
SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL
HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 6 APRIL 2023

Present: Councillors White, Houghton, Noon, W Payne, Shields and Windle

Apologies: Councillor Guest

32. **ELECTION OF CHAIR**

RESOLVED that Councillor Payne be elected as the Chair for the remainder of the Municipal Year 2022 – 2023

33. **APOLOGIES AND CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP (IF ANY)**

The apologies of Councillor Guest were noted.

The Panel noted the resignation of Councillor Professor Margetts, and the appointment of Councillor Windle in place thereof in accordance with the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 4.3.

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

RESOLVED: that the minutes for the Panel meeting on 9 February 2023 be approved and signed as a correct record.

35. **PROJECT FUSION UPDATE**

The Panel considered the report of the Scrutiny Manager which recommended that the Panel considered the appended information relating to Project Fusion, the programme of work to create a single new NHS Trust to provide community, mental health and learning disability services across Hampshire and Isle of Wight.

Ron Shields, Chief Executive, Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust; Isobel Wroe, Transformation Director, Integrated Care Board; and Councillor Fielker, Cabinet Member for Health, Adults and Leisure were in attendance and, with the consent of the Chair, addressed the meeting.

RESOLVED That Project Fusion would return to the HOSP agenda in 2023/24 to consider the final business case. The report to the Panel would include performance targets and baseline data for Southampton and governance arrangements.

36. **SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL'S POLICY APPROACH TO FOOD**

The Panel considered the report of the Cabinet Member for Health, Adults and Leisure which provided the Panel with an overview of the Council's policy approach to food.

Dr Debbie Chase, Director of Public Health; Clare Edgar, Executive Director Wellbeing and Housing; Councillor Margetts and Councillor Fielker, Cabinet Member for Health,

Adults and Leisure were in attendance and, with the consent of the Chair, addressed the meeting.

RESOLVED

- 1) That information relating to eligibility and the take up of free school meals in Southampton would be provided to the Panel.
- 2) That, following the reference to the potential for licensing policy to reduce obesity, food would be used as a test case for the Council's recently adopted Health in All Policies approach.
- 3) That an exercise would be undertaken, akin to the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment, to identify the distance a resident was required to travel to access a retail establishment that sold 'healthy' food.
- 4) That the Cabinet Member would seek to ensure that resources will be in place by September 2023 to drive the sustainable food environment agenda forward in Southampton.

37. **MONITORING SCRUTINY RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Panel received and noted the report of the Scrutiny Manager which enabled the Health Overview and Scrutiny Panel to monitor and track progress on recommendations made at previous meetings.

CHAIR



29 June 2023