

MINUTES OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BUSINESS PANEL

Tuesday, 14 October 2014 at 7.05 pm

PRESENT: Councillors Alan Hall (Chair), Gareth Siddorn (Vice-Chair), Liam Curran, Brenda Dacres, Carl Handley, Jim Mallory, Jamie Milne, Pauline Morrison, John Muldoon and John Paschoud

ALSO PRESENT:

Apologies for absence were received from

23. Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of that part of the meeting of the Panel, which was open to the press and public, held on 16 September 2014 be confirmed and signed.

24. Declarations of Interests

None

25. Outstanding Scrutiny Matters

Report noted.

26. Notification of Late and Urgent Matters

Report noted.

27. Decisions Made By Mayor and Cabinet on 1 October 2014

Management Report

The Head of Corporate Policy & Governance introduced the report, highlighting the main topics in the report. Councillor Muldoon said this report had always been of interest to him, and it was helpful that the Mayor now has a Cabinet Member for Policy & Performance. Councillor Curran asked how projects were prioritised and an explanation was provided by the Head of Corporate Policy & Governance.

The Head of Corporate Policy & Governance explained the method used to judge risk, following a question from Councillor John Paschoud. Councillor Siddorn asked what model was used, and was told that finance officers would provide him with additional details. The Chair thanked the Head of Corporate Policy & Governance for the report.

RESOLVED that the decision of the Mayor be noted.

28. Overview & Scrutiny Select Committees Work Programmes 2014 -15 Verbal Update

The Chair said that Scrutiny members would need more time to explore the issues of youth services provision. He proposed the establishment of a task and finish group, with its own Terms of Reference to look at the implications for providing youth services in the borough. This would include support from finance officers. He added that this would be a cross cutting committee and involve as necessary:

- Chair of Children & Young People Select Committee & Safer & Stronger Select Committee
- Cabinet Members for the Third Sector & Community/CYP/Community Safety
- ED Community Services
- ED Resources & Regeneration

The Chair said following the meeting of the task group a report should be put together by Scrutiny Managers for the Council meeting prior to the Budget Council meeting. This was agreed by Business Panel Members.

Councillor Muldoon informed Panel Members that following Council's facing outwards initiative, the next Healthier Communities Select Committee will be held at Lewisham Hospital.

The Chair informed Members that Salena Mulhere, Head of Scrutiny will be going on Maternity Leave in two week's time. He thanked her for her support to the Scrutiny function. The Chair also welcomed Charlotte Dale who would be covering the post in Salena's absence.

RESOLVED that

- i. a task group be formed to scrutinise youth services provision in the borough.
- ii. a report to the Council meeting prior to the Council Budget meeting.

29. Exclusion of the Press and Public

RESOLVE that under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 of Part 1 of Schedule 12(A) of the Act, as amended by the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to information) (Amendments) (England) Regulations 2006 and the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information:

The following is a summary of the items considered in the closed part of the meeting:

30. Decision Made By Mayor and Cabinet on 1 October 2014

None requested.

31. Decision Made by Executive Director Under Delegated Authority - Award of Banking Services Contract

RESOLVED that

- i. the Executive Director's decision be noted.
- ii. a short briefing for procurement rules to be provided, and circulated to Business Panel Members.
- iii. a single register of delegated decisions made by all officers be maintained as part of the authority's record, that could be accessible to members and the public.
- iv. a briefing note on the Constitutional definitions of Key Decision to be circulated to Business Panel Members.

32. Decision Made by Executive Director Under Delegated Authority - Award of Contract - for Work on 28 Deptford High Street - To Follow

RESOLVED that the Executive Director's decision be noted.

The meeting closed at 8:10pm