

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 1 NOVEMBER 2016 AT THE KENNET ROOM - COUNTY HALL, TROWBRIDGE BA14 8JN.

Present:

Cllr Glenis Ansell, Cllr Chuck Berry, Cllr Stewart Dobson, Cllr Alan Hill (Vice Chairman), Cllr Jon Hubbard, Cllr George Jeans, Cllr Simon Killane (Chairman), Cllr Gordon King, Cllr Jacqui Lay, Cllr Stephen Oldrieve, Cllr Tony Trotman, Cllr John Walsh, Cllr Bridget Wayman, Cllr Paul Oatway QPM (Substitute) and Cllr Philip Whalley (Substitute)

Also Present:

Cllr Baroness Scott of Bybrook OBE, Cllr John Thomson and Cllr Philip Whitehead

93 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors Howard Greenman and Christine Crisp, substituted by Councillors Phillip Whalley and Paul Oatway QPM respectively.

94 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes from the ordinary meeting held on 6 September 2016 and the special meeting held on 10 October 2016 were presented for consideration, and it was,

Resolved:

To approve and sign the minutes as a true and correct record.

95 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations.

96 Chairman's Announcements

There were no announcements.

97 Public Participation

There were no questions or statements submitted.

98 **Forward Work Programme**

Updates were received from Select Committee Chairmen on recent activity and proposed forward plans including the following:

Environment Select Committee

It was stated that due to meeting cancellations the Highways and Streetscene Task Group had been unable to conclude its work on performance indicators, that it was proposed Cllr Linda Packard be replaced on the Passenger Transport Review Task Group by Cllr Peter Evans and that it was suggested the proposed work on the Investment Team as suggested by the Corporate Director did not need to take place given the pressure on resources. Details were also provided on recent updates including on the Flood Management Strategy and Highways Maintenance. The Committee also advised several items on the plan should be confirmed or removed as items of interest.

Resolved:

To support changing the membership of the Passenger Transport Review Task Group as proposed, and removing the Investment Team item from the Forward Plan, and to note the other updates from the Environment Select Committee.

Health Select Committee

Updates were provided on work the Health Select Committee had undertaken for future scrutiny of Clinical Commissioning Group services, and poor grades received at Wiltshire hospitals. The Committee had also received updates and provided comment on changes to Minor Injury Unit opening hours and the South West Ambulance Service, and that there would be major work on the Sustainability and Transport Plan moving forward.

During discussion from the Committee it was requested the Health Select Committee continue to monitor the situation regarding Minor Injury Units (MIUs) and potential impacts on out of hours doctor's being unable to see patients due to the lack of other staff present overnight now the MIUs would be closed overnight. It was also confirmed the Better Care Plan Task Group final report would be received in early 2017.

Resolved:

To note the update from the Health Select Committee.

Children's Select Committee

It was detailed that the Children's Select Committee had received a briefing on the Child and Adult Mental Health Service (CAMHS), reporting details of a youth project to provide a qualified online counselling service for young people, and that work on recommissioning the CAMHS service was progressing. Work was also being identified where topics required major work which would be

recommended for the next Council, including Special Educational Needs, in particular in relation to passenger transport. The final reports of the Child Sexual Exploitation and Safeguarding Children and Young People Task Groups would be completed shortly.

Resolved:

To note the update from the Children's Select Committee.

99 **Management Committee Task Group and Project Board Updates**

Written updates were provided from the Management Committee Task Groups, along with verbal updates as follows:

Financial Planning Task Group (FPTG)

The recent work of the FPTG scrutinising the Medium Term Financial Plan was noted, and consideration was given to the approved recommendation of the Task Group to investigate establishing a Task Group to specifically focus on the One Public Estate Programme, which involved partners working together to maximise the efficient use of their capital assets, from which significant savings had been predicted.

The Committee discussed the most appropriate level of scrutiny involvement, taking into account the nature of the programme involving multiple external partners and the closeness to the unitary elections in 2017, as well as the possibility of establishing a Task Group or Rapid Scrutiny at a later date if appropriate, with a scrutiny member on the programme Project Board able to update the Committee moving forward, while not providing the same level of scrutiny as a Task Group at this stage.

After debate, it was,

Resolved:

To seek expressions of interest from all non-executive members to serve on the Project Board for the One Public Estate programme, and delegate the appointment to the Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

Military Civilian Integration Partnership Task Group (MCIP)

It was stated the 5th Battalion, The Rifles (5 Rifles) had completed their transfer to Wiltshire from Germany, involving approximately 670 soldiers with approximately 475 spouses and children. The amount was significant although a minority of the total planned numbers, and would be used to assess how well the transfers were planned and lessons to be learned.

Swindon and Wiltshire Local Enterprise Partnership Task Group (SWLEP)

It was noted that the Task Group had taken some while to begin proper scrutiny work but that work was now progressing and the Director of the SWLEP had

praised the role of the Task Group and was keen for it to continue in its role post May 2017.

MyWiltshire System Task Group

Task Group members expressed some concern that it was intended a contract be awarded for the progression of the MyWiltshire System within a few months, but the Task Group would continue to comment and challenge the work as appropriate. It was raised that it was presently unclear which Cabinet Member had overall responsibility for the development of the system.

Resolved:

To note the updates from the Task Groups

High Speed Broadband Project

A report was received from Councillor George Jeans, Scrutiny member on the High Speed Broadband Project Board, as detailed in agenda supplement 1. Contributions were also made by Councillor John Thomson, Deputy Leader of the Council.

Details were provide on current uptake levels, discussions with British Telecom (BT) to embed a BT staff member with the council to deal with customer complaints, and a £3.3million underspend due to good management of phase 1 of the project, which would be reinvested into the later phases. Comments in discussion included whether BT acknowledged adequate Broadband as an essential service, and the expectation 95% coverage for the county would be achieved.

The Committee drew particular attention to the report that BT were willing to commit to provide infrastructure for high speed broadband for all developments over 30 houses, should the developers request this, and requested a briefing note be prepared to that effect.

Resolved:

To note the update.

100 **South West Overview and Scrutiny Network**

An update was provided on the South West Overview and Scrutiny meeting held on 18 October 2016 attended by the Chairman, Councillor Simon Killane, and Henry Powell, Senior Scrutiny Officer. Details were provided on presentations regarding scrutiny inquiry days held at some councils, improved links being sought with the Care Quality Commission and comment upon Wiltshire and other Authority scrutiny work.

Resolved:

To note the update.

101 **Overview and Scrutiny Legacy 2013-17**

As detailed in the agenda the Committee were updated on proposals for the Overview and Scrutiny Legacy process ahead of unitary elections in May 2017, which would include workshops for members, reports to each select committee and a final report from the Committee commenting upon overview and scrutiny work between 2013-2017 and proposed scrutiny priorities for the new Council.

Resolved:

To note the update.

102 **Date of Next Meeting**

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as 3 January 2017.

103 **Urgent Items**

There were no urgent items.

(Duration of meeting: 10.30 am - 12.35 pm)

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