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OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 17 June 2010

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Present: Councillors Barnes-Andrews (Chair), Vinson (Vice-Chair), Baillie, Dick, Kolker, Norris, Stevens, Osmond and Parnell  
Mrs Bishop (Primary Parent Governor)

Apologies: Councillors Fitzgerald, Jones, R Williams, Mr Bettridge, Mr Blackshaw and Mrs Topp

In attendance: Councillor Moulton – Cabinet Member for Resources and Workforce Planning  
Councillor Walker – Cabinet Member for Safeguarding Children and Youth Services  
Councillor P Williams – Cabinet Member for Housing and Local Services

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

Apologies were received from Councillors Fitzgerald, Jones and Dr R Williams. The Panel noted that in accordance with the provisions of Procedure Rules 4.3 and 4.4 Councillors Osmond, Parnell and Letts replaced them respectively, for the purposes of this meeting.

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

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee held on 20 May 2010 be approved and signed as a correct record. (Copy of the minutes circulated with the agenda and appended to the signed minutes).

11. **DRAFT CORPORATE PLAN 2010-13**

The Committee consider the report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Strategy) relating to the contents of the draft Corporate Plan. (Copy of the report circulated with the agenda and appended to the signed minutes).

**RESOLVED** that the following points be included in the Plan prior to its approval at Full Council in July:-

- In light of the financial situation that the Plan be altered to show the Administration's priorities in a "traffic light" system, in order for it to be clear which would take precedence. This would then be up-dated and progress reported in 6 months time reflecting the Comprehensive Spending Review;
- The introduction from the Leader would include a reference about the highways improvements; and
- That the statistics from the residents feed back would include the figure of the number of people that had responded.

12. **KNOWLEDGE ECONOMY AND HEALTH SECTOR SCRUTINY INQUIRIES**

The Committee considered the report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Strategy) setting out the draft Terms of Reference and Inquiry Plan for the proposed inquiries into the Knowledge Economy and the proposed scope for an inquiry into the local health sector,

for comment and consideration. (Copy of the report circulated with the agenda and appended to the signed minutes).

**RESOLVED**

- (i) that the draft terms of reference and Inquiry Plan for an inquiry into the local Knowledge Economy be approved subject to authority being delegated to the Chair to finalise points in relation to the following:-
  - that the proposed meeting with the University be one of the first meetings of the Inquiry;
  - concerns raised in relation to the “Work Foundation” being used as an authoritative source of information; and
  - the inclusion of Solent Synergy, Business Southampton and Centre for Cities PUSH report
- (ii) that the proposed scope for the inquiry into the local Health Sector be approved subject to authority being delegated to the Chair to agree draft terms of reference with the Chair of the Inquiry Panel.

13. **MONITORING SCRUTINY RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Policy and Improvement, detailing actions and monitoring progress of the recommendations of the Panel. (Copy of the report circulated with the agenda and appended to the signed minutes).

**RESOLVED** that the Chair would liaise with the Leader expressing concern that budget proposals were not being made available in advance to opposition group leaders and spokespeople.

14. **INTERAGENCY RESPONSE TO THE SOUTHAMPTON REVIEW OF SAFEGUARDING**

The Committee considered the report of the Executive Director of Children’s Services and Learning in relation to the independent review that was carried out into inter-agency safeguarding arrangements across Southampton. (Copy of the report circulated with the agenda and appended to the signed minutes).

**RESOLVED**

- (i) that the finalised action plan as set out in Appendix 1 to the report be noted; and
- (ii) that an update on progress as part of the annual report from the independent chair of Southampton’s Local Safeguarding Children’s Board, be received at a future meeting.

15. **LOCAL SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN'S BOARD**

The Committee noted the report of the Chair of the Local Safeguarding Children’s Board detailing the work of the Safeguarding Children’s Board, highlighting the the impact of the increased demand for safeguarding services on all agencies and concerns about overall capacity to meet these needs if demand continues to grow. (Copy of the report circulated with the agenda and appended to the signed minutes).

Donald Mc Phail, Chair of LSCB, Linda Dawson, Hampshire Police, Andy Timms, Hampshire Police, Judy Gillow, SUHT, Stephanie Ramsey (Associate Director NHS

Southampton City), Alison Alexander and Annie McIver, Southampton City Council were in attendance and with consent of the Chair addressed the meeting.

16. **FORWARD PLAN AND PERFORMANCE MONITORING**

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Policy and Improvement detailing the Forward Plan for the period June to September 2010. (Copy of the report circulated with the agenda and appended to the signed minutes).

Members of the public were in attendance, in relation to the forward plan item that related to Grants for Voluntary Organisations 2010/11 and with the consent of the Chair the following addressed the meeting:-

Ian Loynes – Shopmobility  
Geoff Wilkinson – User of Shopmobility  
Roz Park – Community Play Link  
Gary Edwards – SARC  
Jo Ash – SVS  
Steve Hall – City Reach Project  
Ali Beg – Awaaz FM  
Anne-Marie McCarthy – Rainbow Project

THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS WERE PROPOSED:-

That following concerns raised about information not yet being available it was recommended that Cabinet be requested to consider the additional information due to be verbally given at their meeting on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June and that in order to give them enough time to fully consider this information they should defer making their decision until their next meeting on 5th July.

ON BEING PUT TO THE VOTE THIS RECOMMENDATION WAS LOST.

It was recommended that the panel that considers Community Chest application should also include outside representatives and not just Council officers.

ON BEING PUT TO THE VOTE THIS RECOMMENDATION WAS LOST.

**RESOLVED** that the report of the Cabinet Member for Housing and Local Services set out in Appendix 1 to the report: 2010/11 Grants to Voluntary Organisation be noted and that the following points be agreed:-

- that the previous and current grants priorities be circulated to members; and
- that the Executive Member contact Southampton Advice and Representation Centre directly to give details of the proposed criteria used to cut Southampton Voluntary Services and their grant compared with the position with the Citizens Advice Bureau.