

ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, 15th May, 2019
at 11.00 am – Guildhall, Civic
Centre and then the Council
Chamber, Civic Centre following
the Extraordinary Council
Meeting at 2.00pm

This meeting is open to the public

Members of the Council

The Mayor – Chair

The Sheriff – Vice-chair

Leader of the Council

Members of the Council (See overleaf)

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Bargate	Bogle Noon Dr Paffey	Millbrook	S Galton Taggart G Galton
Bassett	Hannides B Harris L Harris	Peartree	Bell Houghton Keogh
Bevois	Barnes-Andrews Kataria Rayment	Portswood	Mitchell Savage Cooper
Bitterne	Murphy Streets Prior	Redbridge	McEwing Whitbread Spicer
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Freemantle	Leggett Shields Windle	Swaythling	Fielker Mintoff Bunday
Harefield	P Baillie Fitzhenry Laurent	Woolston	Mrs Blatchford Hammond Payne

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Role of the Council

The Council comprises all 48 Councillors. The Council normally meets six times a year including the annual meeting, at which the Mayor and the Council Leader are elected and committees and sub-committees are appointed, and the budget meeting, at which the Council Tax is set for the following year.

The Council approves the policy framework, which is a series of plans and strategies recommended by the Executive, which set out the key policies and programmes for the main services provided by the Council. It receives a summary report of decisions made by the Executive, and reports on specific issues raised by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee. The Council also considers questions and motions submitted by Council Members on matters for which the Council has a responsibility or which affect the City.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Questions:- People who live or work in the City may ask questions of the Mayor, Chairs of Committees and Members of the Executive. (See the Council's Constitution ref Part 4 Council Procedure Rules 10.8)

Petitions:- At a meeting of the Council any Member or member of the public may present a petition which is submitted in accordance with the Council's scheme for handling petitions. Petitions containing more than 1,500 signatures (qualifying) will be debated at a Council meeting. (See the Council's Constitution ref Part 4 Council Procedure Rules 10.1)

Representations:- At the discretion of the Mayor, members of the public may address the Council on any report included on the agenda in which they have a relevant interest. Any member of the public wishing to address the meeting should advise the Democratic Support Officer (DSO) whose contact details are on the front sheet of the agenda.

Deputations:- A deputation of up to three people can apply to address the Council. A deputation may include the presentation of a petition. (See the Council's Constitution ref Part 4 Council Procedure Rules 10.7)

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The Southampton City Council Strategy (2016-2020) is a key document and sets out the four key outcomes that make up our vision.

- Southampton has strong and sustainable economic growth
- Children and young people get a good start in life
- People in Southampton live safe, healthy, independent lives
- Southampton is an attractive modern City, where people are proud to live and work

Access – Access is available for disabled people. Please contact the Council Administrator who will help to make any necessary arrangements

Smoking policy – The Council operates a no-smoking policy in all civic buildings

Fire Procedure – In the event of a fire or other emergency, a continuous alarm will sound and you will be advised by Council officers what action to take.

Proposed dates of meetings (Municipal year 2018/19)	
2019	2020
17 July	26 February (Budget)
18 September	18 March
20 November	20 May (AGM)

CONDUCT OF MEETING

FUNCTIONS OF THE COUNCIL

The functions of the Council are set out in Article 4 of Part 2 of the Constitution

RULES OF PROCEDURE

The meeting is governed by the Council Procedure Rules as set out in Part 4 of the Constitution.

BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED

Only those items listed on the attached agenda may be considered at this meeting.

QUORUM

The minimum number of appointed Members required to be in attendance to hold the meeting is 16.

DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Members are required to disclose, in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct, **both** the existence **and** nature of any "Disclosable Pecuniary Interest" or "Other Interest" they may have in relation to matters for consideration on this Agenda.

DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

A Member must regard himself or herself as having a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in any matter that they or their spouse, partner, a person they are living with as husband or wife, or a person with whom they are living as if they were a civil partner in relation to:

- (i) Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain.
- (ii) Sponsorship: Any payment or provision of any other financial benefit (other than from Southampton City Council) made or provided within the relevant period in respect of any expense incurred by you in carrying out duties as a member, or towards your election expenses. This includes any payment or financial benefit from a trade union within the meaning of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992.
- (iii) Any contract which is made between you / your spouse etc (or a body in which the you / your spouse etc has a beneficial interest) and Southampton City Council under which goods or services are to be provided or works are to be executed, and which has not been fully discharged.
- (iv) Any beneficial interest in land which is within the area of Southampton.
- (v) Any license (held alone or jointly with others) to occupy land in the area of Southampton for a month or longer.
- (vi) Any tenancy where (to your knowledge) the landlord is Southampton City Council and the tenant is a body in which you / your spouse etc has a beneficial interests.
- (vii) Any beneficial interest in securities of a body where that body (to your knowledge) has a place of business or land in the area of Southampton, and either:
 - a) the total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body, or
 - b) if the share capital of that body is of more than one class, the total nominal value of the shares of any one class in which you / your spouse etc has a beneficial interest that exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class.

Other Interests

A Member must regard himself or herself as having an, 'Other Interest' in any membership of, or occupation of a position of general control or management in:

Any body to which they have been appointed or nominated by Southampton City Council

Any public authority or body exercising functions of a public nature

Any body directed to charitable purposes

Any body whose principal purpose includes the influence of public opinion or policy

Principles of Decision Making

All decisions of the Council will be made in accordance with the following principles:-

- proportionality (i.e. the action must be proportionate to the desired outcome);
- due consultation and the taking of professional advice from officers;
- respect for human rights;
- a presumption in favour of openness, accountability and transparency;
- setting out what options have been considered;
- setting out reasons for the decision; and
- clarity of aims and desired outcomes.

In exercising discretion, the decision maker must:

- understand the law that regulates the decision making power and gives effect to it. The decision-maker must direct itself properly in law;
- take into account all relevant matters (those matters which the law requires the authority as a matter of legal obligation to take into account);
- leave out of account irrelevant considerations;
- act for a proper purpose, exercising its powers for the public good;
- not reach a decision which no authority acting reasonably could reach, (also known as the "rationality" or "taking leave of your senses" principle);
- comply with the rule that local government finance is to be conducted on an annual basis. Save to the extent authorised by Parliament, 'live now, pay later' and forward funding are unlawful; and
- act with procedural propriety in accordance with the rules of fairness.

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Tuesday, 7 May 2019

TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the COUNCIL to be held on WEDNESDAY, 15TH MAY, 2019 in the GUILDHALL, CIVIC CENTRE, at 11.00am at which meeting the business set out in items 1 and 2 are proposed to be transacted, and in the COUNCIL CHAMBER CIVIC CENTRE in the afternoon FOLLOWING THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING at 2:00pm when the following business set out in items 3 onwards are proposed to be transacted:-

1 ELECTION OF A MAYOR FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

2 ELECTION OF A SHERIFF FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

3 APOLOGIES

To receive any apologies.

4 MINUTES (Pages 1 - 12)

To authorise the signing of the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 20th March 2019, attached.

5 ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR AND LEADER

Matters especially brought forward by the Mayor and the Leader.

6 ELECTION OF THE LEADER

To elect a Leader of the Council for the ensuing year. Following the election the Leader will announce membership of the Cabinet.

7 ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE CONSTITUTION (Pages 13 - 402)

Report of the Director of Legal & Governance detailing proposed changes to the Constitution, attached.

8 APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES, SUB COMMITTEES AND OTHER BODIES

A Appointment of Members

The Leader to move that, subject to alterations as may from time to time be made by the Council, the necessary Committees, Sub-Committees and other bodies and external organisations be appointed by the Council with the number and allocation of seats to political groups as set out in a schedule to be tabled at the meeting.

B Appointment of Chair

To appoint the Chair to each of the Committees and Sub-Committees appointed by the Council.

9 **CALENDAR OF MEETINGS**

To approve the following dates for meetings of the Council in the 2019/20 Municipal Year:

17th July 2019

18th September 2019

20th November 2019

26th February 2020 (Budget)

18th March 2020

20th May 2020 (AGM)

10 **DEPUTATIONS, PETITIONS AND PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

To receive any requests for Deputations, Presentation of Petitions or Public Questions.

11 **EXECUTIVE BUSINESS REPORT** (Pages 403 - 408)

Report of the Leader of the Council, attached.

12 **MOTIONS**

(a) Councillor Kaur to move:

“Council notes the positive economic and social impact made to cities that have successfully bid for City of Culture; this ranges from an inward investment of £2 billion to over 90% engagement from residents in the city of Hull. Council understands and values the impact that arts, culture and heritage can have on the economic and social strength of a city, and the difference a City of Culture bid can make to people’s lives. Together Southampton will aim to use the development of the bid as part of the journey to help Southampton reach its full potential, while engaging people from all ages, backgrounds, abilities, races and religions.

Council wishes to build on our, and other stakeholders, investment in arts and culture-led regeneration to use culture to shape and deliver sustainable economic, social, environmental, health and wellbeing outcomes for not only our current communities but also future generations of residents, visitors, artists, innovators and businesses in the decades to come. As part of our civic duty, we jointly commit to co-create with our diverse, talented communities and wider stakeholders a partnership bid from Southampton to become UK City of Culture.

Council calls upon all elected members, stakeholders, partners, and members of our diverse communities to support the creation of Southampton’s City of Culture bid for 2025, so we can use this opportunity to work together to generate the creation of a better city for the future.”

13 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS TO THE CHAIRS OF COMMITTEES OR THE MAYOR

To consider any question of which notice has been given under Council Procedure Rule 11.2.

14 SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2019 (Pages 409 - 412)

Report of the Returning Officer detailing the results of the 2019 City Council Elections.

15 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY: ANNUAL REPORT 2018/19 (Pages 413 - 428)

Report of the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee detailing the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2018/19 in accordance with the Council's Constitution.

16 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY: SUMMARY OF CALL-IN ACTIVITY (Pages 429 - 432)

Report of the Director, Legal and Governance providing an update to Council on the use of Call-In by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee over the previous 6 months.

NOTE: There will be prayers by Reverend Brian Parfitt in the Mayor's Reception Room at 1.45 pm for Members of the Council and Officers who wish to attend.



Richard Ivory
Director of Legal and Governance

SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 20 MARCH 2019

Present:

The Mayor, Councillor Barnes-Andrews
The Sheriff, Councillor P Baillie
Councillors J Baillie, Bell, Mrs Blatchford, Bogle, Chaloner, Claisse,
Coombs, Fielker, Fitzhenry, Fuller, Furnell, Galton, Guthrie, Hammond,
Hannides, B Harris, L Harris, Harwood, Houghton, Jordan, Kataria, Kaur,
Keogh, Laurent, Leggett, McEwing, Mintoff, Mitchell, Murphy, Noon, Dr
Paffey, Parnell (mins 71 - 79), Payne, Rayment, Savage, Shields, Taggart,
T Thomas (mins 71 - 74), Vassiliou, Whitbread, White and Wilkinson

Apologies were received from Councillors D Thomas, Pope and Streets.

