

# Overview and Scrutiny Management Board

Wednesday 8 May 2013

## PRESENT:

Councillor Mrs Aspinall, in the Chair.  
Councillor Tuffin, Vice Chair.  
Councillors Bowie, Bowyer, Casey, Philippa Davey, James, Murphy, Mrs Nelder and Nicholson.

Apologies for absence: Councillors Monahan and Wiggins.

Also in attendance: Councillor Coker (Cabinet Member for Transport), Ross Jago (Democratic Support Officer), Giles Perritt (Policy, Performance and Partnerships) and Helen Wright (Democratic Support Officer).

The meeting started at 5.00 pm and finished at 6.30 pm.

*Note: At a future meeting, the committee 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.*

## 151. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest made by councillors in accordance with the code of conduct.

## 152. **MINUTES**

The Board agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 5 April 2013, 10 April 2013, 16 April 2013 and 17 April 2013 are confirmed as a correct record.

## 153. **CHAIR'S URGENT BUSINESS**

There were no items of Chair's urgent business.

## 154. **TRACKING DECISIONS**

The Board considered the schedule of decisions made and noted the latest position.

## 155. **WORK PROGRAMMES**

The work programme of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board, Children and Young People OSP, Growth and Prosperity OSP, Health and Adult Social Care and Support Services OSP were submitted for consideration and approval.

The Board agreed –

- (1) the work programmes, as submitted;
- (2) that the following items are included within the work programme of the new Working Plymouth panel –
  - Local Economic Partnerships – Heart of the South West;
  - Youth unemployment update;
  - Plan for Jobs;
  - Digital exclusion (connectivity; broadband);
  - Plymouth Hospitals NHS Trust commitment to supporting economic growth agenda;
  - evaluation of East End transport scheme;
  - evaluation of Outland Road transport scheme;
- (3) that the following items are included within the work programme of the new Caring Plymouth panel –
  - CAMHS;
  - sickness levels in Social Care;
- (4) that the following items are included within the work programme of the new Ambitious Plymouth panel –
  - ICT;
  - sickness levels;
  - IT shared services;
- (5) that the following items are included within the work programme of the new Cooperative Scrutiny Board –
  - Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service Plan 2013-14 to 2014-15;
  - National Non Domestic Rates (NNDR);
  - discretionary rate relief.

156. **CALL-INS**

There were no calls-ins to consider.

157. **URGENT EXECUTIVE DECISIONS**

There were no urgent executive decisions to consider.

158. **FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS AND PRIVATE BUSINESS**

The Board noted the update provided on the executive key decisions as follows –

- (a) the following key decisions would be considered at the Cabinet meeting scheduled for 21 May 2013 –

- role of the city council acting as guarantor to the Ocean Studios;
- hackney carriage quantity limit policy;
- contract award for local bus services;
- Language employment units;
- Child Poverty Strategy 2013-16;
- improving quality and outcomes, increasing choice and control-recommendations following consultation.

159. **CABINET MEMBER**

The Chair welcomed the Cabinet Member for Transport who provided a brief overview of the current areas of work being undertaken, which included –

- bus lane enforcement scheme;
- highway maintenance;
- reinstatement of school buses;
- young person's travel summit;
- roll out of the LED lights;
- rail connectivity;
- cycling and walking paths successful funding bid;
- subsidised bus routes and through ticketing.

In response to questions raised, it was reported that –

- (a) it was anticipated that by the middle of May 2013 Amey would have completed the evaluation and priority matrix for road repairs (repairs would be prioritised in accordance with the condition of the road); councillors would be informed of road closures via email;
- (b) the income received from the enforcement of the bus lanes would be ring-fenced to undertake further road repairs;
- (c) work was currently being undertaken to investigate ways of reducing the impact of the school run within communities;
- (d) the additional funding for highway maintenance of £2m per year over the next 10 years would make a difference but this would not solve the problem; the poor condition of roads was a national problem and not unique to Plymouth;
- (e) the cost of removing the Plymouth City Council logo from the Citybus fleet would be cost prohibitive (some routes were also subsidised by the Council).

The Chair thanked the Cabinet Member for Transport for attending the meeting.

160. **CORPORATE MONITORING REPORT**

There were no issues raised.

161. **OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY ANNUAL REPORT 2012/13**

The Chair presented the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2012-13 and took the opportunity to thank everyone involved for their contributions.

The Board agreed the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2012-13 subject to the following amendments –

- (1) (Children and Young People's OSP under early intervention) - the word 'were' is included in the sentence to read as follows 'were in place for safeguarding of children, for example the report only mentioned once the use of mobile phones';
- (2) (Health and Adult Social Care OSP under looking forward to next year) – Health and Wellbeing Board is replaced with Health Watch, the sentence to read as follows 'including the Health Watch will champion the early intervention agenda'.

162. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Board endorsed and agreed the recommendation with regard to the Growth and Prosperity OSP, to formally consult with all councillors when the Plymouth Plan together with the preferred options are published in autumn 2013.

163. **PROJECT INITIATION DOCUMENTS (PIDS)**

There were no project initiation documents (PIDS) to consider.

164. **TASK AND FINISH UPDATES/REPORTS**

Councillor Mrs Aspinall, the Chair of the Strategic Alcohol Plan Task and Finish group, together with Ross Jago (Democratic Support Officer) presented the report, which outlined the following –

- the evening and night time economy;
- Government legislation and advice;
- relevant national statistics and information;
- conclusion;
- recommendations.

Councillor Mrs Aspinall took the opportunity to thank all those involved for their support during the task and finish group meetings.

The Board agreed to recommend the task and finish group report on the Strategic Alcohol Plan to Cabinet for its approval, subject to the following amendment 'recommendation 2 one of Europe's finest, most vibrant waterfront cities where an outstanding quality of life is enjoyed by everyone'.

165. **EXEMPT BUSINESS**

There were no items of exempt business.