
SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 12 SEPTEMBER 2024

Present: Councillors Blackman (Chair), Every, Y Frampton, Kloker, Leggett, McManus (In attendance for minutes items 18-24 (b)) and Powell-Vaughan (In attendance for minute numbers 18-24(a) only)
Appointed Members: Rob Sanders

Apologies: Councillors Renyard and Stead
Appointed Members:

Also in attendance:

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

19. **ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR**

Item deferred to next meeting.

20. **DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL AND PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

Councillor McManus declared a personal and pecuniary interest in relation to minute agenda item number 9c and agreed to leave the meeting at this point.

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

Resolved that the minutes of the committee meeting held on the 22 August 2024 be approved and signed as a correct record.

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

RESOLVED 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. (Agenda item 9c only)

Appendix 1 of this report is not for publication by virtue of category 7A (obligation of confidentiality) of paragraph 10.4 of Southampton City Council's ("the Council's") Access to Information Procedure Rules, as contained in the Council's Constitution.

It was not in the public interest to disclose this information as the report 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.

23. **FORWARD PLAN**

The Committee received and noted the report of the Scrutiny Manager which enabled the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee to examine the content of the Forward Plan and to discuss issues of interest or concern with the Executive.

- a) **Corporate Performance Reporting** - Councillor Fielker, Leader of the Council, Munira Holloway, Director of Strategy and Performance, and Dan King, Head of Data Intelligence and Insight were present and with the consent of the Chair addressed the meeting. Councillor Fielker introduced the proposed corporate performance reporting arrangements for the Council. Councillor Fielker also set out the specific benefits in terms of the use of the dataset by scrutiny panels. Dan King provided a demonstration of the dataset, summarised the current and proposed data streams, analysis, capabilities and the data outputs across a wide range of organisational areas and services.

The committee noted and discussed the dataset at length and sought to better understand the functionality of the system, source data and output capabilities overall as well as the benefits of monitoring and reporting on specific Key Performance Indicators (KPI's). The committee also sought to clarify the proposed timelines for reporting as well as the granularity and range of data that will be available.

RESOLVED

- i) That, a link providing access to the corporate dataset is provided to members of the OSMC.
- ii) The presentation delivered at the meeting is circulated to the Committee.
- b) **Refresh of the Southampton Safe City Partnership Strategy** - Councillor Lambert, Cabinet Member for Communities and Safer City and Claire Edgar, Executive Director for Community Wellbeing were present and with the consent of the Chair addressed the meeting. Councillor Lambert set out the proposed updates, priority areas and prevention policies within the revised strategy. Claire Edgar then set out the overall scope and explained the revised strategies alignment with other policy areas and proposed improvements in relation to collaborating with partner organisations.

The committee discussed the revised strategy and the rationale for the updated targets, the current performance levels, and sought assurance around partner ownership, buy in and achieving the revised targets.

RESOLVED

- i) That, for the 17 September Cabinet meeting, partners reflect on the proposed targets within the refreshed strategy to ensure that they are SMART.
- ii) The Community Safety Dashboard of KPIs is circulated to the Committee.
- iii) The Committee are informed of the number of respondents to the community safety public survey referenced in the refreshed strategy.
- iv) In recognition of their value to residents and community safety partners, the Council reviews how PACT (Police and Communities Together) meetings are

promoted, particularly on the Council's website, to enable the public to identify when and where meetings are taking place.

- c) **Leisure Services** - Councillor Kataria, Cabinet Member for Compliance and Leisure, James Marshall, Director of Customer and Leisure, and Katy Renouard, Service Manager for Contracts and Commercial Supplier Management were in attendance and with the consent of the chair addressed the meeting. Councillor Kataria outlined the recommendations contained within the Cabinet report as well as the longer-term approach and strategy in relation to the Council's leisure facilities and services. James Marshall then set out the details around the proposed plans and the current and future financial models in relation to the immediate requirements as well as the longer-term objectives. Katy Renouard set out the purchasing proposals in relation to the current and future proposed routes to market.

The committee discussed the proposals, the longer-term strategy, the performance in relation to the current provision, the condition and status of leisure facilities throughout the city and the role played by leisure services in supporting the population to be active and healthy.

RESOLVED

- i) That, reflecting the lack of detail within the briefing paper, indicators that identify how well Active Nation is performing in the delivery of the contract with the City Council, is provided to the Committee.
- ii) The Leisure Strategy that will inform the transformation of leisure services is considered by the Committee when it is available.

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

The Committee considered and discussed the responses from the Executive to recommendations from previous meetings.