71. MINUTES

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meetings held on 21st November 2018 and 20th February 2019 be approved and signed as a correct record.

72. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR AND LEADER

- (i) The Mayor paid tribute to the tragic terrorist shootings at two Mosques in New Zealand on 15th March 2019 which had left 50 people dead and dozens wounded. As a mark of respect Council stood for a minute's silence.
- (ii) The Mayor announced Francis Benali's forthcoming charity fundraising challenge which would see him hoping to complete seven Ironman-distance triathlons in seven days across the UK and reach his target of raising £1 million for Cancer Research UK. On behalf of the City the Mayor wished him well.
- (iii) The Mayor welcomed Cllr Renyard, new Member for Coxford following the bi-election.
- (iv) The Mayor along with other Members of Council paid tribute to those Members who were not standing for re-election, particularly Cllrs Parnell, Claisse, Wilkinson, Jordan and Don Thomas.

73. DEPUTATIONS, PETITIONS AND PUBLIC QUESTIONS

The Council received and noted a deputation from Ms Vivienne Windle concerning Crime in the City's Parks.

74. EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

The report of the Leader of the Council was submitted setting out the details of the business undertaken by the Executive.

The Leader and the Cabinet made statements and responded to questions.

The following questions were submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 11.1.

1. Service Users, Carers and Financial Assessments

Does the Cabinet Member have confidence in the procedures for carrying out service user, carers and financial assessments?

Answer

In order to provide assurance on the procedures in place for carrying out assessments for people receiving social care and their carers, the council commissioned an independent desk top audit of 80 case files from the last three years. The council has recently received the report following this audit, which identified areas where practice needed to be improved.

I have had regular briefings from officers on these matters and have confidence in the actions the council is taking to address the issues identified. This includes the implementation of a new client case management system, which will improve record keeping, and providing additional training and supervision for social care practitioners.

Full ownership of the process for carrying out financial assessments returns to the council in July 2019, when the current outsourcing arrangement ends. The council will at this point be able to make improvements to address the issues that people have experienced.

2. Budget for Respite Services

Can the Cabinet Member outline the proposals for the use of £600K figure in the budget for respite services?

Answer

The £600K figure in the 2019/20 budget is earmarked for the provision of respite services at Kentish Road.

The nature of the services will depend on the outcome of the work that is currently underway with carers, people who are living with a learning disability, care providers and disability organisations to agree the vision for the future use of the site at Kentish Road.

The group has met six times since September 2018 and is keen to explore ways of complementing the current respite service with other services for people with learning disabilities, including housing (both supported living and training flats) and life skills services, to promote independence. The group is supportive of these options and an architect, commissioned by the council to provide sketches that illustrate different ways of configuring these services on the site, presented these to the group on 5 March 2019.

The council is committed to continue to provide overnight respite care at Kentish Road in the future and the budget will enable this.

3. Overspend at Care Homes

Can the Cabinet Member advise what measures have been made to reduce overspend at both our care homes and commit that these overspend will not continue into the next financial year?

Answer

Action has been taken to address overspend in both homes and to ensure that this will not continue into the next financial year. There is recognition that the budget set for managing the care homes did not fully account for the full staffing costs and this has been addressed in the budget allocated for the next financial year (2019/20).

There has been a renewed focus on staff wellbeing, with bespoke training planned for staff on manual handling and bereavement and loss, as muscular skeletal issues and bereavement have been identified as common reasons for absence.

The scheme managers have been working with HR to robustly apply the council's sickness absence policy and ensure that guidance is followed. Staff have been reminded of the impact of absence during staff meetings and supervision sessions.

Staff have volunteered to work across both care homes, which means they are now being called on before engaging agency staff.

The staff restructure proposed, subject to consultation and approval, is more resilient, as it includes sufficient staff to cover holiday periods, reducing the need for agency staff and additional management capacity to ensure effective supervision and support. This will also provide a career pathway, the lack of this in the care industry is often cited as a barrier to recruitment.

4. Compass School Funding

Will the Executive commit to re-assessing the funding of Compass School if the council's own assessment of the need for funding is shown to be incorrect?

Answer

The Council's education team has undertaken a careful analysis of the funding provided to Compass school and pupil numbers over time. As a result it has been established that within the usual variation, pupil numbers are currently around or below 100. Therefore the funding will be adjusted to reflect this, as per the budget consultation. If at any stage there is sustained evidence that pupil numbers are higher than our analysis has shown, then the Council will undertake further analysis to address the issue.

5. Green City Charter

In January you pledged to include all Council members, residents and businesses in creating the Green City Charter as “It’s bigger than just politicians” – when did your view on this change?

Answer

My view has not changed and since January following almost 10,000 responses to our air quality consultation we have continued to engage with residents through an online suggestion box situated on the homepage of the council website, a People’s Panel Poll, an engagement session with the Youth Forum, a stakeholder engagement day including representatives from business, academia and community/campaign groups and held an all member briefing on the Green City Charter. We have engaged with over 1,100 people.

6. Pollution Reduction in parts of the City

You have quoted pollution has reduced by 24% in parts of the City as a result of your 2016 Clean Air Strategy on what statistical evidence do you make this claim?

Answer

As stated in the Cabinet report, recent modelling has shown that at the worst point in the city (A3024 Northam Bridge) between 2015 to 2020 there is a 24% reduction shown in the locally modelled NO₂ annual mean.

7. NO_x Emissions

Given your bold and radical plan to reduce NO_x emissions to 25ug/m³ annual mean by 2025 will you rule out congestion charging or work place parking levies as tools you will be using over the next 6 years to achieve this?

Answer

There are currently no plans to look at these tools. The launch the Green City Charter marks the start of a process where with partners we will be developing strategies and action plans to deliver our ambitions.

8. Air Quality

Can the Cabinet Member outline the steps that the Council will take to see air quality fall below 25ug across the City by 2025 and how much revenue and capital funding will be needed on an annual basis to deliver this?

Answer

The Charter represents an opportunity to establish more ambitious improvements through alternative long-term, far-reaching projects which will be developed during Action Planning exercise. This will involve a full assessment of any costs associated with the delivery of the proposed actions that are not covered by

existing budgets, identification of appropriate funding streams (including new grant opportunities) and approvals made in line with financial regulations.

There are a number of existing projects and budgets across the Council that will support the Green City Charter and in particular ongoing improvements in air quality. These will need to be assessed and built into the Green City Action Plan, but are supported by £1.49m revenue and £8.289m capital funding.

9. LATCo

Can the leader advise council the full cost of the abandoned LATCO proposals?

Answer

In evaluating the options around a LATCO the council spent £388,927 on legal, financial, Human resources and commercialism support. In addition the project used £85,088 of existing budgeted internal staff support costs. This has been an investment in the business planning process which Departments are now using to support a greater drive towards commercialisation.

10. Road Repairs

Can the Cabinet Member advise why over 200 roads there were advertised to be repaired by the Council before the local elections in 2018 will now not be repaired?

Answer

The Council and its contracted partner Balfour Beatty are responsible for managing roads maintenance and investment priorities. Part of this process involves publishing, via the Council's website, indicative listings of road locations that are being considered for future works. These indicative listings, which cover more than one financial year of investment, are amended when changes to the roads investment programme are made. Only when an indicative roads delivery programme, typically covering the following 12 months, is confirmed for implementation by Balfour Beatty is there a high degree of certainty of completion for any individual road scheme. The website will be updated shortly with a new indicative listing of roads for the 2019/20 financial year. The website will include clear notes explaining that completion of all roads cannot be guaranteed.

Given the nature of the road network in Southampton, at any time there is likely to be a prospective roads listing running into the hundreds. A reduced listing is produced annually following DfT grant funding settlements and the Council's budget setting process, which identifies the priority roads which can be afforded. The 2018-19 indicative highway programme year had the benefit of being supplemented by a significant additional budget allocation, and these schemes are approaching completion. However, the indicative programme had to be started on the basis of outline designs and approximate budget estimates. As per normal practice, as the true condition of roads became more apparent as a result of removing surfacing and exposing ground conditions, a 'swap-out' of some road locations had to be made. In addition, some roads proved to be

unaffordable and were removed from the indicative 2018-19 programme year. Any that were removed will be considered for inclusion in the indicative programme for future years.

11. Opposition Budget Proposals

Can the Leader advise why he and his Group voted against our budget proposals to keep open our care homes, freeze council tax and invest in our city?

Answer

Verbal response provided at the meeting.

The Opposition Budget proposals were voted against as they would unsustainably draw on reserves, see unknown privatisation of services and sell off our assets. Ultimately the Council would be in a worse financial position. In contrast to this, our administration is investing in the City and has put forward a bold yet robust budget to achieve this.

12. Car Parking Machines

Can the Cabinet Member advise the costs of retro fitting our car parking machines across the city to make them accessible to disabled users as a result of the recently introduced new charges?

Answer

Parking Services have estimated that the cost of re-siting Off Street Pay and Display machines that are currently on raised kerbs to accessible locations will be in the region of £6200.

Parking Services are currently discussing the proposal further with the representative from our disabled consultee group, Spectrum. This is to ensure that issues such as accessibility are taken into consideration before the change is formally proposed.

13. Garden Waste

Regarding the recycling of Garden Waste, why are a section of our elderly residents denied the five pound discount due to being unable to apply online?

Answer

No one is denied receiving a discount for their garden waste service if they apply online. This incentive has been in place for some years to reflect the efficiencies associated with online transactions. Anyone who does not have access to the internet can visit their local library where internet access and assistance to apply online will be provided.

14. New Council Homes

To date how many new Council homes have been delivered under Labour since 2012?

Answer

In 2016 - Erskine Court opened providing 54 units of housing with care.

In February 2019 - 6 new homes were completed in Townhill Park and are now occupied. 50 flats are due to be completed by the end of March 2019. There will be a total of 665 new homes delivered as part of the Townhill Park regeneration programme.

Potters Court and Kiln Court are currently under construction in Wimpson Lane, Millbrook this will provide 84 units of housing with care and 15 units of general needs accommodation. This is due for completion in the autumn of 2020.

The Council has also purchased 6 properties in 2018/19 and there are 3 that we are working towards completion by the end of March.

15. Council Properties

How many people have been “decanted” from Council properties since 2012 and how much revenue has been lost by the council in council tax and rental income?

Answer

There have been 147 tenancies that have been moved since 2012. The loss of income from this would be difficult to assess, as while tenants have moved, empty units have continued to be used for homeless families, which has saved the Council revenue in providing temporary accommodation.

