

Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee: Holding the Executive to Account

Scrutiny Monitoring – 9 March 2023

Date	Portfolio	Title	Action proposed	Action Taken	Progress Status
12/01/23	Safe City	Safe City Partnership Annual Review	1) That, to improve confidence in safe city partners, the Safe City Partnership (SCP) reflects on the importance of communicating positive actions and outcomes to the public.	Comms planning meeting set for 2 March 2023 with SCP partners comms reps.	Ongoing
			2) That Sector Sergeants within the Neighbourhood Policing Teams seek to develop effective relationships and lines of communication with Ward Councillors to ensure that the Constabulary are informed about issues and concerns impacting on the local community.	C/Insp Kennedy: All Sgts and Sector Insp were tasked to re-connect with Councillors. I am satisfied that this has been completed	Complete
			3) That consideration is given to refreshing and rebranding the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme in Southampton to reflect the technological opportunities that are now available.	C/Insp Kennedy: Needs a full review of its current status and options available to develop the product. This is not a priority at the moment.	Ongoing
			4) That, to raise its profile and public support, the connection between community groups, Councillors and Community Payback is enhanced.	No update from Probation	Ongoing
			5) That, to build on the strengths of the SCP, the Partnership reviews good practice from high performing comparable partnerships across England and Wales.	Research underway to identify top 3 CSP's in most similar family Group and top 3 in Hampshire for local comparisons (based on lowest all crime data/'000 population.	Ongoing
			6) That, to provide a more accurate insight into the effectiveness of the SCP, the next iteration of the annual report to scrutiny is more strengths based, providing a balanced narrative outlining	Safer Streets 4 promo video being planned with RCM media, that will be under the SCP banner	Ongoing

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			positive outcomes alongside the published crime data.		
02/02/23	Transport & District Regeneration	Portswood Corridor Phase 1 Consultation	1) That the Cabinet Member and officers commit to ensuring that the next iteration of the Portswood Corridor consultation survey is worded in such a way that it is neutral and does not appear to favour the proposed schemes.	Proposed action accepted. All reasonable efforts will be made to ensure that questions included in the consultation for the second phase of consultation will aspire to be neutral. A review will be conducted by Council officers on these areas of concern and include the use of Council's Insights data team to conduct a final review prior to launching the next phase of consultation.	
			2) That further traffic counts are undertaken along the Portswood Corridor to monitor changes to travel habits and to improve understanding of the journeys that are being undertaken and traffic trends.	Proposed action accepted. Council officers shall undertake further traffic data collection prior to the next stage of consultation. These findings shall be reported on during the second phase of consultation.	
			3) That modelling for individual roads is undertaken to help develop understanding of the additional traffic that could be diverted to neighbouring residential streets as a result of the introduction of the proposed schemes.	Proposed Action accepted. Council officers shall undertake further traffic assessments based on data collection described in 2) above. This shall include an assessment of the impact on individual roads which shall include, but not limited to, Brookvale Road, Russell Place, Abbotts Way, Winn Road, Westridge Road and Belmont Road. These findings shall be reported on during the second phase of consultation.	
			4) That, reflecting concerns about the potential impact the closure of Thomas Lewis Way could have on the area if the proposed scheme is introduced, an emergency mitigation plan is developed that identifies the potential impact and models alternative routes to be followed to reduce the predicted impact.	Proposed action accepted. Council officers in consultation with the Traffic Management Team at Balfour Beatty and the emergency service fast response teams shall develop an emergency incident plan for A335 TLW to assess the impact of instances such as localised flooding or any incident that restricts access along the corridor.	

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			5) That bus journey time and trend data for Portswood is provided to the Committee and is available for the second phase of public consultation.	Proposed action accepted. Council officers will work through our bus partnership to ensure that this information is up to date and provided as part of the second phase of the public consultation.	
			6) That, for the second phase of public consultation, improvements are made to the clarity of the information about the proposed schemes to raise awareness of the actual proposals.	Proposed action accepted. Council officers will reassess all communication materials to ensure greater clarity on the content of the proposed schemes. These will be related to the public more effectively during the second phase of consultation.	
			7) That the second phase of public consultation includes a wider geographical area reflecting the potential impact of the proposals.	Propose action accepted. Council officers shall review the area which was previously covered for the first phase of consultation and expand where it is felt appropriate to do so.	
			8) That instead of procuring an independent assessment on the impact of the proposals on the prosperity of Portswood District Centre, traders are contacted individually, or through a Portswood Traders Association, and are asked about their views on the proposals.	Propose action not accepted. While it is accepted that there is great value and need for further engagement with local traders for the Portswood district centre it is proposed that this is done in addition to an independent Economic Impact Assessment which is to be conducted by a nationally leading consultant. Further business engagement is planned as part of the second phase of consultation and it is proposed that a Portswood District Centre Forum be set up by council officers in order to further engage with local businesses.	
			9) That, if the Cabinet Member agrees to the independent assessment on the impact of the proposals on the prosperity of Portswood District Centre, the Cabinet Member and officers commit to separately engaging directly with Portswood traders about the proposals.	Propose action accepted. See proposed action 8) above.	

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			10) That the Cabinet Member and officers demonstrate how the proposals will impact on the city's net zero ambitions.	Proposed action accepted. Additional information shall be provided on how the Portswood corridor proposals will impact on the cities net zero ambitions.	
			11) That the Cabinet Member recognises the strength of feeling and opposition to the proposed closure of Portswood Broadway to through traffic and goes back to the drawing board and scraps plans to close the road to through traffic and instead comes back with alternative proposals for Portswood Broadway that will make the district centre greener and more attractive.	Proposed action not accepted. Additional information as recommended by this Committee should be gathered and analysed before any decision on the scheme is made. Alternative proposal have already been considered and the designs shall continue to develop based on feedback from the consultation and evidence led designing.	
02/02/23	Finance & Change	Budget Proposals 2023/24	1) That more extensive public consultation is undertaken to inform the development of future Council budgets.	Cabinet will review the approach taken, so that proportionate resources are used to elicit a suitable scale and range of feedback that can inform the development of future budgets.	Complete