
SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 13 MARCH 2014

Present: Councillors Moulton (Chair), Vinson (Vice-Chair), Hammond, Hannides, Keogh, Mintoff, Morrell and Thorpe

Also in Attendance: Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Social Care – Councillor Shields
Cabinet Member for Housing and Sustainability – Councillor Payne
Cabinet Member for Communities – Councillor Kaur

48. **APOLOGIES AND CHANGES IN PANEL MEMBERSHIP (IF ANY)**

The Panel noted the apologies of Mr Wharton, Mrs Topp, Councillor Fitzhenry and Councillor Stevens. The Panel also noted that Councillor Norris was in attendance as a nominated substitute for Councillor Fitzhenry and that Councillor Thorpe had replaced Councillor Chaloner as a committee member in accordance with Procedure Rule 4.3.

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

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Committee Meeting on 16th January 2014 be approved and signed as a correct record.

50. **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC - CONFIDENTIAL PAPERS INCLUDED IN THE FOLLOWING ITEM**

In accordance with the Council's Constitution, specifically the Access to Information Procedure Rules contained within the Constitution, the press and public be excluded from the meeting in respect of any consideration of Item 51 (i).

Confidential item 51 (i) contains information deemed to be exempt from general publication based on category 5 (legal professional privilege) and category 3 (financial and business affairs of the Authority) of paragraph 10.4 of the Council's Access to Information Procedure Rules. It is not in the public interest to disclose this information because the overriding principle in relation to legal professional privilege favours maintaining openness of communication between lawyer and client as a fundamental principle in relation to the administration of justice.

51. **FORWARD PLAN**

The Committee considered the report of the Assistant Chief Executive, detailing items requested for discussion from the current Forward Plan.

RESOLVED

- (i) on consideration of the briefing paper relating to the forthcoming confidential Cabinet Decision "Past Practice in Assessing Contributions for Adult Social Care Non Residential Care", the Committee put forward four confidential recommendations.

- (ii) on consideration of the briefing paper relating to the forthcoming Cabinet Decision “Changes to Housing Allocations Policy”, the Committee recommended that :-
 - a) to improve clarity, the Cabinet Member gives consideration to refining the term “Part of the Family” in paragraph 13 of the Cabinet report; and
 - b) the Cabinet Member explores options regarding the setting of an income cap within the housing allocations policy.

NOTE: Councillor Keogh declared a pecuniary interest in item 51 (i), took no part in the discussion and left the Chamber.

52. **FAMILIES MATTER UPDATE**

The Committee considered the report of the Director, People providing an update on the progress made in relation to the “Family Matters” programme.

RESOLVED:

- (i) that performance information is broken down by criteria and circulated to the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee;
- (ii) that the Cabinet member considers prioritising the worklessness criteria for the Families Matter programme in 2014/15; and
- (iii) that the Families Matter programme is discussed at a future meeting of the Committee when the VFM evaluation has been completed.

53. **MONITORING SCRUTINY RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE EXECUTIVE**

The Committee received and noted the report of the Assistant Chief Executive, detailing the actions of the Executive and monitoring progress of the recommendations of the Committee.