16. Empty Council Houses

How many Council houses are currently “empty” in the City? Of this figure how many have been empty 0-90 days, how many 90 days to 1 year and how many over 1 year? How much is this costing in council tax and rental income?

Answer

Empty Council Properties as at 10 March 2019 (all types of property)

Number of days empty	Number of properties	Total rent loss for period
0 to 90 days	76	£32,001.49
90 days to 1 year	23	£48,602.08
1 year +	4	£35,476.49
Total	103	£116,080.06

This represents approximately 0.5% of the council housing stock. Approximately 100 council homes become vacant every month.

Of the four over a year, one is being used as a site office to support a tower block improvement programme; one has been re-categorised as a scooter store pending completion of fire safety works in a supported housing scheme; one has required extensive complex specialist maintenance and repair because of its listed building status; and one has significant subsidence and the council is carrying out an options appraisal as the property is beyond economic repair.

The reasons for remaining vacant from 90 days to 1 year include pest control treatment, significant repair and maintenance issues (with many including asbestos removal) and fire safety improvements.

Council Tax payable on Empty Council Properties (where empty as at 10 March 2019 –Council tax only payable after a property has been empty for 30 days)

Number of days empty	Number of properties where Council Tax bill has been received	Total Council Tax paid where bill has been received
0-90 days	20	£3,244.25
90 days to 1 year	20	£10,420.14
1 year +	4	£8,773.60
Total	44	£22,437.99

In addition, there are 36 vacant properties at Townhill Park following recent decanting. These properties will not be re-let due to the Townhill Park regeneration project.

17. Council's Sickness Rate

Given the council's sickness rate has been raised at the Governance Committee recently, what action has been taken to address the issue and can the leader advise council of the full cost of the councils staff sickness rate?

Answer

Sickness absence is monitored and reported to managers monthly; details of specific cases are discussed by HR Advisors with managers to look at what interventions and work is required and in place to bring people back to work or exit them from the council if they are unable to attend as required. Workshops are held for managers (from Jan 2019 on) to remind all of process and need to manage attendance effectively and undertake correct return to work and any reasonable adjustments to enable return to work and prevent further absence. Task groups have been set up for areas of particularly high absence to drill deeper into reasons and look at what can be done to improve attendance; letters have gone out to staff to remind them of attendance requirements and impact of high levels of absence on service / customers / colleagues. The focus is back on managers to address in line with policy, **ALL** sickness.

Absence costs – average is around £280k a month –this does not include the impact on colleagues covering gaps, management time of addressing actual absence and return to work, Occupational health referrals etc. and any back fill for areas of front line provision.

75. MOTIONS

(a) Councillor Furnell moved and Councillor Shields seconded.

This Council notes with alarm the continuing increase in the rate of recorded crime across the country with a rise last year of 12.8%.

This Council is concerned that this disturbing pattern is mirrored in Southampton with the number of crimes recorded in the city last year totalling 31,859 - a 2.3% increase on the figure for 2016/17 (which represented a 9% increase on 2015/16) and representing 20% of all recorded crime across the Hampshire & Isle of Wight police force area.

Of particular concern are the sharp increases in the following categories:

- Serious Knife Crime (up by 28.9% on the previous year)
- Hate Crime (up by 24.7% on the previous year)
- Robbery (up by 23.9% on the previous year)
- Rape (up by 23.8% on the previous year)

This Council notes that between January 2010 and March 2018 the number of neighbourhood police serving the City declined by a third from 87 to 60 and presently the number stands at 47.

This Council, therefore, welcomes the commitment given by the Police & Crime Commissioner to increase the number of frontline police officers by 210 – as justification for an increase in the police precept element of the Council Tax – and fully expects Southampton to receive its fair share of this additional resource.

This Council calls upon the Police & Crime Commissioner to ensure deployment of a further 25 additional neighbourhood police officers over the coming year to boost the number in each of the City's eight neighbourhood teams and to create sufficient capacity to respond in a timely manner to local incidents without depleting existing local services.

UPON BEING PUT TO THE VOTE THE MOTION WAS DECLARED CARRIED.

RESOLVED: that the motion be approved.

76. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS TO THE CHAIRS OF COMMITTEES OR THE MAYOR

It was noted that no requests for Questions from Members to the Chairs of Committees or the Mayor had been received.

77. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES, SUB-COMMITTEES AND OTHER BODIES

It was noted that there were no appointments to Committees, Sub Committees or Other Bodies.

78. PAY POLICY 2019/2020

The report of the Chief Executive was submitted seeking approval of the Pay Policy 2019/20.

RESOLVED:

- (i) That the Pay Policy 2019/20 be approved;
- (ii) That the continued implementation of the Living Wage Foundation increase as the minimum hourly rate for NJC evaluated posts from 1st April 2019 be noted; and
- (iii) That the cost of living award was agreed for 2019 as part of the two year pay agreement for NJC evaluated roles and Chief Officer and Chief Executive pay be noted and that implementation of this be delegated to the Service Director HR and OD to be applied for 2019/20.

79. CONNECTED SOUTHAMPTON TRANSPORT STRATEGY 2040

The report of the Cabinet Member for Transport and Public Realm was submitted seeking approval of the Connected Southampton Transport Strategy 2040.

RESOLVED:

- (i) That the public consultation feedback had been taken into account by Cabinet and had informed the final Connected Southampton Transport Strategy 2040 be noted;
- (ii) That the Connected Southampton Transport Strategy 2040 as the new Local Transport Plan for Southampton be approved; and
- (iii) That authority be delegated to the Service Director for Growth following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Transport and Realm to implement any variations.

80. DELIVERY OF THE LOCAL PLAN TO ACHIEVE EU NITROGEN DIOXIDE COMPLIANCE

The Report of the Cabinet Member for Green City was submitted seeking approval of the delivery of the Local Plan to achieve EU Nitrogen Dioxide Compliance.

RESOLVED:

- (i) That subject to confirmation of an acceptable funding bid, to accept and authorise the spend of external funding anticipated to not exceed £6,423,625 awarded by the Joint Air Quality Unit for the implementation of the Local Plan to achieve EU Nitrogen Dioxide Compliance; and

- (ii) That authority be delegated to the Service Director for Transactions and Universal Services to accept and spend funding awarded to support the Local Plan to achieve EU Nitrogen Dioxide Compliance should this vary from the amounts requested from Government.

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Agenda Item 7

DECISION-MAKER:	GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE COUNCIL		
SUBJECT:	ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE CONSTITUTION		
DATE OF DECISION:	15 APRIL 2019 (GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE) 15 MAY 2019 (COUNCIL)		
REPORT OF:	DIRECTOR OF LEGAL & GOVERNANCE		
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STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY			
None			
BRIEF SUMMARY			
This report sets out the annual review of the Constitution. This will be considered and initially discussed by Governance Committee on 15 th April 2019. The recommendations to both the Governance Committee and Council are included below.			
As ever, the Constitution is a document that changes regularly and, therefore, further revisions may be proposed prior to or at Council.			
RECOMMENDATIONS:			
Governance Committee			
	(i)	To consider and recommend the changes to the Constitution to Council for adoption.	
Council			
	(i)	To agree the minor changes to the Constitution and associated arrangements as set out in this report;	
	(ii)	To authorise the Director of Legal & Governance to finalise the arrangements as approved by Full Council and make any further consequential or minor changes arising from the decision;	
	(iii)	To approve the City Council's Constitution, as amended, including the Officer Scheme of Delegation, for the Municipal Year 2019-20.	
REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS			
1.	It is appropriate as a core tenet of good governance for the Council to keep its Constitution under regular review and to amend it, both to reflect experience and changing circumstances.		
ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED			
2.	The Council has previously resolved to review its Constitution annually. Therefore, it is appropriate that this report is considered by Members. There are a range of recommendations set out within the report, none of which are		

	substantial changes. Members have a range of options about various changes not least of which is to amend or reject some or all of them.
DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)	
<u>Scheme of Delegation to Officers</u>	
3.	This has been updated to reflect revised job titles and other minor matters, remove duplication and to include delegations required to give effect to the new and revised legislation. No new delegations are included.
<u>Council Procedure Rules</u>	
4.	Addition of a clause (11.4(c)) relating to the Annual General Meeting and the notice required for Member questions. The time for submitting formal questions is extended following annual elections.
5.	Addition of a clause (11.5(a)) regarding the form of response to Member Questions to simply reflect the fact that written responses can be tabled.
<u>Contract Procedure Rules (CPRs)</u>	
6.	The amendments proposed are to assist the Council to achieve value for money for its goods, services and works through an appropriate and proportionate approach to procurement activity.
7.	The proposed version of the CPRs do not anticipate the UK's position post leaving the EU and any subsequent changes that may be made. On exit all EU law will transpose into UK law. Whilst it is not expected that there will be any significant changes to the UK's procurement approach in the short term, the CPRs will be revisited if and when any changes occur.
8.	Summarised below are the key changes proposed and a brief rationale for each:
a.	Increase the low value transaction threshold from £1,000 to £5,000 meaning that officers are able to make purchases directly up to the value of £5,000 provided that they have obtained at least one written quote;
b.	Amend the drafting in respect of the use of framework agreements to clarify that the use of specific framework agreements must only be approved for use by the Service Director – Business and Digital Operations on a single occasion, after which their appropriateness for use is determined by Procurement Services Team on a case-by-case basis;
c.	Mandate that where the Council has in place specific contracts with suppliers to provide supplies, services or works these contracts must be used to source relevant requirements, unless directed otherwise by the Service Director - Digital and Business Operations;
d.	Transfer the approval of Integrated Commissioning Unit (ICU) exemptions from the Service Director – Digital and Business Operations to the Service Director - Quality and Integration;
e.	Amend the 'Intermediate-Value Transactions' procedure to allow Officers sourcing temporary staff to obtain three quotes or use approved frameworks directly without need to go involve the Procurement Services Team;

	f.	Create a new requirement for at least one quote to be sought from a Small or Medium-sized Enterprise (SME) supplier for all requirements of above £5,000 in contract value;
	g.	Expand the arrangements captured in the Contracts Register to capture “one off” as well as recurring payments and
	h.	Include a clear obligation on Officers to communicate any agreed extensions or variations to contracts to the Procurement Services Team to ensure that these are reflected in the Contracts Register.
Chief Officer Employment Panel		
9.		Currently the terms of reference encompass appointment and dismissal, where they can lawfully do so, of all officers on CO grades. By definition this includes some, but not all, Service Leads. After discussion with Group Leaders it is considered that the most appropriate use of Members’ valuable time is to concentrate on the more senior officers, ie Chief Officers, as the title suggests, including statutory officers.
RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS		
<u>Capital/Revenue</u>		
10.		None.
<u>Property/Other</u>		
11.		None.
LEGAL IMPLICATIONS		
<u>Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:</u>		
12.		The Executive Arrangements and Constitution are required under the Local Government Act 2000 (as amended) and the Localism Act 2011.
<u>Other Legal Implications:</u>		
13.		None.
RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS		
14.		None.
POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS		
15.		None.

