

Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee: Holding the Executive to Account

Scrutiny Monitoring – 14 July 2016

Date	Portfolio	Title	Action proposed	Action Taken	Progress Status
14/04/16	Communities, Culture and Leisure	Consideration of Petition	1) That the Executive outline the Council's vision for the High Street.	<p>The executive recognise the importance of the City Centre as a vital element of a successful City. The City Centre should help Southampton develop as a destination, offering a high quality retail and leisure offer with an excellent range of events and activities – a destination with a regional reputation</p> <p>We are delighted to see the development of the Business Improvement District proposals and are supportive of the proposed key themes, including improvements and enhancements to the image, perception and marketing of the City Centre, promoting and further improving the excellent transport networks and encouraging the traders and stakeholders to collaborate in delivering improved experiences for visitors to the City.</p>	
16/06/16	Leader	Go Southampton proposal for a Business Improvement District	1) That the issue is revisited by the Committee in early 2017.	Agreed. Currently scheduled for February 2017.	
16/06/16	Transformation Projects	Transformation Programme Update	1) That the Transformation Programme update presentation is circulated to the Committee.	Circulated 17 th June 2016.	Completed
			2) That, reflecting the changes in the way the Council interacts with customers, a briefing session is organised for elected members looking at the opportunities available for new ways of working.	A briefing session will be organised for elected members to look at the opportunities available for new ways of working.	September/ October 2016

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			3) That a citywide conversation, led by the Leader, commences on the cost and provision in South Hampshire of essential higher education courses in social care.	The Workforce Strategy, to be considered by Cabinet and Council in the autumn will include recruitment and retention of permanent staff. This will include working with universities in the region to explore ways to “grow our own” talent in key areas such as social work to reduce the dependency within Social Care on agency staff and exploring external funding. For Children’s Social Care, this work is integrated into one of the strands of the children’s transformation programme.	September 2016 to March 2017
			4) That the Committee are provided with a brief overview of the mechanisms in place to ensure that the Council’s Management Team has effective oversight and control of the General Fund Revenue budget.	The Council’s Management Team consider regular reports on the General Fund Revenue budget as well the HRA budget. The format has been revised to assist with greater scrutiny on the basis of Service Director responsibilities and this has been recently introduced for discussion by the Council’s Strategic Leadership team. A brief outline will be circulated to the OSMC.	End of July 2016