

Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee: Holding the Executive to Account

Scrutiny Monitoring – 11 November 2021

Date	Portfolio	Title	Action proposed	Action Taken	Progress Status
09/09/21	Growth	Leisure World Commercial Terms	<p>1) That the Administration explores all opportunities to develop affordable housing units across the planned city centre developments, including the Leisure World development.</p> <p>Follow up recommendation – 14/10/21</p> <p>1) That the Administration provide a timescale for when the highlighted action relating to the provision of affordable housing will be undertaken.</p>	<p>The commercial element of Leisure World is now locked down and any further negotiations re affordable housing on the Leisure World site would be conducted via formal check points in the planning process / viability assessments. Whilst the applicant has demonstrated that delivery of the project with affordable housing would make it unviable at this time, an affordable housing review mechanism in the event that key milestones are not reached has been secured. This approach is standard for SCC and aims to ensure wider regeneration delivery and its associated benefits for those schemes where nil affordable is viable. The Administration will be looking to explore a range of opportunities for affordable homes across the city and city centre as part of our council targets for future residential development, the assessment of planning applications, and viability testing through the replacement Local Plan.</p> <p>Follow up response – 02/11/21</p> <p>The corporate plan sets out that the Administration will secure affordable housing partnership for end of March 2022, this is with Homes England and their partners. The arrangement will be as part the Homes England National Prospectus.</p>	Complete

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14/10/21	Growth	Bus Service Improvement Plan	1) That the Council work with Xelabus to encourage and support them to modernise their fleet.	Xelabus have already benefitted from the SCC administered Clean Bus Technology programme to retrofit their whole fleet to be "Euro VI" compliant. Further fleet enhancements will be pursued in partnership with all the bus operators as part of the BSIP and the subsequent Enhanced Partnership (EP). This would be subject to securing future external funding or be commercially led.	Complete
			2) That the Cabinet Member gives consideration to the support that the Council can provide to the Southampton Bus User Group to ensure that it is both active and effective.	Ongoing public engagement on public transport is being considered as part of the Southampton BSIP. A Hampshire Bus User Group/Forum is being set up and further consideration is being made with regards to the Cycle Forum and future expansion to cover other forms of transport/mobility. The BSIP has an ambition to develop Passenger Charters which aim to give bus passengers more of a voice with bus operators and the LTA.	In progress
			3) That a summary of the consultation findings that informed the Bus Service Improvement Plan is circulated to the Committee.	As part of the development of the BSIP during Summer 2021 a public perception survey was carried out to collect people's views on buses and identify what priorities they had. This had 2,260 responses and a summary of the survey forms Appendix 2 of the published BSIP https://transport.southampton.gov.uk/connected-southampton-2040/bus-service-improvement-plan/ .	Complete

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				The survey was promoted on SCC websites, social media channels, media releases and via People's Poll	
			4) That, to encourage feedback, future consultation on plans and proposals relating to bus services is publicised and promoted more widely, across various platforms and channels.	<p>SCC will be considering the best approach to ongoing engagement ensuring it secures a wide range of current and future bus users and stakeholders and consider different mediums to achieve this.</p> <p>The survey had 2,260 responses which is a high level for a transport survey. This was an informal survey so not put on the consultation section of the SCC website but promoted via SCC social media, websites, bus operators (website & social media), media releases, and e-newsletters e.g. People's Panel.</p> <p>The Enhanced Partnership Plan & Scheme is required to have statutory public consultation. This would be promoted in similar ways but other options to publicise more widely can be considered.</p>	Complete
			5) That, to enable oversight, the Committee are provided with an update on the current status of the various bus service improvement schemes included within the Transforming Cities Fund programme.	This will follow once the overarching review of the TCF Programme is completed with the Cabinet Member and DfT. Expected to conclude by March 2022.	In progress
			6) That the Committee are provided with outline timescales for the delivery of the key ambitions and actions contained within the Bus Service Improvement Plan.	The progression of the delivery of schemes, beyond the usual activities of SCC and bus operators, is contingent on the level of funding awarded by DfT. The BSIP has been submitted and officers are working on the next stage – the	In progress

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				<p>Enhanced Partnership Plan & Scheme(s). This will detail out the initial set of activities/schemes, subject to funding. This is due to be completed by March 2022.</p> <p>This will then provide an outline programme during Summer 2022.</p> <p>There is an expectation that there will be 6 monthly reporting on the progress on the delivery of the BSIP and EP. The first of these will be in Autumn 2022 – six months after EP starts. There is also a requirement to do an annual review of the BSIP to ensure that it remains relevant and consistent with policy.</p>	
14/10/21	Children's Social Care	Childhood Obesity – Progress Update	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) That, reflecting the activity and stated ambitions of the Cabinet Member, the Panel are provided with updated timescales and milestones against the agreed recommendations. 2) That the Cabinet Member clarifies the Administrations position with regards to the recommendation relating to restricting the growth in hot food takeaways. 3) That the Cabinet Member outlines the timescales for the development of the proposed Childhood Obesity Strategy / Action Plan. 	<p>A task and finish group has been set up to implement the recommendations. Updated timescales and milestones will be available once agreed at the first meeting of the group on 10/11/2021</p> <p>A Public Health Planner is expected to be in post from January 2022. The post will contribute to the development of policies based upon [a] appropriate evidence, [b] best practice and [c] within the constraints of the planning system.</p> <p>The task and finish group will develop an action plan which builds on the recommendations of the scrutiny inquiry. The action plan will be finalised by the group on March 2022</p>	<p>In progress</p> <p>In progress</p> <p>In progress</p>

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14/10/21	Environment	Revising the Litter Enforcement Service	1) That the Administration reflects on the application of the Council's Access to Information Procedure Rules and discourages the use of reports that are entirely confidential, unless absolutely necessary.	Officers will reflect on the point made and provide summary briefings within the legal framework permitted.	In progress
			2) That the Council promotes the use of data to develop an intelligence led approach to littering enforcement activity.	The Environmental Health Service will use data provided by the contractor to target enforcement activity.	In progress
			3) That officers obtain littering enforcement performance data from, and benchmark against other local authorities, to identify if Southampton is an outlier, particularly with regards to the non-payment of fines.	Officers are having discussions with the contractor to understand how Southampton compares with other Local Authorities and in particular a comparison of non-payment of fines.	In progress
			4) That the service develops alternative criteria by which the effectiveness and success of the littering enforcement service is measured.	Officers are in discussion on how this could be achieved with the contractor, however this will incur additional costs.	In progress