KEY DECISION?	No
WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:	None
<u>SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION</u>	
Appendices	
1.	Draft revised Constitution – online only
Documents In Members' Rooms	
1.	None
Equality Impact Assessment	
Do the implications/subject of the report require an Equality and Safety Impact Assessment (ESIA) to be carried out?	No
Data Protection Impact Assessment	
Do the implications/subject of the report require a Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) to be carried out?	No
Other Background Documents	
Other Background documents available for inspection at:	
Title of Background Paper(s)	Relevant Paragraph of the Access to Information Procedure Rules / Schedule 12A allowing document to be Exempt/Confidential (if applicable)
1.	None

DECISION-MAKER:		COUNCIL	
SUBJECT:		EXECUTIVE BUSINESS REPORT	
DATE OF DECISION:		15 May 2019	
REPORT OF:		LEADER OF THE COUNCIL	
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STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY			
None			
BRIEF SUMMARY			
This report outlines the Executive business conducted since the last Executive Business Report to Full Council on 20 th March 2019			
RECOMMENDATIONS:			
	(i)	That the report be noted.	
REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS			
1.	This report is presented in accordance with Part 4 of the Council’s Constitution.		
ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED			
2.	Not applicable.		
DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)			
STRONG AND SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC GROWTH			
3.	I was delighted to hear that Southampton City Council has announced that Barclays has been appointed to manage the Network Eagle Lab, Southampton’s unique new co-working space at the Marlands shopping centre. The location will be run by the bank's Eagle Labs team, a group with a track record of helping entrepreneurs and businesses grow and scale in their local communities and beyond. Network Eagle Lab marks the first collaboration between Barclays Eagle Labs and a local authority.		
4.	I am pleased to announce that, linked to Southampton’s new local transport plan, the ‘Connecting Southampton’ website is now live at transport.southampton.gov.uk . The site is a place where residents, commuters and visitors can get the latest news on the major transport projects that are shaping our city. It includes traffic and travel information and detail on the long term vision for transport in Southampton with links to find out more information about getting around by public transport, walking and cycling.		
5.	It was fantastic to learn that Southampton City Council & Hampshire County Council have secured a joint bid of £5.7m from the Department of Transport’s ‘Transforming Cities’ Fund to continue delivering the Southampton Cycle Network (SCN) and for smart technology to help people get around by bus. The funding will accelerate plans to make it easier and safer for people to cycle by completing three Cycle Freeways across		

	<p>Southampton and the wider City Region. The money will be used for the following projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the SCN1 Western Cycle Freeway between the city centre, the Port, Totton and the New Forest • the SCN3 Eastern Cycle Freeway from the city centre to Bitterne and Bursledon along the A3024 Bursledon Road • the SCN5 Northern Cycle Freeway to Chandlers Ford • improvements to cycle routes linking the main employment hubs of Southampton Airport, the University of Southampton the General Hospital and Adanac Park smart technology in the traffic signals at the junctions of A335 Stoneham Way/A27 Wide Lane/Wessex Lane
6.	I was delighted to hear that Balfour Beatty Living Places, Southampton City Council's highways partner, has completed a project to improve Millbrook Road East for pedestrians and cyclists and develop the Southampton Cycle Network (SCN) on the SCN1 Western Cycle Freeway. The quiet ways scheme was designed to calm traffic and make cycling and walking into the city centre safer and more attractive option for people.
7.	I'd like to thank all road users for their patience whilst our highways partner Balfour Beatty carried out an essential project to excavate, reconstruct and resurface Millbrook Roundabout. It was great that the works completed ahead of schedule on 7 April 2019. This investment will secure the long term future of the roundabout which is key to the future prosperity of the city and the region.
8.	It's good to see Balfour Beatty, Southampton City Council's highways partner, start work on widening Coxford Road to improve hospital access and relieve a traffic pinch point. The £814,000 project funded by Southampton City Council together with University Hospital Southampton Trust will improve access to Southampton General Hospital, and will take nine weeks to complete.
	CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE GET A GOOD START IN LIFE
9.	It was great to see staff celebrating World Social Work Day on 19 March. This year's theme was promoting the importance of human relationships. Over 70 staff from children's services shared lunch and explored different tools to use when working with our young people, and the standards governing our practice to carry out this work safely.
10.	I was very pleased to see The Right Worshipful Mayor of Southampton, Cllr Stephen Barnes-Andrews, recognising staff and pupils from schools across the city for achievements that improve their health as well as our air quality. In a ceremony held in the Mayor's Parlour on 2 April Mayor Barnes-Andrews praised more than 32 schools registered on the Healthy High 5 Award scheme and 15 participating in the Modeshift STARS (Sustainable Travel Accreditation and Recognition Scheme) scheme for teaching students the importance of mental wellbeing, nutrition and exercise.
11.	I was delighted to hear about the great work of the 60 Southampton Junior Neighbourhood Wardens who supported the Great British Clean during the Easter holiday break by collecting and safely disposing of litter from local streets, parks and playgrounds in the Lordswood, Townhill and Northam areas. As well as doing their bit for their community, they learned about reducing their carbon footprint by working with the council's Waste Operations Team to separate rubbish from recyclable waste, as well as enjoying an Easter egg hunt for their efforts.
12.	It is great to hear that Adopt South, Hampshire's new regional adoption agency, launched on 1 April. Adopt South is a Regional Adoption Agency, combining the services of Hampshire County Council, Isle of Wight Council, Portsmouth City Council and

	Southampton City Council. The agency will enable efficient matching of children with adoptive families in secure and loving homes, ensuring the best possible outcomes for children. We were pleased to receive a letter from the Children and Families Minister, Nadhim Zahawi MP, congratulating all participating councils on the launch of Adopt South.
	PEOPLE IN SOUTHAMPTON LIVE SAFE, HEALTHY, INDEPENDENT LIVES
13.	I was really proud to hear about the success of the council's Life Skills service. Since starting in April 2018, the service has provided over 250 sessions of one to one job coaching within the workplace, to support adults with learning disabilities into work, training or volunteering. In addition to this, I enjoyed a video showing the story of Matt from Harefield who was referred to the Life Skills service in June 2018 after being out of employment for four years, and how the service helped him secure paid employment.
14.	It was fantastic to see £2.7m of funding secured by Southampton City Council through the government's Clean Bus Technology Fund to retrofit buses and reduce harmful emissions in the city. By the end of May 2019, City Reds will have upgraded 49 of its Southampton vehicles with innovative selective catalytic reduction technology and bring its fleet to the Euro 6 standard for vehicle emissions - which almost completely removes Nitrogen Dioxides emissions. Go South Coast, Xelabus and Wheelers are set to follow later in the year.
15.	I was also delighted to hear that Southampton City Council have been awarded £1.8M of funding from DEFRA to improve local air quality. These include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support freight consolidation for HGV vehicle operations in Southampton • Introduction of citywide traffic regulation condition requiring a minimum euro 6 standard on all bus routes • The introduction of new taxi licensing conditions requiring a minimum euro 6 diesel euro 4 petrol for newly licensed vehicles in 2020 and all vehicles by 2023 • Promotion of active and sustainable travel on the A3024 • Expansion of low emission taxi incentive scheme for Southampton licensed taxis • Offering a free trial scheme for taxi operators to consider the benefits of electric vehicles • Introduction of further charging points to support uptake of electric vehicles • Additional monitoring and evaluation of air quality and improvement measures
16.	I am excited to announce that CitizEn Energy has launched a new gas and electricity tariff, which is just for locals living in Southampton. The new 12 month fixed Local Tariff will be available to households across Southampton. CitizEn Energy's main aim is to try to help those who are struggling to pay their energy bills, and many could see savings of hundreds of pounds, especially if they have not switched for a while.
17.	I am delighted to hear that we have won a number of funding bids to support people in Southampton live healthy, safe and independent lives. They are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £107,219 over 2 years from the NHS to increase provision of employment support to people with serious mental illness via the Individual Placement and Support (IPS) service. • £162,721 from the Department for Work and Pensions to increase provision of employment support to people with a mental illness. • £566,583 from European Structural & Investment Funding to support economically inactive or unemployed adults living in Southampton and the wider Solent LEP area whose health, drug/alcohol dependency, chronic lifestyles or

