

THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

21 May 2018

Attendance:

Councillors:

Learney (Chairman) (P)

Cunningham (P)
Evans (P)
Gemmell (P)
McLean (P)
Scott (P)

Stallard (P)
Thacker (P)
Thompson (P)
Tod (P)
Weston (P)

Others in attendance who did not address the meeting:

Councillors Ashton (Portfolio Holder for Finance), Berry, Humby (Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Business Partnerships) and Weir.

1. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN FOR THE 2018/19 MUNICIPAL YEAR

The Committee noted that, in accordance with the Council's Constitution, in the absence of Councillor Learney, Councillor Stallard would be unable to assume the Chair as she was a member of the party which currently formed the Council's Administration. Therefore, if Councillor Learney was unable to attend a future meeting, the Committee agreed that it would appoint a new, temporary, Chairman for that meeting only.

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Stallard be appointed Vice-Chairman for the 2018/19 Municipal Year.

2. FUTURE MEETING DATES AND TIMES

RESOLVED:

That the programme of Committee meeting dates for 2018, be noted.

3. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 26 February 2018, be approved and adopted.

4. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

At the invitation of the Chairman, Emma Back (Sports and Leisure Trust - SALT) addressed the Committee with regard to the Scrutiny Work Programme (Report OS199 refers).

In summary, Ms Back queried why reports in relation to the new Leisure Centre were not coming forward for scrutiny by the Committee prior to consideration by Cabinet and Council.

Ms Back referred to the facility mix and made particular reference to a number of items including spectator seating, team changing facilities and the internal design of walls and windows. She urged further consideration of these issues to ensure the building would cater adequately for the needs of individual sport groups and would remain sustainable for the future.

In response, the Chairman advised that at its meeting on 4 June 2018, the Committee would receive a presentation looking at the financial aspects of the Leisure Centre project and outlined that the Urban Design Framework was due for consideration by Cabinet (Leisure Centre) Committee on 23 May 2018, prior to adoption by Cabinet at its meeting on 6 June 2018. The Chairman stated that the Committee would review the scheduling of reports in relation to the Leisure Centre project going forward.

In conclusion, the Chief Executive outlined the anticipated programme for the Leisure Centre, including the submission of the planning application during June 2018, the development of the financial business case which would follow the specification due in December 2018. Members' attention was also drawn to the work carried out by the Cabinet (Leisure Centre) Committee to date, who managed the process and continued to meet on a regular basis to look at the project design, specification and build.

5. **SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME AND JUNE 2018 FORWARD PLAN**
(Report OS199 refers)

The Committee referred to the work programme which would continue to be updated to reflect other business coming forward throughout the 2018/19 Municipal Year.

During the consideration of the report, Members raised the following matters:

- (i) General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) compliance – process and procedure – The Chief Executive reported that GDPR would be

considered by Audit Committee in due course and Members would be informed of when this was scheduled for consideration.

(ii) Due to the volume of reports scheduled on the work programme for 28 January 2019, the Q3 Financial and Performance Monitoring report be moved to 25 February 2019.

RESOLVED:

That, subject to the amendment above, the Scrutiny Work Programme for 2018/19 and Forward Plan for June 2018, be noted.

6. **APPOINTMENTS TO EXTERNAL BODIES RELATED TO SCRUTINY ETC**

(Report OS202 refers)

In respect of the appointment for Environmental Services Joint Scrutiny Committee (with East Hampshire District Council), Members queried the political balance of this Committee. In response, the Chief Executive informed the Committee that advice would be obtained on this matter to enable appointments to be made at the next meeting on 4 June 2018.

RESOLVED:

1. That the following appointments be made the external bodies listed below:

- i. Portsmouth City Council – Health Overview and Scrutiny Panel: Councillor Read (deputy Councillor Brook).
- ii. Centre for Public Scrutiny (CfPS) – Scrutiny Champions Network: Councillor Learney.
- iii. Partnership for Urban South Hampshire Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Councillor Gemmell (deputy Councillor Stallard).

7. **DRAFT ANNUAL SCRUTINY REPORT 2017/18**
(Report OS201 refers)

The Committee noted that Report represented a succinct summary of the main work it had carried out during the previous municipal year.

The Committee noted that due to the work being carried out on a new constitution, a decision had been taken to cease reappointment of the Informal Scrutiny Groups (ISGs) at this time. Members made reference to the work carried out by the ISG's and considered that feedback of these

groups provided a clear understanding of the scrutiny of key services such as Housing Delivery and Performance.

In response, the Chief Executive informed the Committee that a draft version of the new constitution was anticipated to be available prior to the summer recess.

RECOMMENDED:

**THAT COUNCIL NOTE THE ANNUAL SCRUTINY REPORT
2017/18.**

**8. MONITORING REPORT – KEY DECISIONS NOT INCLUDED WITHIN
THE FORWARD PLAN DURING 2017/18 MUNICIPAL YEAR**

(Report OS200 refers)

The Committee gave consideration to the annual monitoring report which set out the number of Key Decisions that came forward for decision, which had not been included in the Forward Plan. It was noted that the number of exceptions to the Forward Plan had reduced significantly since 2016/17, with improved processes and pre-scrutiny arrangements now in place.

RESOLVED:

That the Report be noted.

The meeting commenced at 6.30pm and concluded at 7.15pm

Chairman