

ITEM NO:13

DECISION-MAKER:	OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE		
SUBJECT:	MONITORING SCRUTINY RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE EXECUTIVE		
DATE OF DECISION:	22 APRIL 2010		
REPORT OF:	HEAD OF POLICY AND IMPROVEMENT		
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STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY

None.

SUMMARY

This item enables the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee to monitor and track progress on recommendations made to the Executive at previous meetings.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (i) That the Committee considers the responses from Cabinet Members to recommendations from previous meetings and provides feedback.

REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

1. To assist the Committee in assessing the impact and consequence of recommendations made at previous meetings.

CONSULTATION

2. None.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

3. None.

DETAIL

4. Appendix 1 of the report sets out the recommendations made to Cabinet Members at previous meetings of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee. It also contains summaries of any action taken by Cabinet Members in response to the recommendations.
5. The progress status for each recommendation is indicated and if the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee confirms acceptance of the items marked as completed they will be removed from the list. In cases where action on the recommendation is outstanding or the Committee does not accept the matter has been adequately completed, it will be kept on the list and reported back to the next meeting. It will remain on the list until such time as the Committee accepts the recommendation as completed. Rejected recommendations will only be removed from the list after being reported to the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee.

FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Capital

6. None.

Revenue

7. None.

Property

8. None.

Other

9. None.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:

10. The duty to undertake overview and scrutiny is set out in the Local Government Act 2000.

Other Legal Implications:

11. None.

POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS

12. None.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices

1.	Monitoring Scrutiny Recommendations – April 2010
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Documents In Members' Rooms

	None.
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Background Documents

Title of Background Paper(s)	Relevant Paragraph of the Access to Information Procedure Rules / Schedule 12A allowing document to be Exempt/Confidential (if applicable)
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Background documents available for inspection at: N/A

FORWARD PLAN No: N/A KEY DECISION? No

WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:	All.
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Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee: Holding the Executive to Account

Scrutiny Monitoring – April 2010

Date	Portfolio	Title	Action proposed	Action Taken	Progress Status
03.03.10	Leisure, Heritage & Culture	Call-In Of Executive Decision No. Cab 09/10 1800 Selection Of Partners For Sport And Recreation Partnership	<p>(i) That during the fine tuning process, the Cabinet Member for Leisure, Heritage and Culture considers mechanisms to ensure that the Preferred Bidder delivers commitments detailed in the contract.</p> <p>(ii) The Cabinet Member for Leisure, Heritage and Culture requires the Preferred Bidder to produce a plan which clearly explains how the usage will be increased and groups from which the proposed users will come from.</p> <p>(iii) The Cabinet Member for Leisure, Heritage and Culture ensures that a break clause is placed in the contract to allow a re-evaluation of its success and for either party to withdraw.</p> <p>(iv) The Cabinet Member for Leisure, Heritage and Culture to request the Preferred Bidder to produce an alternative strategy to demonstrate the viability of the contract in case the NNDR loophole is closed by the government.</p> <p>(v) The Cabinet Member for Leisure, Heritage and Culture involves Trade Unions at all stage of the negotiations.</p> <p>(vi) The Cabinet Member for Leisure, Heritage and Culture ensures that performance is monitored and published on a regular basis as part of the Council's standard performance reporting mechanisms.</p>	<p>On consideration of the report of the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee the decision maker refused the recommendations of the Committee and confirmed the following decision:</p> <p>(i) To consider the objections received and to authorise the disposal to the preferred bidder by way of a 15 year lease for Package 2 and an agreed lease for Package 1, the list of properties set out in appendix 1, in order to facilitate the contract awards.</p> <p>(ii) To delegate authority to the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, in consultation with the Executive Director of Resources and the Solicitor to Council following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Leisure, to appoint a preferred partner for the management and operation of Package 1 (Southampton Municipal Golf Course) in accordance with the framework as set out in confidential appendix 2.</p> <p>(iii) To appoint the preferred partner (identified at confidential appendix 3) to manage and operate the leisure facilities identified in package 2 (excluding the grounds maintenance for outlying sports pitches), for a contractual period of 15 years, at or below the level of annual management fee set out in section 9 of confidential appendix 3, and delivering an average net annual saving equal to or greater than the savings figure set out in</p>	Cabinet made a decision on 15 th March 2010

