

Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee: Holding the Executive to Account

Scrutiny Monitoring – 15th October 2015

Date	Portfolio	Title	Action proposed	Action Taken	Progress Status
10/09/15	Communities, Culture & Leisure	Call-In: Future of the Southampton Library Service	1) That Cabinet commits to ensure flexibility within timescales for community led initiatives to be established within the six libraries should formal arrangements not be in place by 31 March 2016.	Some flexibility could be permitted, however the savings figure identified is based on the council ceasing to provide a service from these libraries by the 31st March 2016.	
			2) That, to enable effective scrutiny, Cabinet clarifies the timetable and the process for the establishment of community led libraries.	The timescale will be as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Week beginning 21st September 2015 - Information Packs Available • 7th October - Question and Answer Session and an opportunity to meet other organisations interested with a view to developing partnerships • 19th October - Deadline for Expressions of Interest • 9th November or earlier - Organisations advised if they are to be given the opportunity to progress to the next stage. • 18th January 2016 - Deadline for Stage 2 documents to be submitted • 8th February 2016 - Confirm successful organisations • 19th February 2016 - Deadline for signing of lease and partnership agreement in order to begin shadow period • 1 March 2016 - Opportunity for community groups to shadow Library Service Staff • 1 April 2016 - Community Group Lease to commence. 	
10/09/15	Communities,	Call-In: Future of	3) That Cabinet identifies the financial	As previously advised, the HRA cannot	

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	Culture & Leisure	the Southampton Library Service	support the Housing Revenue Account would be able to provide in relation to the Library Service.	support the core costs of the library service. HRA funding must be used only for the benefit of its tenants. The concept of providing support to help people get online, is something that the HRA could support, given the importance of digital skills. This kind of activity also has the option of being supported by National Lottery funding in association with a community group. Housing officers will be pursuing this project.	
			4) That Cabinet provide details, including outcomes, of discussions that had taken place with other local authorities regarding sharing library services.	Officers have met with officers from Hampshire County Council, Portsmouth City Council and IOW on 8 occasions to examine opportunities for joint working, share progress on Library transformation projects and establish if any opportunities existed for integration. Whilst dialogue continues, no proposals for integration have yet been made, with projects continuing in different timelines. It should be noted that integration with other authorities cannot provide any guarantee of maintaining service levels and delivery models. Both Hampshire and IOW for example are currently engaged in Community libraries, and service rationalisation.	
			5) That, due to the change in location and increased usage since the consultation commenced, Cabinet review the position in relation to Millbrook Library.	Whilst the use has increased, this is not significant enough for the position in relation to Millbrook library to change. For the period from April to the end of July 2015 in the new location the Millbrook Library still has the lowest numbers of Issues, visitors and sessions of computer use.	
			6) That a confidential briefing is provided to Members ahead of Full Council on	A confidential written briefing was provided to the Leader of the Opposition in advance of	

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			the Expressions of Interest received in the Library Service.	Full Council.	
10/09/15	Health & Adult Social Care	Update on the Closure of Woodside Lodge and the Restructure of Day and Respite Services	1) That information is circulated to Members outlining the current position with regards to the replacement care service (respite) at Kentish Road.	Agreed	
			2) That lessons learnt from the decisions relating to the closure of Woodside Lodge residential care home and the restructure of day and respite services be applied to future transformation projects within Adult Social Care and across the council.	Agreed	
			3) That the HOSP continues to have oversight of the performance of Adult Social Care with regards to undertaking timely assessments.	Agreed. This performance measure is scrutinised by the HOSP on a regular basis as part of a suite of Adult Social Care key performance indicators.	
10/09/15	Health & Adult Social Care	Consultation on Proposals for an Integrated Service for Crisis Response, Rehabilitation, Reablement and Hospital Discharge	1) That HOSP formally respond the consultation following the briefing offered by the Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Social Care.	Agreed	
10/09/15	Leader	Council Performance 2015/16 – Q1	1) That, at the 22 nd October 2015 meeting of the Children and Families Scrutiny Panel, an explanation is provided reconciling the quarter 1 NEET figure with information provided to the Panel Chair at the 3 rd September meeting.	Agreed	