

Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee: Holding the Executive to Account

Scrutiny Monitoring – 11th December 2014

Date	Portfolio	Title	Action proposed	Action Taken	Progress Status
13/11/14	Environment & Transport	Extension of the Waste Disposal Contract	1) That a briefing note is circulated to the OSMC outlining the material difference the Council's Ethical Procurement Policy has made since it was introduced.	Circulated to OSMC on 26/11/2014	Completed
13/11/14	Resources & Leisure	General Fund Revenue Budget	1) That the Council's spend on consultants in 2014/15 is circulated to the Committee.	Circulated to OSMC on 02/12/14	Completed
			2) That a briefing note clarifying the Council's position regarding highways expenditure is circulated to the Committee.	Circulated to OSMC on 02/12/14	Completed
			3) That officers clarify whether the Streetlighting PFI contract has required support from the Risk Fund.	No additional support has been drawn from the risk fund in year in 2013/14 or 2014/15 to date.	Completed
			4) That the Cabinet Member gives consideration to the impact of the proposed £1m reduction in agency spend, overtime and vacancy management and reflects whether it should be located in the service reduction column rather than the efficiency column.	This item can be shown as a service reduction in the February Budget Report	Completed
13/11/14	Resources & Leisure	Transformation of the Southampton Library Service	1) That the Cabinet Member gives consideration to how the Estate Regeneration Programme could be	The Library Service is keen to explore partnership opportunities and this is described in paragraph 35 of the cabinet	Completed

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			utilised to help support and transform the library service.	report. This does refer to partnerships within the city council which would include the Estate Regeneration Programme.	
			2) That the Cabinet Member considers re-wording the recommendations within the Cabinet report, removing reference to a preferred option and broadening the approach to ensure that all options will be considered.	The recommendation was amended to read that the consultation was seeking to secure “views on any alternatives or expressions of interest offered up by consultees, including but not limited to, those detailed in paragraph 35”.	Completed
			3) That the Cabinet Member proactively considers opportunities for shared services, collaboration with other partners, and alternative delivery models when consulting on the future of the Library Service.	<p>Para 35 and Para 52.1 sets out the councils commitment to consulting with existing and potential partners and stakeholders. There will be a comprehensive communication plan to promote the consultation as widely as possible.</p> <p>If a decision is taken after the completion and evaluation of the public consultation to progress with independent community libraries then an open and transparent process will be carried out which will publicly invite expressions of interest.</p>	Completed
			4) That efforts are made to ensure that potential alternative providers of library services, including businesses who could benefit from the library footfall, are informed of the Council’s consultation process.	The response to the above would also apply to businesses.	Completed
			5) That the Cabinet Member reflects on how qualitative information will be factored into the decision making process.	The questionnaire provides the opportunity to provide qualitative responses to open questions in addition there will be some targeted focus groups. There will also be two drop in question and answer sessions at each library during the consultation period attended	Completed

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				by officers involved in the project.	
13/11/14	Communities	Safe City & Youth Justice Strategies	<p>1) That information is circulated to the Committee identifying how Southampton compares with statistical neighbours with regards to the percentage of young people involved with the Youth Offending Service who are NEET.</p>	<p>After the committee, the YOS Manager took advice from the Youth Justice Board (YJB) for England and Wales; discussing the request with the YJB Local Partnership Delivery Advisor and a board education lead.</p> <p>YJB Perspective: Comparison is very difficult across YOTs due to the different measures used. The important element of Education, Training, Employment (ETE) now is the quality of assessment and subsequent provision and understanding the individual needs of those within the cohort. The new Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP) makes a strong point with the requirement to assess needs more accurately and ensure the relevant support is provided formally.</p> <p>Southampton Response: The YOS Manager has identified a number of YOTs as services where education, training and employment strategies have been assessed positively by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Probation / the Youth Justice Board. The recommendation is that the YOS Manager reviews provision and support arrangements in these areas as part of the SYOS performance improvement work. Findings will be reported to the YOS Management Board.</p>	
			2) That a list of Southampton based organisations that received grant funding from the PCC is circulated	Circulated to OSMC – 17/11/2014	Completed

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