

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 20 JANUARY 2011

Present:

Councillors Barnes-Andrews (Chair), Vinson, Dick, Fitzgerald, Harris, Jones, Kolker, Morrell, Dr R Williams and Parnell

Apologies

Councillors Norris, Mr J Bettridge, Mrs U Topp and Mrs M Bishop

Also in attendance

Councillor Hannides, Cabinet Member for Leisure, Culture and Heritage

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

Apologies were received from Councillor Norris. The Committee noted that in accordance with the provisions of Procedures Rules 4.3 and 4.4 Councillor Parnell replaced Councillor Norris for the purposes of this meeting only.

52. **DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS**

Councillor Fitzgerald declared had a personal interest in item 9, the Draft Terms of Reference and Inquiry Plan for the Cruise Industry Inquiry due to his employment by Carnival UK.

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

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee, held on 16th December 2010 be approved and signed as a correct record. (Copy of the minutes circulated with the agenda and appended to the signed minutes).

54. **ISSUES PAPER - HOUSING STRATEGY 2011-2015 AND HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT BUSINESS PLAN 2010-2040**

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Housing Solutions, providing details on the process and timetable for approval of the Southampton Housing Strategy 2011-2015 and Housing Revenue Account Business Plan. (Copy of the report circulated with the agenda and appended to the signed minutes).

RESOLVED that information be provided to the Committee Members on the potential impact of the proposed housing benefit changes.

55. **SOUTHAMPTON'S NEW ARTS COMPLEX**

The Committee received and noted the report of the Cabinet Member for Leisure, Culture and Heritage detailing the review of the performing arts offer and the terms of reference for the Strategic Funding Group for Southampton's New Arts Complex. (Copy of the report circulated with the agenda and appended to the signed minutes).

56. **DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE AND INQUIRY PLAN FOR THE CRUISE INDUSTRY INQUIRY**

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Corporate Policy and Performance, detailing the draft Terms of Reference and Inquiry Plan on how cruise ship passenger spend in Southampton could be increased. (Copy of the report circulated with the agenda and appended to the signed minutes).

RESOLVED that the Scrutiny Inquiry

- (i) look at Hamburg as an example of a City which had developed to become tourist destination for cruise liners as well as a turnaround port; and
- (ii) investigate how marketing in Southampton could improve tourism in the City, by inviting people from the cruise industry to meeting 4 of the inquiry.

NOTE: Councillor Fitzgerald declared he was employed by Carnival UK, a cruise line company and therefore had a personal interest in this item. He remained in the meeting during the consideration of the matter.

57. **MONITORING SCRUTINY RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

RESOLVED that the Committee requested the response to the Council motion from Councillor Stevens regarding best value from commercial/private partners and contractors on 17th November 2010 to be circulated to Committee Members.