

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 17 NOVEMBER 2011

Present:

Councillors Barnes-Andrews (Chair), Vinson, Fitzgerald, B Harris, Kolker, Mead, Stevens, Dr R Williams and Furnell

Apologies

Councillors Morrell and Walker, Mr J Bettridge, Mrs U Topp and Mr T Blackshaw

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

The Committee noted that Councillor Furnell was in attendance as a nominated substitute for Councillor Morrell in accordance with Council Procedure Rule for the purposes of this meeting.

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

RESOLVED that the minutes for the Committee meeting held on 20 October 2011 be approved as a correct record. (copy of the minutes circulated with agenda and appended to the signed minutes)

36. **APPEAL AGAINST DECISION NOT TO ALLOW A PETITION**

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Legal, HR and Democratic Services detailing the request for a review of a decision not to allow a petition. (Copy of the report circulated with the agenda and appended to the signed minutes).

RESOLVED that the Committee requested that the Head of Legal, HR and Democratic Services meets with the Citizens Advice Bureau to discuss the issues raised by the Petitioner and reports back the outcomes of the meeting to the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee and the Petitioner

37. **FORWARD PLAN**

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Corporate Policy and Performance detailing items requested for discussion from the current Forward Plan; and seeking the Committee's indication as to what items, scheduled for the period December 2011 to March 2012, will be required for discussion,
(Copy of the report circulated with the agenda and appended to the signed minutes)

RESOLVED

- (i) that the Committee indicated that the following item detailed in the December 2011 to March 2012 be discussed at the 15th December meeting of the Committee:
 - Re-categorisation of investment properties
- (ii) that the Committee noted the report of Director for Economic Development detailing the Council Change Programme and that the Committee would be further updated in March 2012;

- (iii) that the Committee noted the report of the Cabinet Member for Resources, Leisure and Culture detailing the Accommodation Strategy Update

38. **ADULT SOCIAL CARE - OPTIONS FOR ALTERNATIVE DELIVERY VEHICLES**

The Committee considered the report of the Executive Director of Health and Adult Social Care detailing the options for the delivery of adult social care. (Copy of the report circulated with the agenda and appended to the signed minutes).

RESOLVED that the Committee noted that the predictions that the current delivery vehicle for adult social care in the City would become increasingly unsustainable and urged the Executive to resolve the issue of the appropriate delivery vehicle for adult social care as a matter of urgency.

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

The Committee noted the report of the Head of Corporate Policy and Performance, 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).

40. **THE BIG SOCIETY - NATIONAL BEST PRACTICE**

The Committee considered the report of Director of Economic Development providing the Committee with an overview of some national case studies that contribute to the Big Society agenda (Copy of the report circulated with the agenda and appended to the signed minutes).

RESOLVED, that further information on the following projects listed in report be presented to the Committee:

- Big Society Fund – Oxfordshire Council;
- Shopping Bus – East Finchley Council;
- Sutton Libraries - Sutton Council; and
- Swindon Family LIFE – Swindon Council.

41. **THE BIG SOCIETY - INTRODUCTION TO RE:GENERATE**

The Committee considered the report of Director of Economic Development providing an introduction to the Re:generate Trust (Copy of the report circulated with the agenda and appended to the signed minutes).

Stephen Kearney, Chief Executive of the Re-generate Trust, was present and, with the consent of the Chair, addressed the meeting and made the following points:

- how Regenerate's strategy builds on the hidden talents of the individual resulting in personal growth and local action which in turn should lead to an impact on society;
- how relationships and networks are developed that will identify people's concerns and encourage them to take action through the intelligent shifting of power;
- the importance of developing a strategy that gets to the root cause;
- the importance of listening and building trust, respect and relationships;
- the need to develop active networks that link people locally, regionally and nationally;

- the importance of transforming people's attitude to the state and agencies through action and reflection;
- the enhancement of local and national democracy
- the importance of empowering individuals and groups through facilitation and not by undertaken the task on their behalf; and
- the need to monitor and reflect on your own role and impact

RESOLVED that the Committee noted the presentation and report and that the information provided be entered into the Inquiry's file of evidence.