
SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15 JUNE 2017

Present: Councillors Fitzhenry (Chair), Fuller, Furnell, Hannides, Morrell, Whitbread, Murphy, Coombs and D Thomas

Apologies: Councillors Moulton and T Thomas

Also in attendance: Councillor Letts, Leader of the Council
Councillor Hammond, Cabinet Member for Transformation Projects

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

The apologies of Councillor Moulton and Councillor T Thomas were noted and that following the temporary resignation of Councillor T Thomas from 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.

4. **ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR**

RESOLVED to postpone the election of Vice-Chair to the next scheduled meeting of the Committee

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

RESOLVED that the minutes for the meeting held on 16 March 2017 and the Special Meeting held on 18 May 2017 be approved and signed as a correct record.

6. **FORWARD PLAN - ESTABLISHMENT OF A SOUTHAMPTON ENERGY SERVICES COMPANY**

The Committee considered the report of the Service Director, Legal and Governance detailing Establishment of a Southampton Energy Services Company briefing paper.

The Leader of the Council was present and with the consent of the Chair addressed the meeting.

RESOLVED

- (i) That the Leader explores including 'not for profit for residential properties' within the mission statement of the proposed energy brand.

7. **TRANSFORMATION PROGRAMME UPDATE**

The Committee considered the report of the Cabinet Member for Transformation Projects updating the Committee on the Council's Transformation Programme.

The Cabinet Member for Transformation and the Chief Strategy Officer were present and with the consent of the Chair addressed the meeting.

Chief Strategy Officer responded to questions about staff redundancies and stated that nobody has been re-employed by Southampton City Council where an exit payment was made. The Chief Strategy Officer discussed the function of the Exit Panel to monitor retention of key skills.

RESOLVED:

- (i) That the Committee are provided with an update on expenditure on Waste Services employee costs against the approved budget.
- (ii) That, when the LATCO report is discussed at the August meeting of the OSMC, the briefing paper to the Committee references the capital funding to establish the LATCO and where the funding will come from.
- (iii) That the following information is circulated to the Committee:
 - a. Clarification of the 2 year savings target for procurement savings initiatives.
 - b. Progress against the procurement savings target.
- (iv) That the next Transformation Update report to OSMC includes reference to the effectiveness of the new governance arrangements that have been established to ensure that the targeted procurement savings are realised.

8. **ALCOHOL AND DRUGS STRATEGIES 2017/2020**

The Committee considered the report of the Chairs of the Health and Wellbeing Board and Safe City Partnership detailing the Alcohol Strategy and the draft Drugs Strategy.

The Head of Public Health and Chief Inspector Beth Pirie were present and with the consent of the Chair addressed the meeting.

RESOLVED:

- (i) That consideration be given to new initiatives that can be trialled to reduce drug litter in Southampton.
- (ii) That, in recognition of the cost effectiveness of drug and alcohol treatment services, the OSMC are provided with details of the annual expenditure by the council on drug and alcohol treatment and prevention services.

9. **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.