	homelessness are barriers to education, training or sustained employment via the Solent Employment Support project.
	SOUTHAMPTON IS AN ATTRACTIVE AND MODERN CITY WHERE PEOPLE ARE PROUD TO LIVE AND WORK
18.	I was delighted to hear that so far over 31,000 people have visited the Leonardo da Vinci: A Life in Drawing exhibition held at Southampton City Art Gallery. To put this number into perspective, in 2017-18 the visitor numbers to all exhibitions were 24,311 for the whole year. This is in addition to the excellent response to a questionnaire on the exhibit, where over 25% of respondents had never visited the Gallery before, 90% rated the exhibition excellent, and 100% they would come again or recommend a friend.
19.	I am very pleased to announce that a new exhibition entitled <i>Beyond the Brotherhood: The Pre-Raphaelite Legacy</i> will run at Southampton City Art Gallery from 18 October 2019 until 1 February 2020. This major exhibition, which will include works from Tate Britain, Victoria and Albert Museum and the Royal Academy, will highlight the importance of the Pre-Raphaelite movement and its influence on contemporary art and culture, as seen in the fantastical imagery of <i>Lord of the Rings</i> and <i>Game of Thrones</i> .
20.	I would like to offer my congratulations to Southampton City Art Gallery, which is now 80 years old! The Gallery was opened by the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester on 26 April 1939 and 80 years on the collection holds over 5,000 works and is internationally renowned.
21.	It was fantastic to see all the people taking part in the ABP Southampton Marathon on 5 May 2019. The event continues to go from strength to strength, with over 10,000 runners pounding the pavements in the Marathon, Half Marathon, 10k and children's races and I'd like to congratulate the winners of each race and all those who took part.
22.	I'd also like to say a big 'well done' to everyone who took part in Move in March, My Journey Southampton's event to encourage alternative travel and to get more people active throughout the month of March. As part of the month long event, 1172 people took part in Southampton Ride to Work Week and travelled via bike to work rather than using the car. By ditching the car and swapping to a more active mode of travel not only helps improve the air we breathe, but is a good way to get exercise and remain healthy.
23.	It was humbling to see people coming together in solidarity on 26 April for a peace vigil organised by the Muslim Council of Southampton and Southampton Council of Faiths at the Peace Fountain in East Park, for the victims and families of the horrific attacks in Sri Lanka on Easter Sunday. It was also humbling to see the peace vigil also held on 20 March at the Peace Fountain in East Park in honour of the victims and families of the New Zealand terror attack with prayer and reflection. The event was also organised by the Muslim Council of Southampton and Southampton Council of faiths, and shows that people in Southampton will always come together in solidarity against hatred and promoting the cause of peace.
24.	I am pleased to see that Southampton has continued to offer a wide range of interesting, family friendly events to both residents and visitors. Many events were led, facilitated or supported by the council's events team and as well as the ones already referred to above, these have included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 13 April - Titanic Family Fun Day – SeaCity Museum commemorated the 107th anniversary of RMS Titanic's fateful voyage.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 13 April – Let’s Ride at Riverside Park – Families enjoyed a safe cycling event with the Let’s Ride Pop-Up, providing a safe and friendly space for the whole family to improve their cycling skills. • 18 April – Toddler Time, Egg-tastic – SeaCity Museum hosted an Easter inspired event with stories and crafting fun. • 22 April – Easter Eggstravorganza – Family fun day with Organ Music, BBQ and fairground rides. • 26 April-6 May – Circus Extreme – A one-of-a-kind performance, that has been five years in the making descended on Mayflower Park as part of its European tour. • 27 April – World Tai Chi and Qi Gong Day – the event aimed at raising awareness of mental health and wellbeing through the simple and effective practice of Tai Chi and Qi Gong. • 6 May – Southampton May Day Celebration for People & Plants – local organisations and families were invited to take part in an event with live music, stalls and food.
	A MODERN, SUSTAINABLE COUNCIL
25.	It was great to see local businesses showcasing the life changing apprenticeship opportunities that they offer at a Careers and Apprenticeships show, which took place on 14 May 2019 at St Mary’s Stadium. The event was run by Southampton City Council and supported by Southern Universities Network, Solent LEP, Solent University, the Apprenticeship Hub and Southern Daily Echo. Employers from a range of sectors were in attendance, all of which are committed to the promotion of apprenticeship opportunities, offering level 3 to degree level apprenticeships.
26.	I would like to congratulate Ian Collins, Service Lead: Emergency Planning and Business Continuity, for being awarded a fellowship of the Emergency Planning Society, the professional body for the resilience industry on 14 March 2019. The fellowship is the highest level of society membership available and was awarded in recognition of Ian’s contributions to the profession over the last 15 years.
27.	Congratulations to the Integrated Commissioning Unit (ICU) who were recently audited which resulted in their contract management process achieving the highest level of assurance in all aspects.
RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	
<u>Capital/Revenue</u>	
28.	None
<u>Property/Other</u>	
29	None
LEGAL IMPLICATIONS	
<u>Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:</u>	
30.	As defined in the report appropriate to each section.
<u>Other Legal Implications:</u>	
31.	None

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS	
32.	None
POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS	
33.	None
KEY DECISION?	No
WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:	None
<u>SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION</u>	
Appendices	
1.	None
Documents In Members' Rooms	
1.	None
Equality Impact Assessment	
Do the implications/subject of the report require an Equality and Safety Impact Assessment (ESIA) to be carried out.	No
Data Protection Impact Assessment	
Do the implications/subject of the report require a Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) to be carried out.	No
Other Background Documents	
Other Background documents available for inspection at:	
Title of Background Paper(s)	Relevant Paragraph of the Access to Information Procedure Rules / Schedule 12A allowing document to be Exempt/Confidential (if applicable)
None	

DECISION-MAKER:		COUNCIL	
SUBJECT:		SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2019	
DATE OF DECISION:		15TH MAY 2019	
REPORT OF:		THE RETURNING OFFICER	
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STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY			
None			
BRIEF SUMMARY			
Report of the Returning Officer detailing the results of the 2019 City Council Elections.			
RECOMMENDATIONS:			
	(i)	To note the results of the City Council Elections 2019.	
REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS			
1.	To officially record the results of the City Council Elections held on 2 nd May 2019.		
ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED			
2.	Not applicable.		
DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)			
3.	Elections for the City Council were held on 2 nd May 2019. There was one vacancy in each of the 16 wards and the following candidates were elected:		
	WARD	COUNCILLOR	PARTY
	Bargate	John Noon	Labour
	Bassett	Leslie Harris	Conservative
	Bevois	Jacqui Rayment	Labour
	Bitterne	Elliot Prior	Conservative
	Bitterne Park	David Fuller	Conservative
	Coxford	Barrie Margetts	Labour
	Freemantle	Vivienne Windle	Labour
	Harefield	Daniel Fitzhenry	Conservative
	Millbrook	Graham Galton	Conservative
	Peartree	Alexander Houghton	Conservative
	Portswood	Gordon Cooper	Labour

	Redbridge	Sally Spicer	Labour
	Shirley	Satvir Kaur	Labour
	Sholing	Sarah Vaughan	Conservative
	Swaythling	Matthew Bunday	Labour
	Woolston	Warwick Payne	Labour

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Capital/Revenue

4. Not applicable.

Property/Other

5. Not applicable.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:

6. Not applicable.

Other Legal Implications:

7. None.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

8. None.

POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS

9. None.

KEY DECISION? No

WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED: All

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices

1. None

Documents In Members' Rooms

1. None

Equality Impact Assessment

Do the implications/subject of the report require an Equality and Safety Impact Assessment (ESIA) to be carried out. No

Data Protection Impact Assessment

Do the implications/subject of the report require a Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) to be carried out. No

Other Background Documents

Full copies of the declarations of result are available on the Councils web site

Other Background documents available for inspection at: Elections Office, Civic Centre, Southampton.

<http://www.southampton.gov.uk/council-democracy/voting-and-elections/elections-and-referenda/previous-elections-results.aspx>

	Title of Background Paper(s)	Relevant Paragraph of the Access to Information Procedure Rules / Schedule 12A allowing document to be Exempt/Confidential (if applicable)
1.	Declarations of Result	N/A

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DECISION-MAKER:	COUNCIL		
SUBJECT:	OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY: ANNUAL REPORT 2018/19		
DATE OF DECISION:	15 MAY 2019		
REPORT OF:	CHAIR OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE		
<u>CONTACT DETAILS</u>			
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STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY			
None			
BRIEF SUMMARY			
<p>The Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee (OSMC) is required to submit a report summarising scrutiny activity over the past twelve months to Full Council each year. The document, attached at Appendix 1, is therefore submitted for information in accordance with paragraph 2.2.7 of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules within the Council's current constitution.</p>			
RECOMMENDATION:			
	(i)	That the report be noted.	
REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS			
1.	The report is submitted for information in line with the requirements of the constitution		
ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED			
2.	None, since the production of this report is a requirement set out in the Council's constitution.		
DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)			
3.	<p>The Council's overview and scrutiny procedure rules require an annual report to be made to Council on the overview and scrutiny function. Attached at Appendix 1 is the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report covering the 2018/19 municipal year. It aims to provide a succinct summary of the main scrutiny activities and inquiries undertaken during the course of the year.</p>		
4.	<p>The Chairs of the OSMC, Health Overview and Scrutiny Panel (HOSP), Children and Families Scrutiny Panel (CFSP) and the Scrutiny Inquiry Panel have been consulted on the contents of the report.</p>		
RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS			
<u>Capital/Revenue</u>			
5.	None		
<u>Property/Other</u>			

6.	None
LEGAL IMPLICATIONS	
<u>Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:</u>	
7.	The duty to undertake overview and scrutiny is set out in Part 1A Section 9 of the Local Government Act 2000.
<u>Other Legal Implications:</u>	
8.	None
RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS	
9.	None
POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS	
10.	None
KEY DECISION	No
WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:	None directly as a result of this report
<u>SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION</u>	
Appendices	
1.	Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2018/19
Documents In Members' Rooms	
1.	None
Equality Impact Assessment	
Do the implications/subject of the report require an Equality and Safety Impact Assessments (ESIA) to be carried out?	No
Data Protection Impact Assessment	
Do the implications/subject of the report require a Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) to be carried out?	No
Other Background Documents - Equality Impact Assessment and Other Background documents available for inspection at:	
Title of Background Paper(s)	Relevant Paragraph of the Access to Information Procedure Rules / Schedule 12A allowing document to be Exempt/Confidential (if applicable)
1.	None

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Chair's Introduction



Councillor P Baillie

Chair of the Overview & Scrutiny Management Committee – (OSMC) 2018/19

Following last year's review by the House of Commons Housing, Communities and Local Government Select Committee into the effectiveness of overview and scrutiny in local government, the Government is due to publish new scrutiny guidance designed to improve the quality of scrutiny across local government. Whilst not wishing to pre-empt the Government's new guidelines, I think, that when you read the examples of effective scrutiny being undertaken across the Committees and Panels in Southampton, where scrutiny has demonstrably made a positive difference to local decision making and outcomes for Southampton residents, you will share my belief that scrutiny is alive and well in this council and is a vital part of the democratic process that needs continued support, buy-in and resource to make it work. Everyone benefits when it does.

In 2018/19 the Health Overview and Scrutiny Panel shone a spotlight on important issues such as the performance of the Hampshire Wheelchair Service and Ophthalmology services; Oversight by the Children and Families Scrutiny Panel has resulted in improved awareness of the pressures threatening to jeopardise the sustainability of the early years sector in the city, and the need for Principals and Head Teachers to work with the council to find a solution that meets the vitally important Post 16 requirements of the city. The Scrutiny Inquiry Panel identified a number of actions that, if implemented effectively, could help to better prepare our population for the future of work, and, in the second inquiry of the year, to reduce and prevent domestic abuse. Finally, the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee challenged the city's ambitions relating to some of the key issues facing Southampton, including climate change, air quality and the care of elderly and vulnerable residents in the city.

Following the feedback provided by the Local Government Association in their September 2017 peer review of the council that identified that, '*The Overview & Scrutiny function is making a valued and timely contribution to policy development and decision making*', Scrutiny in Southampton has once again been the subject of positive external coverage in 2018/19. The Independent Review of Kentish Road Respite Centre Closure; and the subsequent investigations by the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman, references the role that scrutiny played in support of the determined campaign to continue to provide respite care for adults with learning disabilities from the Kentish Road site.

This positive feedback is welcome as in councils dealing with risk, challenge and transformation, good scrutiny must be a key component. If public scrutiny is to continue to make a meaningful contribution to helping decision makers meet the difficult challenges they face, all scrutiny members must continue to be willing to question, and decision makers must be willing to listen and provide answers.

I am grateful to members of the various scrutiny panels for their hard work and contributions throughout the year. I am also grateful to all the local groups, national organisations and individuals who have attended, made presentations and provided evidence at scrutiny meetings, and to council officers and Cabinet Members for their attendance.

The Purpose and Functions of Overview & Scrutiny

Decision making context

The Full Council of 48 councillors approves the policy framework which sets out the key policies and programmes for the main services provided by the Council. In February each year Council meets to set the Council Tax for the following year.

