
SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 4 FEBRUARY 2021

Present: Councillors S Galton (Chair), Fuller (Vice-Chair), Bell, Bunday, Cooper, Fitzhenry, Harwood and Renyard
Appointed Member: Rob Sanders

Apologies: Councillor Whitbread
Appointed Members: Catherine Hobbs, Nicola Brown, Francis Otieno and Claire Rogers

Also in attendance: Councillor Leggett, Cabinet Member for Green City and Place
Councillor Kaur, Cabinet Member for Culture and Homes

35. **APOLOGIES AND CHANGES IN PANEL MEMBERSHIP (IF ANY)**

The Committee noted the apologies of Councillor Whitbread and Appointed Members Nicola Brown, Catherine Hobbs and Francis Otieno.

36. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (INCLUDING MATTERS ARISING)**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 14th January, 2021 be approved and signed as a correct record.

37. **ECONOMIC AND GREEN GROWTH STRATEGY CONSULTATION**

The Committee considered the report of the Cabinet Member for Green City and Place detailing the draft Economic and Green Growth Strategy Consultation prior to its adoption by Cabinet.

Councillor Leggett, Cabinet Member for Green City and Place was in attendance and with the consent of the Chair addressed the meeting.

The Committee discussed how the Strategy could include the recommendations from the Future of Work Scrutiny Inquiry. How the City was engaging with partners to ensure the unique selling points were utilised through a dedicated programme including training and retention of graduates. The use of an effective communication campaign bringing together businesses and education sectors working towards an attractive post 19 offer in the City planned for the coming months. Southampton previously held free port status and this should be encouraged as part of the package of investment opportunities.

RESOLVED that the Cabinet Member considers including an aspiration to be a free port within the Economic and Green Growth Strategy.

38. **MONITORING SCRUTINY RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE EXECUTIVE**

The Committee noted the report of the Service Director – Legal and Business Operations enabling the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee to monitor and track progress on recommendations made to the Executive at previous meetings.

39. **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC - CONFIDENTIAL PAPERS INCLUDED IN THE FOLLOWING ITEM**

RESOLVED to move that in accordance with the Council's Constitution, specifically the Access to Information Procedure Rules contained within the Constitution, the press and public be excluded from the meeting in respect of any consideration of the confidential appendix to the following Item.

Confidential appendix contains information deemed to be exempt from general publication based on Categories 3 (financial and business affairs) and 7A (obligation of confidentiality) of paragraph 10.4 of the Council's Access to Information Procedure Rules, as contained in the Council's Constitution.

It is not in the public interest to disclose this information as the appendix contains confidential and commercially sensitive information in relation to one of the Council's suppliers. It would prejudice the Council's ability to operate in a commercial environment and obtain best value in contract negotiations and would prejudice the Council's commercial relationships with third parties if they believed the Council would not honour obligations of confidentiality.

40. **SOUTHAMPTON GOLF COURSE**

The Committee considered the report of the Cabinet Member for Culture and Homes relating to the contract to operate Southampton City Golf Course.

Councillor Kaur, Cabinet Member for Culture and Homes was in attendance and with the consent of the Chair addressed the meeting.

Discussion regarding this matter was held in confidential session.