
SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11 AUGUST 2016

Present: Councillors Fitzhenry (Chair) (except items 16, 18 and 19) , Moulton (Vice-Chair), Fuller, Furnell, Councillor Keith Morrell, Whitbread (except item 19), Murphy, Savage and T Thomas

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

Also in attendance: Superintendent Heydari, Hampshire Constabulary

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

The Committee noted the apologies of Councillor Hannides and Revd. Williams.

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

RESOLVED with the addition of Councillor D Thomas being present at the meeting, the minutes of the meeting held on 14 July 2016 be approved and signed as a correct record.

COUNCILLOR MOULTON IN THE CHAIR

16. **ESTATE REGENERATION IN MILLBROOK AND MAYBUSH**

The Committee considered the briefing paper of the Head of Capital Assets as part of the Committee's consideration of the Forward Plan item, Estate Regeneration in Millbrook and Maybush requested for discussion from the current Forward Plan.

RESOLVED:

- (i) That the Committee are provided with the provisional key milestones and timescales for the project;
- (ii) That the requested report to the Committee on Estate Regeneration in September 2016 incorporates the criteria that is being utilised to determine priorities within the wider Estate Regeneration programme; and
- (iii) That the Committee are provided with a brief update on developments at Sturminster House.

NOTE: Councillors Furnell and Whitbread declared a non-pecuniary interest and remained at the meeting.

COUNCILLOR FITZHENRY IN THE CHAIR

17. **COMMERCIAL BURGLARIES IN THE CITY CENTRE**

The Committee considered the report of the Chair of the Safe City Partnership relating to commercial burglaries in the City Centre.

Superintendent Heydari was present and with the consent of the Chair addressed the meeting.

RESOLVED:

- (i) That Hampshire Constabulary continues to focus on reducing the level of commercial burglaries in the city centre whilst reported incidents remain high;
- (ii) That the Chair of the Safe City Partnership is requested to provide the Committee with the number of commercial burglaries in Southampton City Centre for the past 3 years;
- (iii) That, to improve intelligence sharing and communications, Hampshire Constabulary, with partners, proactively engage with the business community in Southampton City Centre;
- (iv) That the contact details for SoBAC (Southampton Business Against Crime) is circulated to all Members to raise awareness of the organisation;
- (v) That, through the Safe City Partnership, a drugs strategy, which is fully supported across all relevant agencies, is developed to reduce the threat, harm and risk caused by drugs;
- (vi) That, in recognition of the value of effective neighbourhood watch schemes, the Committee is provided with details of the Council's current position as it relates to supporting the growth in the number of active neighbourhood watch groups in the City.

COUNCILLOR MOULTON IN THE CHAIR

18. **COMBATING LONELINESS - SCRUTINY INQUIRY TERMS OF REFERENCE**

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Legal and Democratic Services requesting that the Committee agree the terms of reference for a scrutiny inquiry examining how loneliness can be combated in Southampton.

It was suggested that the inquiry be widened to ensure all age groups as well as those considered to be vulnerable are included in the inquiry programme.

RESOLVED

- (i) that the draft terms of reference for the scrutiny inquiry be approved; and
- (ii) that authority be delegated to the Head of Legal and Democratic Services, in consultation with the Chair of the Scrutiny Inquiry Panel, to finalise the inquiry plan.

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

The Committee received and noted the report of the Service Director, Legal and Governance detailing the actions of the Executive and monitoring progress of the recommendations of the Committee.

RESOLVED:

- (i) That the Social Impact Bond be requested as a future agenda item;
- (ii) That under Council Strategy Performance, recommendation 2) the Committee requested that consideration be given to including a transport indicator in the next Council Strategy that focused on congestion and the impact it has on the local economy; and

(iii) That the next People's Panel Survey that provides some explanation behind the satisfaction levels is circulated to the Committee.