
SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 4 APRIL 2019

Present: Councillors P Baillie (Chair) (except items 51-53), Fitzhenry, Furnell, Galton (Vice-Chair), Harwood, Whitbread, Bell, Kataria and Mitchell

Apologies: Appointed Members Rob Sanders and Catherine Hobbs

Also in attendance: Councillor Leggett – Cabinet Member for Green City

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

The Committee noted the apologies of Appointed Members Catherine Hobbs and Rob Sanders.

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

RESOLVED that the minutes of the 15th March, 2019 Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee be approved and signed as a correct record.

50. **CALL-IN OF EXECUTIVE DECISION CAB 18/19 23514 – A GREEN CITY CHARTER FOR SOUTHAMPTON**

The Committee considered the report of the Service Director, Legal and Governance detailing the call-in of Executive Decision CAB 18/19 23514 – A Green City Charter for Southampton.

Liz Batten (The Green Resistance), Christel Blunden (Extension Rebellion), Catherine Barber (Green Party), Lindsi Bluemell (Transport) and the Cabinet Member for Green City and other interested parties were present and with the consent of the Chair addressed the meeting.

RESOLVED that Cabinet reconsider the called in decision at the next decision meeting.

The following points were made to be addressed by Cabinet if, at the meeting on 16th April 2019, Cabinet confirm the decision taken on 19th March, 2019:

- 1) That Cabinet agree to delay the approval and launch of the Green City Charter to enable the fostering of a cross party consensus on the strategic objectives within the Charter.
- 2) That, if Cabinet does not agree to recommendation 1, the following amendments to the draft Green City Charter are considered by Cabinet:
 - a) Commitment one is amended to read as follows – We want to be carbon neutral by 2030 at the latest; and will therefore promote and encourage the use of energy from renewable sources that do not compromise local air quality.
 - b) Commitment two is amended to read as follows – We will take actions that will improve the quality of life in our city. We want the Healthy Life

- Expectancy Indicator to be the best amongst our peers and to significantly reduce our City's deaths that are attributable to air pollution.
- c) Commitment seven is amended to read as follows – We will reduce harmful emissions and, at an absolute minimum, ensure we do all we can to satisfy all World Health Organisation air quality guideline values immediately.
 - d) Commitment eight is deleted.
- 3) That, if Cabinet agree to approve a Green City Charter at the 16 April 2019 meeting, the Executive immediately identifies the internal resources that will be committed to deliver the Charter.
 - 4) That Cabinet writes to Government to request the full amount of funding asked for in January 2019 to support the nitrogen NO2 business case.
 - 5) That, if Government does not agree to the request for additional funding outlined in recommendation 4, Cabinet approaches partners to help fund the shore side power initiative or looks to fund the proposal from Council resources.
 - 6) That the Executive clarifies the current position with regards to whether the use of Southampton's District Energy Scheme is a planning condition for new developments in the city centre.
 - 7) The Committee are aware that all current heat generated from the Southampton's District Energy Scheme is supplied by gas. The Committee would like Cabinet to inform the Committee when the geothermal well will be brought back into operation.
 - 8) That Cabinet investigate establishing a Citizens' Assembly and provide an update on progress related to these considerations to the 13 June 2019 meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee.
 - 9) That Cabinet give consideration to the proposals contained within the alternative Green Charters developed by Green Resistance and Extinction Rebellion.

COUNCILLOR GALTON IN THE CHAIR

51. SCRUTINY INQUIRY PANEL - THE FUTURE OF WORK IN SOUTHAMPTON FINAL REPORT

The Committee considered the report of the Chair of the Future of Work in Southampton Final Report, detailing the findings of the Scrutiny Inquiry.

RESOLVED:

- (i) To approve the final report of the Scrutiny Inquiry Panel, attached as Appendix 1 to the report, and forward it to the Executive for consideration and further action.
- (ii) To delegate authority to the Chair of the Committee to approve any minor amendments arising from considerations at today's meeting.

52. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC - CONFIDENTIAL PAPERS INCLUDED IN THE FOLLOWING ITEM

RESOLVED to move that in accordance with the Council's Constitution, specifically the Access to Information Procedure Rules contained within the Constitution, the press and

public be excluded from the meeting in respect of any consideration of the confidential report and appendix to the following Item.

Confidential report and appendix contain information deemed to be exempt from general publication based on Category 3, 5 and 7A of paragraph 10.4 of the Council's Access to Information Procedure Rules. If the content of this report were to be treated as a public document it would reveal information that is both commercially sensitive and detrimental to the business affairs of the Council.

53. **STRATEGIC SERVICES PARTNERSHIP UPDATE**

The Committee considered the confidential report of the Service Director, Digital and Business Operation updating the Committee on the Strategic Services Partnership.

RESOLVED to note the progress made with regards to the Strategic Services Partnership as detailed in the report and discussed at the meeting.