

Cabinet

Tuesday 19 October 2010

PRESENT:

Councillor Mrs Pengelly, in the Chair.

Councillor Fry, Vice Chair.

Councillors Bowyer, Jordan, Michael Leaves, Sam Leaves, Monahan, Mrs Watkins and Wiggins.

Also in attendance: Councillor James (Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board), Adam Broome (Director for Corporate Support), Jayne Gorton (School Organisation and Pupil Access Manager), Philip Heseltine (Head of Transport Strategy), Tim Howes (Assistant Director for Democracy and Governance), Bronwen Lacey (Director of Services for Children and Young People), Anthony Payne (Director for Development and Regeneration), Clive Perkin (Assistant Director for Transport), Dave Schwartz (Strategic Commissioning Officer, Services for Children and Young People) and Gareth Simmons (Programme Director for Learning Environments).

Apologies for absence: Councillor Brookshaw and the Chief Executive.

The meeting started at 2.00 pm and finished at 3.10 pm.

Note: At a future meeting, the Cabinet will consider the accuracy of these draft minutes, so they may be subject to change. Please check the minutes of that meeting to confirm whether these minutes have been amended.

51. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest from councillors in accordance with the Code of Conduct in relation to items under consideration at this meeting.

52. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 14 September 2010 were signed as a correct record.

53. **QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

There were no questions received from the public for this meeting.

54. **CHAIR'S URGENT BUSINESS**

There were no items of Chair's urgent business.

SCRUTINY REPORTS

55. **Overview and Scrutiny Management Board - A Focus on reducing Teenage Conception Rates in the City**

The written report of the Director of Services for Children and Young People was submitted together with the scrutiny report of the Task and Finish Group.

Councillor James (Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board) presented the report of the Task and Finish Group and commended the recommendations to Cabinet for approval. He expressed his thanks to Pauline Purnell, former councillor, for chairing the Task and Finish Group and for her work on this scrutiny report. He also thanked Councillor Mrs Watkins for agreeing to be the champion to progress this issue.

Councillor Mrs Watkins (Cabinet Member for Children and Young People) indicated that her role as Cabinet Member and the champion, was to support the city's objective to reduce teenage pregnancies. Members were also advised that the recent figures were showing a reduction which was encouraging, and emphasised the need to raise the aspirations of young people.

Thanks were extended to all those involved in the scrutiny review.

Agreed that the recommendations from the Scrutiny Task and Finish Group are approved as follows -

- (1) the city must strive to raise aspirations of all people, particularly young people, and this will support a reduction in teenage conceptions;
- (2) governance and accountability for the delivery of this agenda must be clear, with a named senior champion at the highest level promoting the city's drive to reduce harmful risk taking behaviour, including unprotected sex. An effective partnership, working to a clear and transparent understanding of the financial costs to support the delivery of this agenda, is required across Plymouth City Council, Plymouth NHS and the Voluntary and Community Sector;
- (3) key services must have the capacity and be competent to identify, at the earliest point, vulnerability to teenage pregnancy (and other harmful risk taking behaviour). Primary and Secondary Schools are pivotal in this identification. The city must then be able to provide personalised holistic support to the young person that can contribute to outcomes linked to an increase in self esteem, aspiration and attainment. The work of Education Welfare Officers should be further explored to determine their potential to maximise their role in early identification and support;

- (4) the city must aim to provide a consistently delivered, high quality, age appropriate Relationship and Sex Education (RSE) programme in all schools (primary, secondary and alternative provision) with Governors and members of Senior Management Teams committing to training to support the delivery of Relationship and Sex Education in their schools;
- (5) within the Relationship and Sex Education programme the relationship of substance (including alcohol) misuse to high risk sexual activity, and media messages on sex, should be addressed;
- (6) issues for boys and young men need to be equally addressed through our planning and delivery of services;
- (7) services to better assist families to talk about relationships and sex, with parents/carers having access to clear advice for help and identifiable sources of support;
- (8) the city needs to ensure that data reflecting use of the emergency contraceptive pill by under-18s from pharmacies is collected to further improve understanding of need and to determine if this provision is accessible with respect to locality and opening hours;
- (9) Services for Children and Young People need to clearly promote messages that support equipping young people with the skills to resist harmful risk taking behaviour, including unprotected sex. Alongside acknowledging the legal age of consent to be 16 the city needs to promote the notion of a young person making healthy choices about their sex life, including understanding the implications of becoming a parent. To support this, the city should explore how to best utilise young people's use of information, advice and support through a range of media systems e.g. internet; mobile phones; magazines; posters etc;
- (10) Services for Children and Young People need to ensure routine engagement with young people to help shape strategy, service planning and design in line with best practice and innovative developments.