The Executive make decisions relating to services provided by the Council, except for those matters which are reserved for decision by the full Council, planning and licensing matters which are dealt with by specialist regulatory panels. The Executive is made up of a Leader, elected by Council, and his or her appointed Cabinet Members.

The Scrutiny function helps to inform the decision making process and improve the way the Council works. They assess what impact the Executive's policies and plans will have on the city and its residents.

Scrutiny is a process for:

- Holding the Cabinet, chief officers and senior members of staff to account for the discharge of its functions by examining, challenging and, if necessary requesting changes to Executive Decisions made but not yet implemented.
- Scrutinising and reviewing policies and practices within a cross-service remit, assisting in the development of such policies and practices and scrutinising policy outcomes – e.g. the implementation of strategic priorities.
- Reviewing decisions and policies made by the Executive and considering whether they are right for the city.
- Assessing the council's performance against its planned targets and monitoring critical success factors.
- Reviewing the work of other partnerships and public sector organisations in the city, particularly the Safe City Partnership and health providers and commissioners.
- Championing issues of local concern to residents and contribute to policy development and service improvement.

Overview & Scrutiny Management Committee (OSMC)

The OSMC is a parent committee that manages the overview and scrutiny process and meets on a monthly basis. The membership of the OSMC is appointed for the municipal year at the Annual Council meeting in May.

There are a number of Scrutiny Panels that support the work of the Executive and the council as a whole. The Scrutiny Inquiry Panel carries out a work programme of scrutiny inquiries approved by the OSMC. These arrangements allow citizens to have a greater say in council matters by holding public inquiries into matters of local concern. These member led inquiries lead to reports and recommendations which advise the Executive and the council as a whole on its policies, budget and service delivery.

In addition the Health Overview and Scrutiny Panel undertakes the statutory scrutiny of health and adult social care agencies in Southampton, and the Children and Families Scrutiny Panel scrutinises services for children and families in the city, including education.

The OSMC also monitors the decisions of the Executive and can 'Call-In' a decision which has been made by the Executive but not yet implemented. This enables them to consider whether the decision is appropriate.

Councillor Call for Action

Enables all councillors to refer single ward issues, or 'local government matters', to the OSMC.

Scrutiny Panels 2018/19

- Health Overview and Scrutiny Panel
- Children and Families Scrutiny Panel
- Scrutiny Inquiry Panel

Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee

Councillor P Baillie

Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee (OSMC) - 2018/19

Committee Members (April 2019)

Councillor Galton (Vice-Chair)

Councillor Bell

Councillor Fitzhenry

Councillor Furnell

Councillor Harwood

Councillor Kataria

Councillor Mitchell

Councillor Whitbread

Appointed Members – Church Representatives

Mrs Catherine Hobbs

Mr Rob Sanders

A number of important issues made repeat visits to the OSMC agenda in 2018/19, and, given the amount of people in attendance in the Council Chamber for some of the Committee's meetings, it would appear that these issues resonated with Southampton residents.

Clean Air Zone & Green City Charter

The proposal for a Clean Air Zone in Southampton and the subsequent development of a Green City Charter provided the platform for a number of discussions on air quality, sustainable economic growth and actions that the city needs to take to help combat climate change.



A special meeting of the Committee was scheduled in January 2019 to debate the potential introduction of a charging Clean Air Zone and the Executive's preferred option, a package of non-charging measures to mitigate the risk of exceedance, and to promote ongoing improvements in air quality. The Committee on the whole welcomed the Executive's position but continued to question the willingness of the Administration to support air quality initiatives with the council's own resources.

The Green City Charter proved equally contentious. The Executive's decision not to develop the Charter via a cross-party working group, despite a commitment from the Leader and Cabinet Members to adopt this approach, resulted in this issue being the only item subject to Call-In in 2018/19. Given the need for a long-term approach to greening the city it is still essential that a consensus is reached on this issue to avoid this becoming subject to political changes in the council.

Proposal to close care homes

The Committee considered the Executive's proposal to close Glen Lee and Holcroft House residential care homes in November 2018 and February 2019. On each occasion residents, relatives, staff and trade unions were in attendance and spoke passionately about the value of the service provided at the care homes and their contribution to wellbeing in the city.

Following consultation, the Executive, reflecting feedback and pressure, developed a compromise position favouring the closure of Glen Lee with Holcroft House remaining open. The discussions also identified a culture of poor financial and staff management at both care homes with significant budget overspends and extremely high levels of staff sickness. These issues, alongside the final Cabinet proposal on the future of the care homes, will be subject to further scrutiny in 2019/20.

Strategic Services Partnership

Following the controversial decision to terminate the Strategic Services Partnership (SSP) contract, the OSMC has, on a number of occasions, provided oversight of the project to return the services currently provided by Capita to council control, and has scrutinised the Executive when key milestones were reached. The Committee remains concerned over so many services coming back to council control over a short period. When the 23 July 2019 deadline for the transfer of services passes the focus of the Committee will change to scrutinising the performance of the transferred services and the value for money they are offering residents of Southampton.

Safe City Partnership

The statutory meeting to discuss the work of the Safe City Partnership was held in January 2019 to enable scrutiny of the Community Safety Strategic Needs Assessment. The assessment identified that in 2017/18 recorded crime rates had increased in Southampton for a fourth successive year.



Reflecting resource constraints the Committee recommended that the case for Southampton and Portsmouth to receive a fair share of any additional Police resources was made to the Hampshire Police and Crime Commissioner, and, following concerns raised about the responsiveness of the service, the Committee requested that Hampshire Constabulary reviews the effectiveness of the 101 service.

Holding the Executive to account

Whilst the Committee has prioritised a number of issues for detailed scrutiny the OSMC has continued to undertake the key role of holding the Executive to account through scrutinising the Forward Plan of Executive Decisions. To inform the decision making process the Executive were, at the monthly meetings of the OSMC, scrutinised over a number of decisions and policy areas during 2018/19. These included the following:

- Connected Southampton – 20 Year Local Transport Plan
- Substance Misuse Services
- Homelessness Prevention Strategy
- 2019/20 Budget Proposals
- Revised Home to School Transport Policy
- Education Capital Programme

Looking ahead

As well as scrutiny of the impending care home closure decision, and the performance of services returning to the council from Capita, the Committee will, following the Governance Committee's consideration of the Local Government Ombudsman report on 15 May 2019, return to the issue of the Kentish Road Respite service and the publication of the proposals for the site in early 2019/20. There remain great concerns over the council's ability to provide a 7 day service.

In addition the issue of demand and funding for Special Education Needs and Disability (SEND) has featured prominently in a number of separate discussions of the OSMC this year, including Home to School Transport and the Education Capital Programme. I anticipate, with the reconfiguration of Special Schools on the Forward Plan for decision in June 2019, the need to provide appropriate support for children with SEND will once again feature prominently at Committee meetings next year.

Health Overview and Scrutiny Panel



Councillor Bogle

Chair of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Panel – 2018/19

Panel Members (April 2019)

Councillor White (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Bell
Councillor Houghton

Councillor Noon
Councillor Payne
Councillor Savage

The last year has seen ever increasing calls for an overhaul of Adult Social Care and how it is funded, the publication of the NHS long term plan whose principles are of place based health and care solutions (which mirrors Southampton and Hampshire’s direction of travel) and rising pressures from a growing population that is living longer but with many conditions to manage. The biggest challenges NHS trusts have raised relate to workforce issues and reaching the communities who need services the most. The Panel also commenced, with the new Local Transport Plan, scrutiny of cross cutting council strategies to ensure that the impact on health and wellbeing outcomes in Southampton is considered. The HOSP will continue to take a strong interest in public health outcomes and the prevention agenda in 2019/20.

Ophthalmology

Ophthalmology services both locally and nationally have been under significant and sustained pressure for a number of years. University Hospital Southampton (UHS) has faced a significant backlog in ophthalmology, primarily in three life-long eye conditions; diabetes, age-related macular degeneration (AMD) and glaucoma. There have so far been a number of incidents reported where patient’s eye health has deteriorated/been harmed as they have not been reviewed in a timely manner and there is a risk that further patients may have come to harm.

Ophthalmology capacity has been on the Trust’s risk register since 2015. At the February 2019 HOSP meeting the Panel noted that the excessive wait for those with age related macular degeneration and diabetes patients has been addressed but that issues relating to the monitoring and treatment of glaucoma patients were still being addressed. The CCG and UHS are looking at new and simpler ways of dealing with service demand. The Panel will keep an oversight of performance in this area as simply doing more of the same will not prevent more patients from coming to harm.

Wheelchair Services

The Hampshire Wheelchair Service started in April 2014. The service is provided by Millbrook Healthcare to meet the mobility needs of both children and adults. Since commencement the service has been under pressure due to higher than expected backlog of service users from the preceding provider and higher referral volume than originally expected or planned. A review of the Hampshire Wheelchair Service concluded in September 2017. Following the review work has been undertaken to improve the quality of the service and waiting times.



At the April 2019 meeting the Panel were informed that in Southampton the average wait in weeks for a wheelchair for adults was 16 weeks and for children it was 26 weeks as at the end of February 2019, including one child that had been waiting for 63 weeks for a shoulder harness to be fitted. Additional investment has been made by the CCG to reduce waiting times for children. This is expected to increase compliance with the national 18 week wait standard to 95% over the next 6 months and clear the backlog moving forward. The Panel have committed to revisiting this issue

in 2019/20 and will continue to hold providers and commissioners to account to improve outcomes for children and adults that rely upon this much needed service.

Positive Care Quality Commission (CQC) Inspections

Each of our NHS providers received a CQC inspection in 2018/19. Solent NHS Trust has been rated good, from requires improvement, UHS remains good, NHS Southampton Treatment Centre, run by Care UK, was rated outstanding, and Southern Health remains requiring improvement but the overall picture is one of steady progress. I would like to congratulate NHS providers on the progress that has been made in Southampton.



Closure of Beaulieu Ward

In November 2018, due to staffing issues and challenges with the environment, Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust took the decision to temporarily close Beaulieu Ward, an Older People's Mental Health ward based at Western Community Hospital. The Panel expressed concern that the NHS Trust had opted to close the Southampton facility instead of Poppy Ward, at Gosport War Memorial Hospital, where facilities are available in nearby Portsmouth.

The HOSP were pleased to be informed that Beaulieu Ward will reopen to admissions to older people with mental health needs in June 2019. Following the recent publication of two Coroner's reports scrutiny of Southern Health will continue to be a priority for the Panel.

Sexual Health Services

Reflecting the city's poor sexual health outcomes, Southampton ranks 29 out of 326 local authorities for acute STI rates where 1 is highest, and high teenage pregnancy rate, the issue of sexual health was considered at the November 2018 meeting. The timings of the discussion enabled the Panel to inform the development of the draft five year Reproductive and Sexual Health Improvement Plan that was agreed in November 2018.

