
SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 13 SEPTEMBER 2018

Present: Councillors P Baillie (Chair), Fitzhenry, Furnell, Galton (Vice-Chair), Bell, Kataria, Mitchell and White

Apologies: Councillors Harwood and Whitbread and Appointed Members Rob Sanders and Catherine Hobbs

Also in attendance: Councillor Paffey, Cabinet Member for Aspiration, Schools and Lifelong Learning
Councillor Shields, Cabinet Member for Community and Wellbeing

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

The Committee noted the apologies of Councillors Harwood and Whitbread and Appointed Members Catherine Hobbs and Rob Sanders. The Committee also noted that following receipt of the temporary resignation of Councillor Harwood from the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee, the Director of Legal and Governance, acting under delegated powers, had appointed Councillor White to replace him for the purposes of this meeting.

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

RESOLVED that the minutes of the 16th August, 2018 Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee be approved and signed as a correct record.

17. **HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT AND POST 16 TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS**

The Committee considered the report of the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee detailing for discussion from the current Forward Plan item Home to School and Post 16 Travel Arrangements.

The Cabinet Member for Aspiration, Schools and Lifelong Learning was in attendance and addressed the meeting. The Committee discussed with the Cabinet Member the increase in the number of children requiring the service following the introduction of Education and Health Care Plans, the overspend on High Needs in the City and how these issues could be addressed. It was noted that the plan was to bring the City in line with neighbouring local authorities and parents were being consulted on proposals to sustain the service in the future.

RESOLVED that:

- (i) The Cabinet Member considered providing at least a verbal update to the Schools Forum on the current position with regards to Home to School Transport and the associated financial concerns;

- (ii) To facilitate cross party lobbying of the Government on this matter, the Cabinet Member provided a briefing to the Leader of the Opposition clarifying the position relating to demand and pressures on the SEND – High Needs Block budget / home to school transport budget;
- (iii) Consideration was given to modelling the impact on the home to school transport budget of an increase in the personal transport mileage rate; and
- (iv) To identify if it would be beneficial to the individual, independent travel training was included in the annual report of the Education, Health and Care for each young person from Year 9 onwards.

18. **COMMISSIONING SUBSTANCE MISUSE SERVICES FOR ADULTS AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN SOUTHAMPTON**

The Committee considered the report of the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee detailing for discussion from the current Forward Plan item Commissioning Substance Misuse Services for Adults and Young People in Southampton.

The Cabinet Member for Community Wellbeing was in attendance and addressed the meeting. The Committee discussed with the how the service was designed to improve substance misuse for all cohorts and the prime need was to motivate users to engage with the service.

RESOLVED that:

- (i) Through the commissioning process, the Cabinet Member explores all available options with regards to the siting of substance misuse services in the City; and
- (ii) The City Council leads by example by ensuring that appropriate wellbeing services were provided to employees, including support for employees with substance misuse problems.

NOTE: Councillor White declared a pecuniary interest as Governor of two special schools in the City and remained at the meeting.

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

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