
SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 12 MARCH 2020

Present: Councillors S Galton (Chair), Bell, Bunday, Cooper, Fitzhenry, Harwood, Windle and Guthrie

Apologies: Councillors Fuller and Whitbread
Appointed Members: Catherine Hobbs, Rob Sanders, Nicola Brown, Francis Otieno and Claire Rogers

Also in attendance: Cabinet Member for Aspiration, Children and Lifelong Learning, Councillor Paffey
Cabinet Member for Healthier and Safer City, Councillor Shields
Leader of the Council, Councillor Hammond

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

It was noted that following receipt of the temporary resignation of Councillor Fuller from the Committee the Service Director – Legal and Business Operations, acting under delegated powers, had appointed Councillor Guthrie to replace him for the purposes of this meeting. The Committee also noted the apologies of Councillor Whitbread and appointed members Nicola Brown, Francis Otieno, Catherine Hobbs and Rob Sanders.

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

RESOLVED: that the minutes for the Committee meeting on 6th February, 2020 be approved and signed as a correct record.

44. **FORWARD PLAN - LOCAL PLACEMENT PLAN - CHILDREN'S RESIDENTIAL HOMES**

The Committee considered the report of the Cabinet Member for Aspiration, Children and Lifelong Learning detailing the Local Placement Plan – Children's Residential Homes.

The Cabinet Member for Aspiration, Children and Lifelong Learning, Councillor Paffey, was present and with the consent of the Chair addressed the meeting.

RESOLVED:

- (i) That to aid the discussion at Cabinet and Council, the forecast 2019/20 expenditure figure of £6.3m was utilised, rather than the 2018/19 actual figure of £4.6m, as that provided a more accurate reflection of current and future residential placement costs for the Council; and

- (ii) That, whilst recognising the principle of accommodating Southampton's looked after children in placements within the city was supported by the Committee, it was recommended that, prior to the Cabinet decision, Finance were asked to model the future residential care placement costs to provide greater certainty that the proposal reflects value for money.

45. **REDUCING AND PREVENTING DOMESTIC ABUSE IN SOUTHAMPTON**

The Committee noted the report of the Cabinet Member for Healthier and Safer City giving an update on progress against the scrutiny inquiry – Reducing and Preventing Domestic Abuse in Southampton.

The Cabinet Member for Healthier and Safer City, Councillor Shields was present and with the consent of the Chair addressed the meeting.

46. **FUTURE OF WORK IN SOUTHAMPTON - UPDATE ON SCRUTINY INQUIRY RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Committee noted the report of the Leader of the Council giving an update on progress against the scrutiny inquiry – Future of Work in Southampton.

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Hammond, was present and with the consent of the Chair addressed the meeting.

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

The Committee noted the report of the Service Director – Legal and Business Operations enabling the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee to monitor and track progress on recommendations made to the Executive at previous meetings.