

Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee: Holding the Executive to Account

Scrutiny Monitoring – 14th April 2016

Date	Portfolio	Title	Action proposed	Action Taken	Progress Status
04/02/16	Housing & Sustainability	Townhill Park Regeneration: Phase 1	<p>1) 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>Update: That details of any responses be provided to the OSMC from the five partner Housing Associations in relation to whether there was any interest in them being involved in the development of Townhill Park Phase one.</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>Response to additional request: All five partner Housing Associations have responded. Four have indicated that they would be interested in discussing potential involvement in the development. Meetings are being set up with each to discuss this further. The Portfolio Holder will be pleased to share details of those parties confidentially but as the information is commercially sensitive at this stage it would not be appropriate to publish the details.</p>	
			<p>2) That the current timescales for the Millbrook & Maybush and subsequent estate regeneration schemes are circulated to the Committee.</p> <p>Update: That clarification be sought regarding whether the pilot scheme at Woodside Lodge / Wimpson Lane was part of the Estate Regeneration Programme.</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>Response to additional request: The Wimpson Lane/Woodside Lodge is being classed as a regeneration project. It is being overseen by the council's regeneration team and has been discussed by the Millbrook & Maybush estate regeneration stakeholder group.</p>	

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04/02/16	Environment & Transport	Air Quality Update	1) That the Cabinet Member circulates to the OSMC the requested information relating to Real Time Passenger Information at bus stops.	We are currently undertaking a project with the supplier to raise the % of real time buses tracking which has been a challenge since the summer. This is currently a focussed piece of work aiming to increase the amount of buses tracking in real time to the contractual level of 95%. The current level as beginning of April is 75%.	
10/03/16	Housing & Sustainability	Improving fire safety in the council's high rise accommodation	1) That the Committee be provided with details of the scale of the rewiring works to install fire resistant cable supports in the City's tower blocks.	A full review of work completed and underway is in progress to compile a schedule by way of update – this work is likely to take 3 months.	In progress
			2) That the Cabinet Member investigates the benefits of carrying out a private sector housing condition survey.	The last house condition survey for the private rented sector was carried out in 2008 and a further survey is now due. Funding has been allocated to carry out a survey during 2016/17 to ensure that more up to date information is available to inform policy. The procurement process has commenced to engage a provider to carry out the survey.	
			3) That the Cabinet Member works with the Tenants Resource Group to consider fire safety issues and develop proposals to minimise the risk of a fire.	A review of the actions taken in 2013 is underway with the tenants to ensure that action taken remains in practice. Cabinet Member will be working with the TRG to review actions and identify any areas of further development.	In progress
10/03/16	Leader	Council Performance 2015/16 – Quarter 3	1) That officers consider the following comments relating to how the performance figures and supporting information be presented in the future: a) Changing the way the variance figures	We are currently developing an annual report for 2015/16. This will show progress over the whole year and so will give a greater sense of direction of travel and will be less sensitive to small changes quarter on	

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			<p>were calculated. It was felt that where the actual and target figures were expressed in percentages the variance figure, also expressed as a percentage was misleading;</p> <p>b) That an explanation be provided with the figures regarding the direction of travel to enable greater understanding.</p>	<p>quarter, which we hope will address the issues raised. We are also including benchmarking wherever possible. This will give greater insight and context over and above the usual dials format. This will be presented to CMT in May, and to OSMC in June.</p>	
			<p>2) That the Chief Executive or Chief Strategy Officer be present at future meetings where the Council's performance would be considered.</p>	<p>The Acting Chief Strategy Officer plans to attend the next OSMC where the Council's performance will be considered. This will be in June 2016.</p>	