

## **Recommendations to the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board**

### **Customers and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel Meeting – 25 January 2010**

#### **Draft Minute 56. Councillor Call for Action Tool Kit**

Recommended to the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board that –

- (1) the PID for the Councillor Call for Action tool kit is approved;
- (2) membership of the task and finish group is approved as follows –

Councillor Berrow  
Councillor Mrs Foster  
Councillor Fox  
Councillor McDonald  
Councillor Mrs Nicholson  
Councillor Smith  
Councillor Mrs Stephens  
Councillor Wildy

#### **Draft Minute 57. Safe and Strong Theme Group Update**

Recommended to the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board that the reporting of domestic violence incidents indicator, which is off target, is included on the panel's work programme and is scrutinised at its meeting on 29 March 2010.

#### **Draft Minute 58. National Indicator 192 Recycling Levels**

Recommended to the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board that the national indicator 192 recycling levels is included on the panel's work programme to be considered in conjunction with waste collection at its meeting on 29 March 2010.

#### **Draft Minute 60. Financial Inclusion Strategy (Task and Finish Group)**

Recommended to the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board that –

- (1) the PID for the refresh of the action plan for the financial inclusion strategy is approved;
- (2) membership of the task and finish group is approved as follows –

Councillor Berrow  
Councillor Fox  
Councillor Mrs Nicholson  
Councillor Wildy

#### **Draft Minute 61. Tracking Resolutions**

Recommended to the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board that –

- (1) The lead for the Events Strategy – Coherent Marketing Strategy (joint task and finish group) is reallocated to the Growth and Prosperity Overview and Scrutiny Panel;
- (2) Councillor McDonald represents the Customers & Communities OSP on the joint task and finish group.

## **Growth & Prosperity Overview & Scrutiny Panel**

### **Revised minute 37, Worklessness: the contribution and role of PCC** (O & S Management Board minute 69(a)(2) refers).

The Growth and Prosperity Overview and Scrutiny Panel discussed the issue of worklessness at two scrutiny meetings, namely 28 September 2009 and 7 December 2009 (G & P minutes 18 and 37). Several representatives from different organisations namely, Jobcentre Plus, Working Links, Plymouth Employment & Skills Board, Plymouth City Council and Devonport Regeneration Community Partnership, attended the September meeting and provided the Panel with presentations upon the high levels of worklessness in Plymouth and the importance of tackling the issue of worklessness together.

Representatives from different organisations and sectors of the Council, namely Strategic Housing, Social Inclusion, Recruitment and the Shekinah Mission, similarly attended the December meeting and informed the panel that programmes were currently in place to tackle worklessness; however it was important for this to continue and for Plymouth City Council to take a lead.

Resolved that Overview and Scrutiny Management Board be requested to approve the following –

- (a) **Recommendation: That the Department for Development & Regeneration take on the ownership and leadership of the Worklessness agenda on behalf of the Council and that links across Plymouth City Council are accordingly established to a) ensure the council's role is clearly understood and b) that, from an Economic Development perspective, skills development aligns with the economic drivers of the city and key sectors.**

**Reason:** Tackling Worklessness is essential to the City meeting the objectives set out in the Local Economic Strategy, Sustainable Community Strategy, Children & Young People's Plan as well as a range of other targets. Whilst it is recognised that Worklessness impacts on many aspects of the Council and partnership's work e.g. health, learning, etc., ultimately it demands a lead service area and can best be addressed from a Strategic Economic Development perspective.

- (b) **Recommendation: that Plymouth City Council take on a leadership role**

**Reason:** The present framework with central and local government and the third sector is too complicated. The emerging consensus in national policy, endorsed by Overview & Scrutiny, is that, operationally, Worklessness is best led by the Local Authority under the strategic direction of the Local Strategic Partnership.

- (c) **Recommendation: That Human Resources works with the Assistant Director for Development & Regeneration (Economic Development) and his team to develop a strategy for Plymouth City Council recruitment under the Worklessness agenda and that the Corporate Management Team be requested to endorse this.**

**Reason:** The Children & Young People OSP will be aware of the Skills and NEETs agenda. The Growth & Prosperity OSP recommends that PCC reviews its Recruitment policies to become an exemplar employing body, by providing greater employment/work opportunities for disengaged groups e.g. young people, care leavers, young offenders and the longer term unemployed.