
SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 12 JULY 2018

Present: Councillors P Baillie (Chair) (except items 9b)(part) and c) - 10), Fielker, Fitzhenry, Furnell, Galton (Vice-Chair), Harwood and Whitbread and Appointed Member Rob Sanders (except items except items 9b) and c) – 10)

Apologies: Appointed Member Catherine Hobbs

Also in attendance: Councillor Paffey, Cabinet Member for Education and Skills
Councillor Chaloner, Cabinet Member for Finance
Councillor Hammond, Leader of the Council

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

The Committee noted the Service Director, Legal and Governance, acting under delegated powers, had appointed Councillor Bell to replace one of the vacancies on this Committee for the purposes of this meeting.

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

RESOLVED that the minutes of the 14th June, 2018 Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee be approved and signed as a correct record.

8. **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

RESOLVED that the Chair moved in accordance with the Council's Constitution, specifically the Access to Information Procedure Rules contained within the Constitution, the press and public be excluded from the meeting in respect of any consideration of the expected confidential report referred to in the following item.

The expectation is that the report to Council relating to Future Strategic Services Partnership with Capita, and associated appendices, will be exempt from publication by virtue of the Council's Access to Information Procedure Rules as contained in the Constitution particularly as it is likely to contain:

- Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) (paragraph 3)
- Information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings (paragraph 5)
- Information which is subject to any obligation of confidentiality (paragraph 7A)

If the content of the Council report were to be treated as a public document it would reveal information that is both commercially sensitive and detrimental to the business affairs of the Council.

9. **FORWARD PLAN**

The Committee considered the report of the Service Director, Legal and Governance detailing the following items for discussion from the current Forward Plan:

- a) Education Capital Programme;
- b) Future of Strategic Services Partnership with Capita; and
- c) Local Authority Trading Company

a) Education Capital Programme

The Cabinet Member for Education and Skills was present and with the consent of the Chair addressed the meeting.

The Committee discussed with the Cabinet Member his plans to expand two secondary schools and build a new school on the Civil Service Sports Ground in Shirley.

RESOLVED it was agreed that the following information was provided to the Committee:

- (i) A list identifying the alternative sites that had been considered as part of the review; and
- (ii) An explanation outlining how the contingency figures have been arrived at.

COUNCILLOR GALTON IN THE CHAIR

b) Future of Strategic Services Partnership with Capita

The Cabinet Member for Finance was present and with the consent of the Chair addressed the meeting.

The Committee went into confidential session to discuss with the Cabinet Member the future of the Strategic Services Partnership. It was agreed that a briefing would be provided with regards to officer procurement rules once this was available.

Note: Councillor Harwood declared a pecuniary interest in this item and remained at the meeting.

c) Local Authority Trading Company

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

RESOLVED that the Committee were provided with the criteria against which the performance of the new Commercial Director would be measured.

10. **THE FUTURE OF WORK IN SOUTHAMPTON - SCRUTINY INQUIRY TERMS OF REFERENCE**

The Committee considered the report of the Service Director, Legal and Governance requesting that the Committee agree the terms of reference for a scrutiny inquiry looking at the future of work in Southampton.

RESOLVED

- (i) that the draft terms of reference for the scrutiny inquiry be approved; and
- (ii) that authority be delegated to the Service Director, Legal and Governance, in consultation with the Chair of the Scrutiny Inquiry Panel, to finalise the inquiry plan.