56. **Scrutiny developments**

The written report of the Assistant Chief Executive to the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board, on their quarterly scrutiny report, was submitted, reviewing the performance of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board for the period April to July 2010.

Councillor James (Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board) updated the Cabinet on the progress made and highlighted achievements.

He referred to –

- (i) changes in membership of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board and the role of members of the Board who were not Chairs of Overview and Scrutiny Panels;
- (ii) work being undertaken to improve the format of the Annual Scrutiny Report, following discussion at a recent Council meeting;
- (iii) the work carried out by scrutiny on improving the shared priorities for the city and the council;
- (iv) the future of scrutiny having regard to forthcoming legislation including the Decentralisation and Localism Bill, the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Bill, the Academies and Education and Children's Bills and the Public Health Bill. The proposal for the creation of a Health and Wellbeing Board and the introduction of directly elected police commissioners would also present challenges for scrutiny. Workshops had been arranged to discuss the new proposals and to consider how scrutiny would engage with them.

Agreed that the report is noted.

57. **SHORELINE MANAGEMENT PLAN REVIEW DURLSTON HEAD TO RAME HEAD**

The written report of the Director for Development and Regeneration was submitted.

Agreed that –

- (1) the Shoreline Management Plan Review (SMP2), is adopted, as it relates to Plymouth;
- (2) a Shoreline Asset Management Plan is produced;
- (3) an investigation of opportunities for co-funding of defence works, is supported;
- (4) the submission of a funding application to the Environment Agency, to fund coastal defence works, is supported.

58. **MOUNT EDGCUMBE JOINT COMMITTEE - CONSTITUTION**

Minutes 11 and 17 of the Mount Edgcumbe Joint Committee of 25 June and 23 July 2010 respectively, were submitted, asking the Cabinets of Plymouth City and

Cornwall Councils to adopt new terms of reference for the management of the Mount Edgcumbe House and Country Park.

The written report submitted to the Mount Edgcumbe Joint Committee on 25 June 2010 was also submitted.

The proposal was presented by the Assistant Director for Democracy and Governance.

Agreed that the new terms of reference are adopted as set out in the report and amended by minute 17 of the Mount Edgcumbe Joint Committee, and the constitution is amended to reflect this.

59. **SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE BASIC NEED PROGRAMME**

The Director of Services for Children and Young People submitted a written report and the proposals were presented by the Programme Director for Learning Environments.

Members were informed that –

- (i) projections showed a steep rise in the numbers of primary age children from 2010 to 2030 for which there would be insufficient school places;
- (ii) investment would be needed to meet the demand;
- (iii) asset management would have responsibility for safeguarding land and property;
- (iv) formal consultation would commence, following approval of the recommendations.

The Director of Services for Children and Young People, responding to a question about the dilemma between open enrolment and local school provision and the potential impact of building on green spaces, undertook to come back to Cabinet with proposals on how to balance those arguments.

The Director of Services for Children and Young People also undertook to respond direct to Councillor Jordan, following consultation with asset management, with regard to education land that had been declared surplus.

Agreed that authority is given to officers to –

- (1) commence consultation with schools, partners, sponsors and stakeholders;
- (2) propose the safeguarding of land for future expansion of education infrastructure related to housing growth;

- (3) develop and submit basic need funding applications to support the capital programme;
- (4) develop proposals to meet basic need growth.

60. **PLYMOUTH'S THIRD LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN - CONSULTATION DRAFT**

The Director for Development and Regeneration submitted a written report.

Cabinet Members were advised that the draft plan was for consultation which would include on line consultation and exhibitions. It was also emphasised that the plan did not ignore the needs of the motorist with investment proposed to improve traffic flows on networks.

It was acknowledged that more work was needed on enhancing water networks and the importance of connectivity through road and rail networks to London and other areas, was particularly highlighted.

In response to questions, the officers reported that –

- (i) the need for a solution to the traffic situation between The George and Woolwell, was recognised;
- (ii) the bus stop at Manadon roundabout had not been removed but was not being fully serviced whilst adjustments were being made to the road layout;
- (iii) the consultation would be for 12 weeks from 25 October 2010.

Agreed that Plymouth's Third Local Transport Plan is approved for consultation purposes.