Regular agenda items

Despite some positive developments emergency flow at University Hospital Southampton and delayed transfers of care continue to cause concern. Performance was particularly challenging on Wednesday 28 November 2018 when UHS suffered a substantial power failure which caused approximately half of Southampton General Hospital (the east side of the site) to suffer a loss of power and lighting. The Trust declared a Major Incident and as a result of the incident, decisions were made to cancel and reschedule the majority of elective clinical activity that had been scheduled to take place on 28 November and redirect new emergency / non elective patients to other hospital trusts until 14.45hrs on 28 November. The Panel received a briefing on the incident and has asked to be kept informed of the progress made addressing the issues raised.

In August the Panel considered the performance of Adult Social Care, and implementation of the new target operating model. The HOSP noted the improvement in a number of key performance indicators but the Panel recognise that transformation is needed in this service and welcome the peer review due in May 2019 and look forward to hearing its findings.

The Hampshire and Isle of Wight System reform proposal developed by the Sustainability and Transformation Partnership (STP) was considered by the Panel alongside the draft Southampton Health and Care Plan in 2018. Delivering against these partnership plans will be key to addressing some of the challenges facing the city.

Thank you to the support that officers from the council and CCG have given to the Panel this year. In particular I would like to express my thanks to John Richards, Chief Executive of the CCG who retires in June for his support to the Panel over numerous years.

Children and Families Scrutiny Panel



Councillor Taggart

Chair of the Children and Families Scrutiny Panel – 2018/19

Panel Members (April 2019)

Councillor Mitchell (Vice-Chair)
Councillor J Baillie
Councillor Guthrie

Councillor Keogh
Councillor Laurent
Councillor Murphy

Appointed Members – Church Representatives

Mrs Catherine Hobbs

Mr Rob Sanders

The Panel has once again undertaken a varied programme of scrutiny in 2018/19 reflecting findings from audit, inspection and performance reviews. Items for discussion and challenge have encompassed the breadth of services and subjects impacting on outcomes for children and young people. Understandably, safeguarding continues to be the priority for the Panel, however, educational attainment, at each key stage, has featured prominently on agendas this year.

Education - Early Years

Attainment at Early Years Foundation Stage has been something that Southampton has rightly been proud of. At the July 2018 meeting, following national changes to Early Years entitlement, the Panel were provided with a holistic overview of Early Years provision in the city. The Panel were informed that the number of eligible 2 year olds taking up the early years offer was declining, as low as 44% in some areas of the city, and that, reflecting the financial pressures being experienced by a number of providers, concerns were raised about the long term viability of the sector in Southampton, and that budget pressures had resulted in the council reducing the level of available support to early years settings in Southampton. This led to concerns about the potential impact on Ofsted ratings and Early Years Foundation Stage results moving forward.

In recognition that high quality Early Years provision has significant short and long term impacts on the outcomes for children, the Panel will continue to have oversight of developments in this sector and attention will be paid to the 2018/19 Early Years Foundation Stage attainment levels when they are published.

Education – Post 16 Education and Training

Reflecting concerns with regards to post 16 outcomes in Southampton, the Panel has, for the past 4 years, invited Principals and Head Teachers of the providers in Southampton to discuss post 16 education and training in the city. This year, following the rejection by the Education and Skills Funding Agency of the merger proposal between Eastleigh College and Southampton City College, the Panel were informed that the FE commissioner is conducting an urgent review into the options for post-16 learning in the city.

At the meeting, the Panel urged the invited Principals and Head Teachers to grasp the opportunity and work together to find a solution that meets the needs of the city. The integral role that the council can play in facilitating this was recognised and we look forward to considering the proposals, along with updates on the performance of the recently launched Solent Apprenticeship Hub.



Focus on Performance

The Panel continued to use monthly performance management data to scrutinise the safeguarding of children in Southampton. This focus has helped members familiarise themselves with the service area, trends, pressures and the identification of key issues for future scrutiny.

The number of Looked After Children has continued to fall steadily as has the number of children on Child Protection Plans. This reflects the proactive work within Children's Services. However, the system is still under pressure with the MASH (children's safeguarding front door) receiving too many urgent and high risk contacts and too many contacts that could have been dealt with by referral partners effectively utilising their own safeguarding processes. As was stated in last year's report, whilst the performance trends are positive, monthly performance data is still prone to fluctuation, reflecting the limited resilience across certain services to respond to service pressures and the difficulty recruiting to social worker posts.

The Panel will continue to hold decision makers to account to ensure that improvements are sustainable and that learning from audits and reviews is incorporated into practice.

Early Help

As indicated in the previous section, oversight of the monthly performance data identified that the MASH was receiving a high number of urgent and high risk cases with children needing to come into care at point of entry. This raised concerns that universal services and targeted early help services were not working as planned to divert and reduce risk.

At the September meeting, the Panel considered the proposals to develop early help services in Southampton. The service uses its resources, such as targeted family support and community health practitioners, with voluntary sector partners, and works with schools and other agencies to strengthen the response to community safeguarding, health and wellbeing, inclusion and early help in localities. The Panel was informed that the proposals will result in the early help offer becoming more targeted, with a greater focus on more complex families, as the service develops a more specialised offer, including mental health support and responding to domestic abuse. This is evidently a vitally important area and it is essential that these changes are effective. The impact of the changes will be considered by the Panel moving forward through scrutiny of the monthly datasets.

Looking Ahead

The agendas for 2019/20 have yet to be determined but it is inevitable that the Panel will seek to re-visit a number of the issues scrutinised this year to challenge progress. For example, the educational attainment of Looked After Children and the support being offered through the Virtual School will remain a priority for the Panel when discussing exam results at the September 2019 meeting.

A number of issues of concern that may require further scrutiny were also raised by the Independent Chair of the Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) during his presentation of the LSCB's Annual Report in January 2019. Despite the Independent Chair informing the Panel that he considered Southampton to be a safer place for children and young people now than when he has presented previous LSCB annual reports, concerns were raised about home education, on-line safety and County Lines.

I would like to thank the representatives from Hampshire Constabulary, NHS Southampton CCG, schools and colleges in Southampton and officers from Children and Families Services for attending meetings and providing the requested reports. Progress, albeit slow in some areas, is being made and it is essential that this improvement trajectory is maintained.

Scrutiny Inquiry Panel



Councillor McEwing

Chair of the Scrutiny Inquiry Panel – 2018/19

In 2018/19 the Scrutiny Inquiry Panel undertook two inquiries. Reflecting the potential impact of the Fourth Industrial Revolution and other trends on employment, the Panel, from September 2018 to March 2019, considered the future of work in Southampton. From January 2019 to April 2019 the Panel also considered opportunities to prevent and reduce domestic abuse in the city.

Scrutiny Inquiry 1 - The Future of Work in Southampton

The Future of Work in Southampton Inquiry - Panel Members (March 2019)

Councillor Fitzhenry (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Bogle
Councillor Coombs

Councillor Furnell
Councillor Guthrie
Councillor Laurent

Forecasts indicate that the job market will look very different in 2030. Reports identify that advances in ‘smart automation’, the combination of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and other digital technologies, have the potential to bring great benefits to the economy by boosting productivity and creating new and enhanced products and services. However, it will create job market instability with a number of roles at high risk of automation. In Southampton, it has been estimated that 22% of the current jobs in Southampton are in occupations very likely to decline by 2030.

Given the scale of the challenge the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee recommended ‘The Future of Work’ as an appropriate subject for a scrutiny inquiry at the August 2018 meeting.

Consultation

The Scrutiny Inquiry Panel undertook the inquiry over 6 meetings and received information from a wide variety of organisations and individuals. This included the Chief Executive of Centre for Cities, Skills Champion for AI in the UK - Professor Dame Wendy Hall, the Chief Executive of the Solent Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP), and officers from Southampton City Council.

A visit was also made to Network to develop the Panel’s understanding of the innovations currently being undertaken in light of trends for the future of work in Southampton.

Findings and conclusions

Information presented to the Inquiry Panel identified that:

- The developments of the Fourth Industrial Revolution may lead to increased GDP across the UK but some jobs will be displaced as Artificial intelligence and smart automation makes roles obsolete.
- There is a skills mismatch in Southampton between where the city is now and where the city needs to be. A significant cohort of Southampton residents need to acquire new skills to succeed in



Source: Bakhshi et al. 2017, *Future of Skills: Employment in 2030*, London: Nesta and Pearson

the future labour market otherwise they are at risk of being left behind, resulting in increasing inequality and possible social tension in the city.

- Southampton is a significant player within the UK tech sector and is ahead of a lot of cities in a number of key aspects.
- More needs to be done to improve the image of the city; raise the profile of the tech sector and to better promote what Southampton has to offer as a '*City of Opportunity where everyone thrives.*'

Recommendations

The final report of the Inquiry Panel contains 19 recommendations in total which, if implemented, the Panel believe will help to address the current skills mismatch in Southampton between where the city is now and where it needs to be, and will support the growth of the technology sector in Southampton.

Cabinet

The inquiry report was presented to Cabinet in April 2019. A formal response from the Executive to the recommendations is expected to be considered at the July 2019 Cabinet meeting.

The final report of the Inquiry Panel can be accessed here:

<https://www.southampton.gov.uk/modernGov/documents/s39937/Appendix%201%20-%20Final%20report%20v5.docx.pdf>

Scrutiny Inquiry 2 - Reducing and Preventing Domestic Abuse in Southampton

Reducing and Preventing Domestic Abuse in Southampton Inquiry - Panel Members (April 2019)

Councillor Harwood (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Coombs
Councillor Galton

Councillor Laurent
Councillor Mitchell
Councillor Payne

Southampton has a high reporting rate of domestic abuse that continues to rise, with domestic violence accounting for 30% of all recorded violent crime in the city and the levels of reported domestic violence having risen for four consecutive years, including a 7% rise recorded in 2017/18.

Reflecting the information above, and the Committee's awareness, through scrutiny of council strategies, of the destructive impact of domestic abuse on individuals, families, communities and key outcomes across the city, the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee recommended 'Reducing and Preventing Domestic Abuse' as an appropriate subject for a scrutiny inquiry at the November 2018 meeting.

