
SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14 APRIL 2016

Present: Councillors Fitzhenry (Chair), Galton, Hannides (Except Minute 54 and 57), Jordan, Morrell and Moulton (Except Minute 54 and 57) (Vice-Chair)

Apologies: Councillors Fuller, Furnell, Keogh and Whitbread

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

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 10 March 2016 be approved and signed as a correct record.

55. **CONSIDERATION OF PETITION**

The Committee considered the report of the Service Director, Legal and Governance seeking consideration of the response to the petition "Help the Peddlers of Southampton.

Emily Byrne (Petitioner) was present and with the consent of the Chair addressed the meeting.

RESOLVED

- (i) that the Executive outline the Council's vision for the High Street;
- (ii) that the Cabinet Member meets with Peddlers representatives and explores options to resolve the problems identified; and
- (iii) that the Committee requested that the petition be discussed at the Cabinet meeting on 21 June 2016.

COUNCILLOR MOULTON IN THE CHAIR

56. **FORWARD PLAN**

(A) **HOUSES OF MULTIPLE OCCUPATION SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT**

The Committee considered the report of the Senior Planning Policy Officer detailing the item, "Houses of Multiple Occupation Supplementary Planning Document" requested for discussion from the current Forward Plan.

RESOLVED:

- (i) that the revised policy be monitored regularly to understand the impact it is having on the housing market. This should commence as soon as up to date information becomes available;
- (ii) that an update be provided to the Committee on the regulation of To-let signs in Southampton;
- (iii) that the Committee be provided with an overview of the powers the Council have to bring vacant homes back in to use and how they were being applied in Southampton; and

- (iv) that the Committee be provided with a breakdown of expenditure on the HMO Licensing Scheme since it was introduced, and the forecast expenditure for 2016/17 and 2017/18.

NOTE: Councillor Fitzhenry declared a personal interest in the matter set out in the report. He withdrew as Chair for this item but remained in the meeting and took part in the discussion.

COUNCILLOR FITZHENRY IN THE CHAIR

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

The Committee received and noted the report of the Service Director, Legal and Governance detailing the actions of the Executive and monitoring progress of the recommendations of the Committee.