

Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee: Holding the Executive to Account

Scrutiny Monitoring – 14 November 2019

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10/10/19	Green City & Environment	Green City Charter Update	<p>1) That, whilst recognising that Planning is a regulatory function of the Council, consideration is given to the Council holding a meeting of the Planning and Rights of Way Panel to establish the Council's position with regards to an application to expand Southampton Airport.</p>	<p>An application to expand Southampton Airport will be determined by Eastleigh BC. The City Council will be consulted on the application and the Council's position will be determined in accordance with the constitution at a meeting of the Planning and Rights of Way Panel.</p>	
			<p>2) That a record of the actions taken by signatory organisations that contribute to the objectives within the Green City Charter is developed and updated on a regular basis.</p>	<p>Engagement sessions have established links with the key people within some of the organisations who have signed and will be delivering strategies in support of the Green City Charter. An annual event will be held to review and present progress.</p>	
			<p>3) That the Council ensures that the development of policies that are designed to influence planning applications and decisions relating to air quality is incorporated into Council policy as soon as possible, and, that the target implementation date is provided to the Committee.</p>	<p>The Council will be conducting its first consultation for the new Southampton City Vision Local Plan in early 2020. This consultation will include questions which incorporate thinking about both current and future environmental impacts, including climate change and air quality issues. Results from this consultation will then be taken forward, along with a number technical evidence documents that are to be produced, to help develop and provide sounds</p>	

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				<p>reasoning for the new planning policies which will be used, once adopted, to consider planning applications against.</p> <p>Air Quality Planning guidance is already in development and a second draft has been circulated recently internally for comment. The document is due to be published as local, informal guidance in the new year. This will provide an opportunity to test and develop the principles which will later be adopted as a Supplementary Planning Document. We are planning for this document to form part of the evidence base for the new Southampton City Vision Local Plan and for it to be published in line with relevant timescales. The timetable for the Local Plan's development will be published in the Council's updated Local Development Scheme once Cabinet approval has been received. In the interim, even as informal guidance the document will be able to start influencing how we manage air quality issues within our local planning processes.</p>	
			<p>4) That the Cabinet Member clarifies the position with regards to whether the 2030 carbon neutral target applies to the Council or the City and what is meant by carbon neutral.</p>	<p>The aspiration contained within the Green City Charter is that the City will be carbon neutral by 2030. The council is developing a plan to achieve this which will involve the mapping of the</p>	

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			<p>5) That the Committee are provided with an explanation of the proposed Social Value Procurement Policy and Framework and how this differs from the existing ethical and sustainable procurement policies.</p>	<p>carbon footprints for the council and city. The council has started by focusing on its property portfolio.</p> <p>The current Ethical and Sustainable Procurement policies are not consistent with the Council's aspirations to be a leader in the delivery of a range of social and sustainable outcomes for the City including through its third party expenditure. It is proposed that the Council instead adopts a single Social Value and Sustainability Procurement Policy and an associated framework to help drive improved social and local economic value through its buying and procurement activities. A new approach to sustainability will more directly align with the Green City Charter. The proposed content is still under development prior to recommendations being submitted to Cabinet for consideration.</p>	
10/10/19	Homes & Culture	Estate Regeneration	<p>1) That a briefing note is circulated to the Committee outlining the actions being developed by the Council in response to the difficulties being experienced by Townhill Park Infant School due to the estate regeneration programme.</p>	<p>Meetings with the school, relevant Cabinet members and officers have been scheduled. An update will be circulated to the Committee following these meetings.</p>	

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			2) That, to ensure elected members are kept appraised of developments, estate regeneration proposals are circulated to ward councillors when they are presented to residents forums.		