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SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL  
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 13 OCTOBER 2016

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Present: Councillors Fitzhenry (Chair), Moulton (Vice-Chair), Fuller, Furnell, Hannides, Morrell, Whitbread and Savage

Apologies: Councillors Murphy, T Thomas, Revd. J Williams and Mrs U Topp

Also in attendance: Councillor Letts, Leader of the Council

25. **APOLOGIES AND CHANGES IN PANEL MEMBERSHIP (IF ANY)**

The Committee noted the apologies of Councillors Murphy and T Thomas. The Committee also noted that following receipt of the temporary resignation of Councillor T Thomas from the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee, the Service Director, Legal and Governance, acting under delegated powers, had appointed Councillor D Thomas to replace her for the purposes of this meeting.

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

**RESOLVED** the minutes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2016 be approved and signed as a correct record.

27. **PROPOSALS FOR A SOLENT MAYORAL COMBINED AUTHORITY**

The Committee considered the report of the Leader of the Council in relation to the Solent Mayoral Combined Authority proposals.

The Committee received representations from Caroline Nokes MP, a member of the Chamber of Commerce and interested parties. They discussed with the Leader:

- the process and procedure to achieving the Combined Authority and it's viability;
- the risks and benefits to Southampton;
- the Government's current position regarding Mayors and Combined Authorities;
- role of the LEP in the short and long term;
- decision making and parity between the parties;
- barriers to the proposals;
- links with the Sustainability and Transformation Plan;
- local decision making and how this would influence projects such as improved transport links;
- costs of the Combined Authority;
- capacity within the local authorities; and
- interim Mayoral arrangements.