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				<p>section 10 of confidential appendix 4.</p> <p>(iv) To delegate authority to the Solicitor to the Council, following consultation with the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods and Executive Director of Resources to finalise and enter into contractual arrangements with preferred partners for both package 1 and 2 with contracts commencing on 1st September 2010, subject to the preferred partner for Package 1 fully meeting the criteria set out in confidential appendix 2.</p> <p>(v) To approve, in accordance with finance procedure rules, capital expenditure of £198,000 on Improvements to the Athletics Track at the sports centre and £48,000 on Improvements to synthetic turf pitches at the sports centre, provision for which exists in the Leisure, Culture and Heritage capital programme for 2010/11.</p> <p>(vi) To approve the preferred way forward for the development of PE and Sport facilities at Chamberlayne Park College and the ongoing relationship with Chamberlayne Leisure Centre.</p> <p>(vii) To authorise the Solicitor to the Council following consultation with the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods and the Executive Director of Resources to do anything necessary to give effect to the proposals contained within this report including, but not limited to, the entering into of agreements, bonds, leases, further advertisement of any property matters and such other matters as are ancillary to or expedient for the completion of the project.</p>	

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			<p><u>NOTE:</u> In addition the Committee requested for the following information:</p> <p>1. Quest scores for other DC Leisure facilities.</p> <p>2. Breakdown of the increase in income figures in the confidential appendix.</p>	This information has been circulated to OSMC Members	Completed
18.02.10	Economic Development	Safe City Partnership Plan	Recommendation : Police/ SCP to identification of hotspots where assaults have fallen and analysis of the actions that contributed to this	The Safer Communities Manager will circulate the analysis, when it is available.	Update in June 2010
18.02.10	Environment	E&T Capital Budget	Cllr Dean to send details of the E & T capital programme to OSMC when available to the public	At the meeting on 25 th March 2010, OSMC Members said they did <u>not</u> receive details of the streets where capital works are planned as part of the capital programme. This was later sent to OSMC Members by email by the Democratic Support Officer.	Completed
21.01.10	Safeguarding & Youth Services	Southampton Review of Inter-agency Safeguarding arrangements	That the Chair of the Local Safeguarding Children Board and representatives of the Southampton Primary Care Trust, Southampton University Hospital and Hampshire Constabulary be invited to the June meeting of the Committee to review and discuss issues relating to Safeguarding children in Southampton in line with the annual performance report.	The Democratic Support Officer serving OSMC has sent an invitation to the Chair of the Local Safeguarding Children Board.	Update in June 2010
21.01.10	Children's Services & Learning	Improvement of Key Stage 2 Performance	That the Committee review the Government's response to the School Improvement Strategy at an appropriate meeting.	No action necessary	To be programmed for a future OSMC meeting as appropriate
17.12.09	Safeguarding & Youth Services	Improving links with the Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB)	The Chair should liaise with the Executive Director of Children's Services to ascertain the most effective way of bring forward to the Committee serious case reviews.	This was discussed at the OSMC meeting on 21 st January 2010 and it was agreed that the Chair of the Local Safeguarding Children Board and representatives of the Southampton Primary Care Trust, Southampton	Update in June 2010

