
SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15 JANUARY 2015

Present: Councillors Moulton (Chair), Claisse, Coombs, Fitzhenry, Keogh, Morrell, Dr Paffey, Thorpe and White

Also in Attendance: Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Social Care
Cabinet Member for Education and Change
Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport

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

The Committee noted the apologies of Councillor Stevens, Revd. Williams and Mrs Topp and following receipt of the temporary resignation of Councillor Hannides (Vice Chair) from the Committee, the Head of Legal and Democratic Services, acting under delegated powers, had appointed Councillor Claisse to replace him for the purposes of this meeting.

The Committee further noted the resignation of Councillor Baillie and the appointment of Councillor White in place thereof in accordance with the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 4.3

40. **DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL AND PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

Councillor White declared a personal interest in that he was a Trustee of Hampshire Autistic Society and remained in the meeting and took part in the consideration and determination of items on the agenda.

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

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Committee Meetings held on 4 December 2014 and 11 December 2014 be approved and signed as a correct record.

42. **CALL IN OF EXECUTIVE DECISIONS: CAB 14/15 13741 - FUTURE OF THE RESPITE SERVICE FOR ADULTS WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES AND CAB 14/15 13739 - FUTURE OF DAY SERVICES IN SOUTHAMPTON**

The Committee considered the report of the Assistant Chief Executive detailing the Call-In of Executive Decision CAB 14/15 13741 – “Future of the Respite Service for Adults with Learning Disabilities” and Executive Decision CAB 14/15 13739 – “Future of Day Services in Southampton”.

Mr Loynes (Spectrum SCIL), Mrs Iles, Mrs Mar-Molinero, Mr Mar-Molinero (Mencap), Mr Amey (Chair – St Denys Community Centre), Mrs Gleeson (Carers in Southampton), Councillor Thomas (Ward Councillor) and Mrs Morse and Mrs Hayes (Members of the Public) were present and with the consent of the Chair addressed the Meeting.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the Decision Makers reconsider the Called-In Decisions at the next Cabinet Meeting; and
- (ii) that the Committee recommended:-
 - a) that the Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Social Care defer the decisions until all assessments with service users and carers had been completed and that the users' dignity and needs be respected throughout the process and not be affected by financial issues;
 - b) that officers be requested to identify or provide a suitable alternative to the Respite Services at Kentish Road as Shared Lives did not meet the needs of all service users;
 - c) that no Adult Social Care Services be closed until alternative services supplying the same standard of care could be guaranteed for the needs of all service users and carers and that the alternative services be quality-assured on an ongoing basis;
 - d) that officers be requested to have an ongoing dialogue with St Denys Area Community Centre regarding the future usage of the Centre and that the Chair of the Centre be included in any discussions with Sport England; and
 - e) that officers be requested to ensure that the processes and systems used to administer the provision of direct payments be improved on an urgent basis in order to support an increase in the take-up of direct payments.

43. **FORWARD PLAN**

The Committee received and noted the report of the Assistant Chief Executive detailing the following items requested for discussion from the current Forward Plan:-

- (i) "Domiciliary Care Recommissioning"; and
- (ii) "Implementing the Council Strategy 2014-2017: Transformation Programme Update".

44. **NORTHAM BRIDGE WORKS**

The Committee considered the report of the Assistant Chief Executive providing details of the Northam Bridge Works commencing on 6 January 2015.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that to ease congestion in peak hours, the Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport be requested to consider setting the traffic lights permanently on green at the junction of Union Road and Princes Street and that officers be requested to review this option, including mitigating measures for pedestrians such as a temporary pedestrian controlled crossing;

- (ii) that officers be requested to circulate to the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee the key constraints imposed by the Government within the funding agreements for major works and provide details of when the funding was awarded;
- (iii) that officers be requested to provide the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee with the information relating to working hours and timescales within the tender specification;
- (iv) that officers be requested to circulate details of the estimated financial cost that the Northam Bridge Works would have on the Southampton economy to the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee;
- (v) that officers be requested to introduce a contingency plan to mitigate the impact of vehicle break-downs within the road works and that details of any existing contingency plan be circulated to the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee;
- (vi) that when planning for major works in the future an assessment of the financial impact on the local economy be undertaken, prior to the commencement of the works and that this assessment be taken into account as part of the decision making process;
- (vii) that officers be requested to provide the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee with details of the anticipated impact the Northam Bridge Works would have on revenues generated by the Itchen Bridge Toll; and
- (viii) that additional promotion of the discounts available for the Itchen Bridge Toll be undertaken.

45. **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.