

Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee: Holding the Executive to Account

Scrutiny Monitoring – 12 January 2017

Date	Portfolio	Title	Action proposed	Action Taken	Progress Status
15/12/16	Transformation Projects	Air Quality Update	1) That the Executive ensure that lessons are learnt from each unsuccessful funding bid.	Enquiries will be made to determine strengths/weaknesses in any future funding bid and feedback shared with project teams.	
			2) That the Cabinet Member reviews the timeline for the installation of electric vehicle charging points in Southampton with a view to bringing forward installation where possible.	The project will identify opportunities to fast track installations in to high profile locations.	Project plan being finalised. First draft to be presented to CMB in Q4 2016/17.
			3) That the Cabinet Member, working collectively with the group of Clean Air Zone cities, consults with DeFRA with a view to enabling the CAZ to become operational from 2018/19.	Defra/DfT Joint Air Quality Unit have been advised. Current project plan will deliver a scheme for the preferred option to the Secretary of State for approval in late 2017. Subsequent delivery timeframes will be dependent upon the nature of the proposal. Current thinking is that earliest implementation will be by 2019 but this will be reviewed when the feasibility study is complete end of 2017/18.	Review project timeframes in late 2017.
			4) That the Cabinet Member consults with the Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport to seek assurance that the Highway's Agency proposals relating to Redbridge roundabout will dovetail with the Council's transport plans to ensure that any impact on air pollution is mitigated.	An air quality impact assessment is being undertaken on behalf of the Highways Agency. SCC will be consulted and we will be seeking assurances that this can demonstrate the preferred scheme will deliver an improvement in local air quality.	Air quality assessment is being conducted and a draft version is anticipated in the spring 2017.
			5) That a briefing paper on the 'Green Wall' proposal is circulated to the Committee.	We are currently devising a scheme to incorporate a green port boundary with an improved cycle route along the Western Approach.	Paper is due in Spring 2017

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15/12/16		Safe City Partnership Annual Review	1) That the Chair of the Safe City Partnership contacts the universities in Southampton to encourage them to re-inforce the message to their students with regards to expected standards of behaviour.	This is already carried out on a regular basis. The message is disseminated direct to students at Fresher's Week, then regularly in the student forum meetings throughout the academic year. This forms part of Hampshire Constabulary's standard student engagement process.	
			2) That a breakdown of recorded sexual offences is circulated to the Committee to enable the OSMC to factor in the rise in recorded non-recent offences.	A report will be circulated to the OSMC by the end of January 2017.	
			3) That, reflecting the ongoing problem with street begging in Southampton and feedback received by Councillors, Council officers: a) Investigate if the message being delivered that there is no need for anybody to be sleeping on the streets in Southampton is accurate; b) Increase efforts to publicise the diverted giving scheme to raise awareness of the alternatives to giving to street beggars.	In addition to the information circulated to the Committee by the Scrutiny Manager on 22/12/16, including the Member briefing paper begging and homelessness: a) The Street Homelessness Prevention Team will continue to work to locate rough sleepers and carry out outreach sessions in areas of the city known to be hotspots, such as the city centre car parks, the High Street, parks and the Common. They will also respond to individual reports of rough sleepers from the public, other agencies and via the national Street Link reporting mechanism. Work to engage rough sleepers will continue to start as soon as they are found, to help them access hostel accommodation or other forms of housing if appropriate. Officers carry out assessments for accommodation from the day centre for single homeless people, and act as the gateway to contracted housing related support services.	

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				<p>Those services are provided by Two Saints, Society of St. James and the Salvation Army, and they provide a total of 170 bed spaces as well as support for individuals aimed at tackling their often complex issues and increasing their life skills. For those who do not need support, or who are ready to move onto settled accommodation, there is also a private accommodation service which operates from the day centre, and works with landlords to provide access to private rented accommodation. In addition to these services, there is a Homelessness Healthcare team who provide primary care services for homeless people, including mental health services. The providers work closely with other services, including substance misuse services, and the council's team carry out regular joint outreach with drug services targeting street beggars.</p> <p>b) The Council has liaised with the Society of St. James and Two Saints to establish an alternative giving scheme, whereby members of the public could text donations to these charities instead of giving money directly to beggars. The Council also developed and delivered a communications campaign during the spring and summer of 2016, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaborative PR with the local charities 	

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poster campaign – including funding display of posters at JC Decaux sites in the city centre • Web banner and stories on the SCC site, and information on SCC homelessness web page • Information of the web pages of the charities • Promotion via Facebook and Twitter • E-alerts in City News, Community News and Events. <p>A multi-agency working group to coordinate future actions to include enforcement, support and communications will be set up in January 2017.</p>	