be taken forward. Officers will be able to report back with further details following this meeting.	