

NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Monday, 8 May 2017

COUNCILLORS PRESENT: Councillor Jamie Lane (Chair), Councillors Brian Sargeant, Tony Ansell, Mohammed Aziz, Vicky Culbard, Elizabeth Gowen, Dennis Meredith, Sam Kilby-Shaw and Zoe Smith

Tracy Tiff, Scrutiny Officer

OFFICER

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Graham Walker (Deputy Chair) and Janice Duffy.

2. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 27 March 2017 were signed by the Chair as a true and accurate record.

3. DEPUTATIONS/PUBLIC ADDRESSES

There were none.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (INCLUDING WHIPPING)

There were none.

5. WORK PROGRAMME 2017/2018

The Chair confirmed that as a result of the Work Programme event a number of topics had been identified for Scrutiny review in 2017/2018. He reminded the Committee of the priority order of these reviews, for example all three tables at the event had suggested cemeteries as a future review.

The Committee was asked to prioritise the reviews and also indicate whether they wished to serve on the Scrutiny Panels. The Chair advised the Committee that other non-Executive Members would then be asked if they wished to serve on any of the Panels.

AGREED :-

That the priority of suggested reviews be as follows:

Scrutiny Panel 1 - Cemeteries

Membership of the Panel would comprise:

Chair Councillor Brian Sargeant

Deputy Chair To be elected by the Scrutiny Panel

Members Councillors Aziz, Culbard, Meredith. Councillor Kilbride had expressed an interest to be a member of this Panel. Further members would be invited to join the Panel.

Scrutiny Panel 2 – Culture and Tourism

Membership of the Panel would comprise:

Chair Councillor Jamie Lane

Deputy Chair To be elected by the Scrutiny Panel

Members Councillors Aziz, Sargeant, Culbard, Gowen, Kilby Shaw, and Smith. Membership to this Panel would be closed as it already comprised seven members.

Scrutiny Panel 3 - Dementia Friendly Town

Membership of the Panel would comprise:

Chair To be confirmed following Annual Council on 18 May 2017

Deputy Chair To be elected by the Scrutiny Panel

Members Councillors Gowen, Aziz, Meredith and Sargeant. Councillor Cathrine Russell has requested to join the Panel. Further members would be invited to join the Panel.

The Chair advised that he would ask for reports and briefing papers regarding:

The retail experience (in particular the high street)

Trips and Falls on housing land

Keep Northampton Tidy (including an update on Environmental Wardens)

Licensing Laws and the Nighttime Economy

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee further **AGREED:**

That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee agrees its Work Programme for 2017/2018 from the issues suggested by the recent Work Programming event.

The Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee invites other non-Executives, who are not a member of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, to join the membership of the Scrutiny Panels.

The Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee communicates details of the Work Programme 2017/2018 with all Councillors, and Directors.

The Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme for 2017/2018 is published on the Overview and Scrutiny page of the Council's webpage.

6. PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT SCRUTINY

The Committee reviewed the Corporate Performance All Measures Report – December 2016.

It was AGREED:

that the Cabinet Member and Director would be asked to attend the next meeting of the Committee to provide details on the following Performance Indicators:

HML07 – Homeless Households
PP16 – Off Licence Checks

7. SCRUTINY PANELS

(A) SCRUTINY PANEL 1

Councillor Dennis Meredith, Chair, Scrutiny Panel 1, presented the final report of the Panel to the Committee highlighting the evidence received and the recommendations contained within the report.

He conveyed his thanks to all those involved in the Review, particularly the Panel members, Officers supporting the Review and he put on record his thanks to Phil Harris for bringing his expert knowledge to this Review.

AGREED: That the report of Scrutiny Panel 1 – Child Sexual Exploitation is approved and the Chair of the Committee presents the report to Cabinet at its June 2017 meeting.

(B) SCRUTINY PANEL 3

Councillor Zoe Smith, Chair, Scrutiny Panel 3, presented the final report of the Panel to the Committee highlighting the evidence received and the recommendations contained within the report.

Councillor Smith conveyed her thanks to all those involved in, and supporting the Review.

AGREED: That the report of Scrutiny Panel 3 - Homelessness is approved and the of the Committee presents the report to Cabinet at its June 2017 meeting.

(C) SCRUTINY PANEL 4

Councillor Sam Kilby-Shaw, Chair, Scrutiny Panel 4, presented the final report of the Panel to the Committee highlighting the evidence received and the recommendations contained within the report.

AGREED: That the report of Scrutiny Panel 4 – Emissions Strategy (Action Plan) is approved and the Chair of the Committee presents the report to Cabinet at its June 2017 meeting.

8. TIAL FUTURE PRE DECISION SCRUTINY.

There were none.

9. URGENT ITEMS

There were none.

The meeting concluded at 6:50pm