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				University Hospital and Hampshire Constabulary be invited to the June meeting of the Committee to review and discuss issues relating to Safeguarding children in Southampton in line with the annual performance report. The issue of serious case reviews will be raised as part of this discussion.	
17.12.09	Leader	State of the city and the executive's priorities	That the Committee requested a review of the current investment policy and strategy into road repair and maintenance in an attempt to balance the strategic need of roads in the City and the public perception of their upkeep.	This was referred to the Executive Director for Environment in January 2010 and an update was sent by email to Democratic Support to be circulated to all OSMC members.	Completed
17.12.09	Leader	State of the city and the executive's priorities	That the Committee recommended that the best practice of comparator authorities indicated by the Audit Commission's Green Flag award be reviewed with a view to picking up any hints that would improve the City's own performance.	This will be considered by the Assistant Chief Executive (Strategy) as part of developing the Corporate Improvement Plan for 2010/11. The draft Plan is expected to be considered by Members in June/July 2010.	Update in June 2010
19/11/09	Housing and Local Services	The Review of Grants to Voluntary Organisations	That the Cabinet Member ensure that a full list of applications detailing what was applied for and whether they were successful or not against criteria is provided with the final report detailing the funding.	This will be included in the Cabinet report to be considered in June 2010.	Update in June 2010
19/11/09	Housing and Local Services	The Review of Grants to Voluntary Organisations	That the Cabinet Member investigate the possibilities of an appeals process where applications have been unsuccessful especially where organisations have had long standing arrangements with the Council.	The issue of an appeals process was raised during the consultation. The Cabinet agreed to investigate how this might work in practice. Research into best practice by has been undertaken with further work needed prior this matter will be included for decision in the June 2010 Cabinet report	Ongoing

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19/11/09	Housing and Local Services	The Review of Grants to Voluntary Organisations	That the Cabinet Member ensure that the small grants process be as simple as possible.	The intention of the new system is that paperwork and procedures should be proportionate to the level of funds awarded. Therefore the small grants process will be the simplest of the funding regimes. The Community Chest scheme has been revised to reflect the increased maximum limit of applications from £500 to £5,000. This is the simplest of the three funding streams and was launched on 1 st April 2010.	Completed
19/11/09	Housing and Local Services	The Review of Grants to Voluntary Organisations	That the Cabinet Member investigates the possibility of devolving the management of the small grants programme to the voluntary sector is investigated.	This suggestion has also been raised as part of the formal consultation and is being investigated. Meetings to be held in May with SVS & Hampshire / IOW Community Foundation to discuss possible options.	Update in June 2010
19/11/09	Housing and Local Services	The Review of Grants to Voluntary Organisations	That the Cabinet Member investigate the possibilities of a 3 year rolling programme particularly for large grants.	The Cabinet agreed that further work on three year funding needs to be carried out, including consideration of a 3 year rolling programme. This will be dependent on budgets. Research into best practice has been undertaken with further work needed. This matter will be included in the June 2010 Cabinet report.	Update in June 2010
08/10/09	Housing and Local Services	Scrutiny Inquiry on Increasing Independent Living through Housing – update on Action Plan.	That the Committee requested that the Cabinet Member for Housing and Local Services review the opportunity within the Housing Revenue Account Capital Programme with a view to constructing additional accommodation such as bungalows that will provide more appropriate housing for elderly residents.	Following the successful bid to Homes and Communities Agency to construct 35 new family homes for rent, a further bid was submitted on 30 th October 2009 to provide up to 20 more new family homes. As part of the Estate Regeneration Programme and whenever other opportunities arise, the mix of various house types will be assessed to optimise the provision of cost effective house mix on the site to meet greatest housing need.	Completed

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08/10/09	Children's Services	Call-In of Executive Decision No. CAB045: Proposal to Establish a 6 th Form at Bitterne Park Secondary School	That consultation on any similar proposals in the future should go beyond the statutory minimum requirement and consider ways of genuinely engaging key stakeholders in this process.	The Cabinet Member and Officer's agree with the principle of full consultation and believe that this took place on this occasion.	Ongoing – further discussions to be held on an Officer to Officer basis with Children Services & Learning to agree processes for future consultations.
08/10/09	Children's Services	Call-In of Executive Decision No. CAB045: Proposal to Establish a 6 th Form at Bitterne Park Secondary School	That any future items for determination by the Cabinet which cannot be re-considered should be flagged up in advance of the decision to members of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee.	Accept in principle.	Ongoing – further discussions to be held on an Officer to Officer basis with Children Services & Learning to agree processes for future consultations.