

Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee: Holding the Executive to Account

Scrutiny Monitoring – 9 September 2021

Date	Portfolio	Title	Action proposed	Action Taken	Progress Status
15/07/21	Growth	Reopening of Bedford Place to traffic	1) That the Cabinet Member gives consideration to utilising the residual funding within the Late Night Levy account to improve the cleanliness and appearance of Bedford Place.	We are aware that there is an unspent surplus in the late night levy fund. This surplus will be spent on improving safety in the city. There a range of activities or areas this money could be invested in and this will be considered alongside other funding streams. The Administration is seeking to have a joined up approach to tackling crime and ASB in the city centre which involves GO Southampton and the Police as well as internal council departments – e.g. licencing, public health, transport. Improvements to the Bedford Place area will be codesigned with a group of key stakeholders over the Autumn and late night levy surplus could possibly be used to support the work that comes out of this design work.	
12/08/21	Environment	Energy Contract Procurement Renewal	1) That an explanation of the variations in the annual REGO cost distribution between Corporate and Housing, in particular the discrepancy in percentage of total costs identified in Table 1 of the briefing paper, is circulated to the Committee.	The reason for the different percentage amounts is due to the following: 1. Most of the housing portfolio electricity consumption is for economy 7 heating i.e. it is consumed at night time electricity unit rates as it predominately covers landlord storage heating. Night time unit rates (based on a pence per kWh) are lower than day rates. 2. Most of the corporate portfolio electricity consumption is for day rate electricity as it covers electrical consumption during normal building /	

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				<p>office hours. Day rate electricity is more expensive than night-time rates. 3. Therefore there are more electricity units consumed per £ spent on the housing portfolio and the REGOs are being charged at a per unit (kWh) rate. Therefore, when the costs of the REGOs are compared against the total housing costs it shows a slightly higher percentage against the total cost i.e. the proportion of the REGO cost is higher against the housing portfolio due to the larger number of units being charged against the overall cost.</p>	
			<p>2) That the Energy Contact Procurement Renewal decision report provides additional information on the perceived advantages of the LASER framework compared to alternative frameworks.</p>	<p>Additional detail included in the Cabinet report.</p>	
			<p>3) That the Cabinet Member for Environment indicates when the Administration will be in a position to outline their approach to the Green City Charter at a meeting of the OSMC.</p>		