
SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 6 FEBRUARY 2020

Present: Councillors S Galton (Chair), Fuller (Vice-Chair), Bunday, Cooper, Fitzhenry, Harwood, Whitbread, McEwing and Prior
Appointed Members: Francis Otieno and Claire Rogers

Apologies: Councillors Bell and Windle
Appointed Members: Catherine Hobbs, Rob Sanders and Nicola Brown

Also in attendance: Councillor Leggett – Cabinet Member for Green City and Environment
Councillor Kaur – Cabinet Member for Homes and Culture
Councillor Rayment – Cabinet Member for Place and Transport

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

It was noted that following receipt of the temporary resignation of Councillors Bell and Windle from the Committee the Service Director – Legal and Business Operations, acting under delegated powers, had appointed Councillors Prior and McEwing to replace them for the purposes of this meeting. The Committee also noted the apologies of Nicola Brown, Catherine Hobbs and Rob Sanders.

37. **STATEMENT FROM THE CHAIR**

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

RESOLVED: that the minutes for the Committee meeting on 16th January, 2020 be approved and signed as a correct record.

39. **FORWARD PLAN**

The Committee considered the report of the Service Director – Legal and Business Operations enabling the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee to examine the content of the Forward Plan and to discuss issues of interest or concern with the Executive.

A GREEN CITY DELIVERY PLAN FOR SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL

The Committee considered a briefing paper relating to the forthcoming Cabinet Decision “A Green City Delivery Plan for Southampton City Council”:

With the permission of the Chair, members of the public including representatives of Friends of the Earth and Extinction Rebellion Southampton (XRS) addressed the Panel.

RESOLVED: the Committee recommended that:

- i. the Executive outlines and publishes the carbon reduction targets up to 2030 for the Council and the City, with the expectation that the ambition is to front load the reduction of emissions to maximise the benefits to Southampton;

- ii. to help assess progress and target support, annual monitoring of the progress being made by signatories to the Green City Charter is undertaken by the Council;
- iii. the Cabinet Member gives consideration to the following paraphrased recommendation suggested by XRS and Friends of the Earth:
 'To encourage a bold engagement strategy for businesses operating within the city a business continuity plan could be enacted by Emergency Planning for local businesses to sign up to, in the same way that they would make contingency plans for pandemics and terrorist attacks, to include reporting of carbon emissions on an annual basis for comparison.'

PROVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL ENFORCEMENT SERVICES

The Committee considered a briefing paper relating to the forthcoming Cabinet Decision Provision of Environmental Enforcement Services

RESOLVED: the Committee recommended that the item returns to the Committee in November 2020 to enable a discussion on the impact and success of the pilot scheme.

40. **ESTATE REGENERATION – TOWNHILL PARK**

The Committee considered the report of the Cabinet Member for Homes and Culture providing the Committee with an update on the estate regeneration of Townhill Park.

RESOLVED that:

- (i) The Committee are provided with an overview outlining how the Administration intends to ensure that the council homes for the future will meet the Council's Green City Charter and Delivery Plan aspirations.
- (ii) In support of the regeneration programme, the Cabinet Member gives consideration to developing, in partnership with community stakeholders, a vision for the future look of Townhill Park, including housing, environment and community facilities
- (iii) The Committee are provided with the number of leaseholders in Townhill Park.
- (iv) That Townhill Park estate regeneration returns to the Committee agenda when the Executive have developed their plans for funding the programme.

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

The Committee noted the report of the Service Director – Legal and Business Operations enabling the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee to monitor and track progress on recommendations made to the Executive at previous meetings