
SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11 JUNE 2015

Present: Councillors Fitzhenry (Except Minute 5) (Chair), Fuller, Furnell, Galton, Jordan, Keogh, McEwing, Morrell and Moulton

Apologies: Councillors Hannides, Mrs U Topp and Revd. J Williams

Also in attendance: Leader of the Council
Cabinet Member for Housing and Sustainability

1. **ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR**

RESOLVED that Councillor Moulton be elected as Vice-Chair for the 2015-16 municipal year.

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

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Committee meeting held on 16 April be approved and signed as a correct record.

3. **COUNCIL PERFORMANCE IN 2014/15**

The Committee considered the report of the Leader of the Council outlining the performance of the Council against targets detailed in the Council strategy.

RESOLVED

(i) that the Leader considers including in the suite of indicators performance measures to monitor the following areas:

- Education - Success and progression of young people at 18;
- Transport - modal shift;
- Council staff morale;

(ii) that the Committee be provided with an explanation clarifying how the target for decent homes was set;

(iii) that a target be set for delayed days for transfers of care from hospital for 2015/16;

(iv) that consideration be given regarding identifying suitable alternative indicators to those measured through the City survey for the periods when no survey was undertaken.

4. **UPDATE ON THE CLOSURE OF WOODSIDE LODGE AND THE RESTRUCTURE OF DAY AND RESPITE SERVICES**

The Committee considered the report of the Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Social Care providing an update on the closure of Woodside Lodge and the restructure of day and respite services.

Papers were distributed to the Committee from Jon Searle and Alex Isles, Southampton Mencap which provided comments on the report.

Members of the public were present and those wishing to speak with the consent of the Chair, addressed the meeting.

RESOLVED that

- (i) an audit trail detailing advice from the Director of People to the Leader / Cabinet Member relating to the timing of assessments and the decision making process be circulated to the Committee;
- (ii) the Leader honours the financial commitment made to the residents of Woodside lodge that there would be no additional cost to clients as a result of the closure;
- (iii) the Leader / Cabinet Member continued to seek opportunities, including social enterprises to maintain the provision of services at Freemantle Community Centre;
- (iv) the written responses to Jon Searle and Alex Iles be circulated to the Committee;
- (v) the Committee be provided with an update on the alternative options available to the services provided at Kentish Road;
- (vi) a briefing paper be provided to the Committee on the proposals for the new facility to be developed on the grounds of Woodside Lodge;
- (vii) an update be provided to a future meeting.

COUNCILLOR MOULTON IN THE CHAIR

5. **FORWARD PLAN**

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Legal and Democratic Services detailing the item requested for discussion from the current Forward Plan.

RESOLVED that on consideration of the briefing paper relating to “HMO additional licensing designation for Shirley, Freemantle, Bassett and Millbrook wards” the Committee recommended that:

- (i) the Cabinet Member consider including evidence that the HMO additional licensing scheme demonstrated additional value within the Cabinet report;
- (ii) data on the contribution made by HMO wardens be circulated to the Committee or incorporated within the Cabinet report.

NOTE: Councillor Fitzhenry declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in the matter set out in the report. He withdrew from the meeting for the consideration of this item and took no part in the decision.

COUNCILLOR FITZHENRY IN THE CHAIR

6. **OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY HANDBOOK - 2015/16 REVISION**

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Legal and Democratic Services requesting approval of an updated version of the Council’s Overview and Scrutiny Handbook.

RESOLVED

- (i) that the Overview and Scrutiny Handbook be approved and distributed to all overview and scrutiny members; and

(ii) that, subject to consultation with the Chair of the Committee, authority be delegated to the Head of Legal and Democratic Services to make any minor or consequential changes required during the year.

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

The Committee noted the report of the Head of Legal and Democratic Services detailing the actions of the Executive and monitoring progress of the recommendations of the Committee.

RESOLVED that Superintendent Fulton be asked to clarify what the Spaces Protection Order would seek to ban given that begging was illegal.