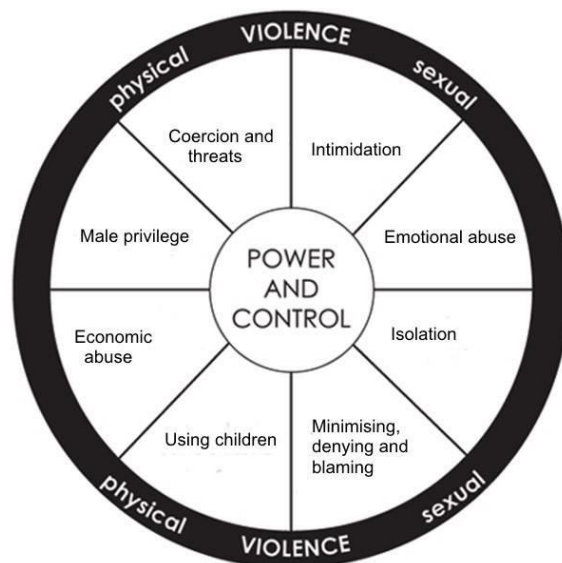
Consultation

The Scrutiny Inquiry Panel undertook the inquiry over 4 meetings and received information from a wide variety of organisations. This included Respect - the leading UK membership organisation that works with domestic abuse perpetrators, domestic abuse service providers, charitable and voluntary organisations including Hampton Trust and Yellow Door, Hampshire Constabulary, Hampshire & IOW Community Rehabilitation Company, commissioners, and Southampton City Council officers.

Findings and Conclusions

Information presented to the Inquiry Panel identified that:

- Southampton has a strong and well developed suite of victim and survivor domestic abuse services and the range of accredited perpetrator services in Southampton is comparable to any city in UK.
- It is not possible to reduce domestic abuse without reducing the number of people who are abusive. Key to reducing incidents of domestic abuse is to work at a whole population level to change the culture in society away from unhealthy and abusive values and behaviours; addressing adverse childhood experiences; and, to directly engage with perpetrators.
- There is a need to increase referrals to perpetrator services, and at an earlier stage, from agencies dealing with abuse.
- Opportunities exist to embed good practice and further improve partnership working.
- The Government's draft Domestic Abuse Bill provides an opportunity for Southampton to work with Government and to develop the evidence base to help inform commissioning decisions.
- There is a need to consider our relationship with risk factors (including alcohol, substance misuse and mental health).



Power & Control Wheel, Duluth Model (Ellen Pence et al, 1981; 2006)

Recommendations

The final report of the Inquiry Panel contains 16 recommendations in total which, if implemented, the Panel believe will help to reduce and prevent domestic abuse through changing the culture and community response to perpetrator behaviour; increasing awareness of and pathways to perpetrator services; and using evidence to improve decision making in Southampton.

Cabinet

The inquiry report will be presented to Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee and Cabinet in June 2019. If the process follows the timetable above a formal response to the recommendations from Cabinet is expected at the August or September 2019 meeting.

The draft final report of the Inquiry that was considered by the Scrutiny Inquiry Panel at the 18 April 2019 meeting can be accessed here:

<https://www.southampton.gov.uk/modernGov/documents/s40119/Final%20Report%20-%20DRAFT%20v5.docx.pdf>

I would like to thank Tabassum Rahman, Scrutiny Intern, for her work on the scrutiny inquiries in 2018/19 and all the various experts, including numerous council officers, who found the time to attend meetings of the Inquiry Panel and prepare and present insightful information. Their contributions were genuinely appreciated.

Getting Involved

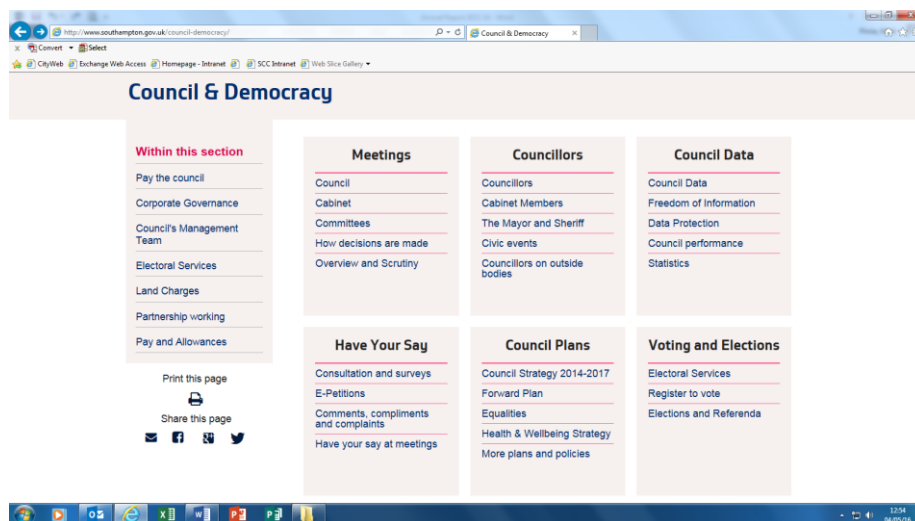
How can I get involved?

There are a number of ways in which the public and interested organisations can get involved.

- **Attend a meeting of the Overview & Scrutiny Management Committee or a Scrutiny Panel.** All scrutiny meetings are held in public and anyone is welcome to attend to listen to proceedings. Meetings are currently usually held in the Civic Centre. Only on rare occasions, when certain types of confidential information is being discussed, are members of the public not allowed to attend.
- Raise issues with your Councillor and request Overview and Scrutiny to consider as part of **Councillor Call for Action.**
- Give your feedback to inquiry meetings as part of evidence gathering.

Details of forthcoming scrutiny meetings, agendas, reports and minutes can be obtained from the City Council's website at:

<http://www.southampton.gov.uk/council-democracy/meetings/scrutiny/default.aspx>



Providing written evidence

Scrutiny inquiries can consider written evidence and members of the public, community groups, or other key stakeholders can write in to bring evidence to the attention of Inquiry Panel members. Inevitably, scrutiny inquiries have only a limited amount of time, so they may not be able to hear oral testimony from all interested people.

Written evidence provides an alternative way to receive evidence from key stakeholders, policy makers, service providers, service users and community groups. Written evidence may put forward a particular perspective of the issue being considered, or may highlight evidence to help the investigation. It can also put forward questions for witnesses which may be taken up by members of the Panel during the discussion.

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DECISION-MAKER:	COUNCIL		
SUBJECT:	OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY: SUMMARY OF CALL-IN ACTIVITY		
DATE OF DECISION:	15 MAY 2019		
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STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY			
None			
BRIEF SUMMARY			
This report provides the Council with a summary of the use of the Call-in procedure over the last six months.			
RECOMMENDATION:			
	(i)	That the report be noted.	
REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS			
1.	The Council's Constitution requires the use of Call-in to be reported to Council on a half yearly basis.		
ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED			
2.	Not applicable.		
DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)			
3.	One executive decision has been called-in since the previous update to Council on 21 November 2018. The details of the Call-in, and the outcomes resulting from the Call-In meeting, are summarised in this report.		
4.	<p>CAB 18/19 23514 – A Green City Charter for Southampton</p> <p>Reasons given for the Call-in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of the agreed political engagement in the development of the Green City Charter. At the 16 January 2019 meeting of the OSMC, when considering the proposed CAZ for Southampton, the following recommendation was made by the Committee: <p><i>‘That the Green City Charter is developed via a cross-party working group and that consideration is given to involving stakeholders in this process.’</i></p> <p>The Executive's response to this recommendation, as published in the OSMC Monitoring Report at 14 February meeting, was as follows:</p> <p><i>‘This has always been the Executive's intention.’</i></p>		

- Concerns with regards to the ambiguity of the language within the Charter; and
- Concerns that the Green City Charter presents a reputational risk to the Council.

Recommendations from the Call-in meeting:

The Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee considered the item at its meeting on 4 April 2019. Following discussion with the Cabinet Member for Green City the Committee recommended that Cabinet reconsider the decision at the next decision meeting. The following recommendations were made to be addressed by Cabinet on 16 April 2019:

- 1) That Cabinet agree to delay the approval and launch of the Green City Charter to enable the fostering of a cross party consensus on the strategic objectives within the Charter.
- 2) That, if Cabinet does not agree to recommendation 1, the following amendments to the draft Green City Charter are considered by Cabinet:
 - a) Commitment one is amended to read as follows – *We want to be carbon neutral by 2030 at the latest; and will therefore promote and encourage the use of energy from renewable sources that do not compromise local air quality.*
 - b) Commitment two is amended to read as follows – *We will take actions that will improve the quality of life in our city. We want the Healthy Life Expectancy Indicator to be the best amongst our peers and to significantly reduce our City's deaths that are attributable to air pollution.*
 - c) Commitment seven is amended to read as follows – *We will reduce harmful emissions and, at an absolute minimum, ensure we do all we can to satisfy all World Health Organisation air quality guideline values immediately.*
 - d) Commitment eight is deleted
- 3) That, if Cabinet agree to approve a Green City Charter at the 16 April 2019 meeting, the Executive immediately identifies the internal resources that will be committed to deliver the Charter.
- 4) That Cabinet writes to Government to request the full amount of funding asked for in January 2019 to support the nitrogen NO₂ business case.
- 5) That, if Government does not agree to the request for additional funding outlined in recommendation 4, Cabinet approaches partners to help fund the shore side power initiative or looks to fund the proposal from Council resources.
- 6) That the Executive clarifies the current position with regards to whether the use of Southampton's District Energy Scheme is a planning condition for new developments in the city centre.

	<p>7) The Committee are aware that all current heat generated from the Southampton's District Energy Scheme is supplied by gas. The Committee would like Cabinet to inform the Committee when the geothermal well will be brought back into operation.</p> <p>8) That Cabinet investigate establishing a Citizens' Assembly and provide an update on progress related to these considerations to the 13 June 2019 meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee.</p> <p>9) That Cabinet give consideration to the proposals contained within the alternative Green Charters developed by Green Resistance and Extinction Rebellion Southampton.</p>
5.	At the 16 April 2019 meeting Cabinet confirmed their decision taken on 19 March 2019 and rejected recommendations 1-9 above.
RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	
<u>Capital/Revenue</u>	
6.	None
<u>Property/Other</u>	
7.	None
LEGAL IMPLICATIONS	
<u>Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:</u>	
8.	The duty to undertake overview and scrutiny is set out in Part 1A Section 9 of the Local Government Act 2000.
<u>Other Legal Implications:</u>	
9.	None
RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS	
10.	None
POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS	
11.	None
KEY DECISION	No
WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:	None directly as a result of this report
<u>SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION</u>	
Appendices	
1.	None
Documents In Members' Rooms	
1.	None
Equality Impact Assessment	

Do the implications/subject of the report require an Equality and Safety Impact Assessments (ESIA) to be carried out?		No
Data Protection Impact Assessment		
Do the implications/subject of the report require a Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) to be carried out?		No
Other Background Documents - Equality Impact Assessment and Other Background documents available for inspection at:		
Title of Background Paper(s)		Relevant Paragraph of the Access to Information Procedure Rules / Schedule 12A allowing document to be Exempt/Confidential (if applicable)
1.	None	