

Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee: Holding the Executive to Account

Scrutiny Monitoring – 10th March 2016

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14/01/16	Transformation	Transformation Programme Update	<p>1) That the Committee are provided with clarification relating to whether the Managed Service Provider will be required to pay the Living Wage.</p> <p>Update: Will the Managed Service Provider be required to pay the Living Wage, as agreed by the Administration as part of the Pay and Allowance proposals, not the National Living Wage to be introduced from April 2016?</p>	<p>The MSP will be appointed in April 2016 and from this date all employers are required by law to pay the National Living Wage.</p> <p>Update: The MSP's role is to source temporary staff for the Council, while simultaneously supporting it in reducing both the demand for temporary staff, as well as the price of temporary staff towards that of employed equivalents. If a person recruited for a temporary role is to be paid directly by the Council, then s/he will be receiving a remuneration equivalent to the salary pegged to the role that s/he is being recruited to. As such they will be paid at or above the Living Wage. However, if the person is contracted to the MSP or an agency appointed by the MSP, then that person's remuneration is governed by the contract of employment they have with the agency and will be paid according to the terms of that contract.</p>	
04/02/16	Housing & Sustainability	Townhill Park Regeneration: Phase 1	<p>1) That the Cabinet Member requests that the HRA Business Plan is remodelled as a matter of urgency to reflect the updated inflation figures.</p>	<p>The OSMC report states that the impact of the rent cut is a reduction in the HRA business plan of £33m over the next 4 years. Further detail is set out in the HRA Budget Report showing that, of this sum, £23M is directly due to the change in government guidance and £10M is due to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) forecast being over estimated.</p> <p>With regards the Business Plan forecast of</p>	

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				<p>rental income, the inflation estimates for the next 4 years are immaterial, as there will be a 1% cut rather than any link to CPI.</p> <p>Officers believe that they have used the best information available to include inflation within the 30 year Business Plan and the assumptions are set out in Appendix 7 of the HRA Budget Report.</p>	
			<p>2) That the Cabinet Member speaks with housing association representatives prior to the commencement of the tender process to clarify if there is any interest in Shared Ownership / mixed tenure development on the site.</p>	<p>The five partner Housing Associations working in the city have all been contacted to assess their interest in involvement in the development of Townhill Park Phase One.</p>	
			<p>3) That the current timescales for the Millbrook & Maybush and subsequent estate regeneration schemes are circulated to the Committee.</p>	<p>It is hoped to commence the pilot scheme at Woodside Lodge/Wimpson Lane later this year. Additional plans for Millbrook and Maybush are evolving in consultation with local residents and the stakeholder group. Once firmer proposals are agreed with residents and stakeholders the council will be able to set out a firmer timetable for additional projects.</p>	
			<p>4) That information is provided to the Panel on the potential impact the developing devolution proposal could have on the estate regeneration programme, model and delivery timescales.</p>	<p>The developing devolution proposal regarding housing has not yet been finalised, nor is it clear what resources might be available nationally. Until more clarity is provided by Government is not possible to outline the precise impact on estate regeneration in Southampton, but estate regeneration is at the forefront of negotiations with Government and more details should be available as those talks progress.</p>	
04/02/16	Environment &	Air Quality	<p>1) That the Cabinet Member circulates to the OSMC the requested information</p>		

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	Transport	Update	relating to Real Time Passenger Information at bus stops.		
			<p>2) That officers identify and circulate the responses to the Committee relating to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The resources the Council is investing in addressing air quality in the City. b) The resources that will be required to meet the 2020 targets. c) The resources that would be required to enable the Authority to submit bids for the numerous grants available to support the achievement of 2020 targets. 	<p>Within Regulatory Services there are 5 members of staff involved in conducting Local Air Quality Management duties equating to 1.4fte.</p> <p>Over the last 3 ½ years the Local Sustainable Transport Fund (LSTF) has supported 10 FTE's in delivering the programme. The LSTF is in its final year with all current activity due to finish on 31st March 2016. Government have announced an intention to continue with an LSTF type funding stream. However, this will be a significantly smaller fund and is unlikely to be available until summer 2016 at the earliest.</p> <p>Every effort will be made to reallocate existing resources where possible to support this priority.</p> <p>The Department for Transport and Office for Low Emission Vehicles are committed to providing £600M of funding support to promote the uptake of cleaner vehicles from 2015 to 2016. Further funding opportunities related to reducing transport related emissions through European sources. The Transport Policy team have up to 3 officers available to support and deliver bids, in collaboration with colleagues in Regulatory Services.</p> <p>Lobbying of government departments will continue to obtain capital and revenue</p>	

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				<p>funding to support this work.</p> <p>It anticipated that this will be completed by April 2016.</p>	
			<p>3) That consideration is given to visiting retailers who continue to sell coal fired products in Southampton to see if the Council can influence their purchasing behaviours.</p>	<p>Scientific Services will identify local suppliers via trade directories and write to them to remind them of their responsibilities under the Clean Air Act 1993, (i.e. to ensure that they do not supply unauthorised fuels to premises in smoke control area). In addition we will include additional information concerning the general impact of domestic solid fuels on local air quality and suggest they promote the use of cleaner fuels.</p>	<p>Suppliers being identified.</p> <p>Drafting information to be supplied.</p> <p>To be circulated by April 2016.</p>
04/02/16	Health & Social Care	Proceeding with Phase Two of an Integrated Service for Crisis Response, Rehabilitation, Reablement and Hospital Discharge	<p>1) That the Cabinet Member reflects on the issue of parking charges at the Royal South Hants Hospital.</p>	<p>Parking charges at the RSH align with NHS policy and guidelines. The question has been raised but it would not be feasible to implement in the current hospital parking and planning environment</p>	Completed
			<p>2) That the Council reviews the language used when consulting with vulnerable people to ensure that questions are not leading and are easy to understand.</p>	<p>Where appropriate when dealing with vulnerable groups and complex issues consultation materials will be tested with service users prior to publication.</p>	
			<p>3) That the forthcoming development on the former Woodside Lodge site includes accommodation that can be utilised for limited periods to support people with short term care needs.</p>	<p>A lot of thought is being put into the design of the accommodation at Woodside Lodge to ensure that the property type and layouts can be suitable for a variety of different client groups not just older people. This will allow us to consider a variety of housing solutions over time to best meet the needs of the city and this will include short term rehabilitation or intermediate care options.</p>	Completed

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04/02/16	Communities, Culture & Leisure	Transformation of the Library Service	1) That a confidential briefing note providing an update on the progress towards the implementation of community libraries is circulated to the Committee.	Circulated to the Committee on 5 th February 2016	Completed