

COUNCIL

16 July 2014

EXTRACT FROM MINUTES OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
(7 JULY 2014)

REPORT OF THE DEMOCRATIC SERVICES MANAGER

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RECENT REFERENCES:

None

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Appendix A to this report sets out minute extracts from The Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the consideration of Council.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council considers the matters set out in the minute extracts.

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1. **SUBMISSIONS TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY
COMMISSION ON THE FUTURE SIZE OF THE COUNCIL**
(Report CAB2593 refers)

Councillor Godfrey drew attention to Cabinet's recommendation to Council that a submission be made to the Local Government Boundary Commission recommending that the future Council size be 45 members.

Councillor Learney said that the Liberal Democrat Group considered that the evidence base demonstrated that the future Council size should be 48 Members.

Councillor Pines suggested that maintaining a Council size of 57 Members was the most appropriate response.

RECOMMENDED:

**THAT THE COUNCIL'S SUBMISSION WITH REGARD TO THE
LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION ELECTORAL
REVIEW, BE NOTED.**

2. **CAPITAL EXPENDITURE OUTTURN 2013/14**
(Report CAB2594 refers)

Councillor Godfrey explained that a detailed report on the Council's Capital Strategy would be brought to the next meeting of the Committee for scrutiny.

The Chief Finance Officer responded to questions with regard to the Council's proposed support for a Community Bank and reiterated that all risks identified should be explored and fully considered before any commitment to proceed was made. Councillor Godfrey reiterated that this proposal did not represent an investment; rather, it was seen as a project to help deliver the Council's priority to support the local economy.

RESOLVED:

1. That the decision of Cabinet to approve the supplementary estimate of £250,000 for the purposes of supporting the Hampshire Community Bank, be not called-in for review.

RECOMMENDED:

THAT THE REPORT BE NOTED AND NO ITEMS BE DRAWN TO THE ATTENTION OF COUNCIL.

3. **GENERAL FUND REVENUE OUTTURN 2013/14**
(Report CAB2595 refers)

The Committee noted that the Report had not been made available for publication within the statutory deadline. The Chairman agreed to accept the item onto the agenda as a matter requiring urgent consideration, to enable the contents to be considered without delay.

RECOMMENDED:

THAT THE REPORT BE NOTED AND NO ITEMS BE DRAWN TO THE ATTENTION OF COUNCIL.

4. **GOLD STANDARD FOR HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION**
(Report CAB2596 refers)

Councillor Tait reiterated that the investment represented a vote of confidence in the Council delivering this work to a high standard. The Committee congratulated the Assistant Director (Chief Housing Officer) and his staff accordingly.

The Assistant Director (Chief Housing Officer) indicated that he would provide appropriate performance monitoring information for members in due course.

RECOMMENDED:

THAT THE DECISION OF CABINET TO RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL A GENERAL FUND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATE OF £582,218, TO BE FUNDED BY A MATCHING S31 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2003 GOVERNMENT GRANT AND TO BE USED TO FUND THE DELIVERY OF THE GOLD STANDARD PROGRAMME AS SET OUT IN THE REPORT, BE SUPPORTED AND NOT CALLED-IN FOR REVIEW.

5. **HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT 2013/14 OUTTURN**

(Report CAB2597 (HSG) refers)

Councillor Tait introduced the Report and highlighted the minimal variance at outturn, which reflected the high standard of work of officers and that of the previous Portfolio Holder.

The Assistant Director (Chief Housing Officer) advised that a report to the Cabinet (Housing) Committee in October would analyse the impact of changes to the Supporting People budget and on those associated projects undertaken within the Housing Revenue Account.

RECOMMENDED:

**THAT THE REPORT BE NOTED AND NO ITEMS BE DRAWN
TO THE ATTENTION OF COUNCIL.**
