

CITY OF PLYMOUTH

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Executive Summary:

This report sets out a review of the performance of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board for the period April to July 2010

Corporate Plan 2009-2012:

The Overview and Scrutiny Management Board provides management of strategic scrutiny of all Corporate Improvement Priorities and is the lead scrutiny body for the Corporate Plan. The Management Board has scrutinised the Plymouth Report and made recommendations with respect to revised priorities for the Council and City during the period of this report.

Implications for Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications: Including finance, human, IT and land

The Management Board has scrutinised the revenue and capital budgets, and Corporate Improvement Priorities relating to the above during the period of this report.

Other Implications: e.g. Section 17 Community Safety, Health and Safety, Risk Management, Equalities Impact Assessment, etc.

As above

Recommendations & Reasons for recommended action:

That the report is noted

Alternative options considered and reasons for recommended action:

N/A

Background papers:

Overview and Scrutiny Management Board minutes, reports and work programme relating to meetings of 30 June and 28 July 2010.

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1. Introduction

- 1.1 This report sets out a review of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board for the second quarter of 2010, incorporating the meetings of 30 June and 28 July 2010.

2. Scope of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board

- 2.1 The membership of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board changed following the Council meeting of 21 May 2010, reflecting changes in the membership of Overview and Scrutiny Panels. Cllr David James retained the Chair, and Douglas Fletcher was re-confirmed as a co-opted member.
- 2.2 The detailed terms of reference for the O & S Management Board are contained within the Council's Constitution. Principal revisions to the Terms of Reference of the Board, which were agreed at the meeting of 28 July and confirmed at the Council meeting of 2 August included greater clarity about the role of members of the panel who do not chair scrutiny panels.
- 2.3 The O & S Management Board consists of the following members and officers

Title	Name	Attendance (2 meetings)
Councillor (Chair)	D.James	2
Councillor (Vice Chair)	Ball	2
Councillor	Browne	2
Councillor	Patrick Nicholson	2
Councillor	Ricketts	2
Councillor	Stevens	2
Councillor	Thompson	2
Councillor	Wildy	2
Councillor	Williams	2
Co-opted representative	D Fletcher	2
Lead Officer	Giles Perritt	2
Democratic Support	Katey Johns	1 (of 1)

- 2.4 The Panel, through its strategic management of the Council's scrutiny function, including monitoring of finance and performance, focuses on the role of the following Cabinet Members and CMT officers:

Title	Name
Cabinet Member (Finance, Property, People and Governance)	Cllr. Ian Bowyer
Cabinet Member (Performance and Transformation)	Cllr. Sam Leaves
Director for Corporate Support	Adam Broome
Chief Executive	Barry Keel
Leader of the Council	Cllr Mrs Pengelly

3. Key achievements during the last quarter

The last quarterly report for the board set the following targets for the Board:

3.1 Ensuring that the recommendations from the Management Board of 15 and 17 February are implemented effectively

The Board has delegated responsibility for tracking progress against recommendations from the Board to the appropriate panels. A report giving a progress update against all the recommendations will be presented by the Chief Executive and Deputy Leader at the September meeting of the Board, following a recommendation made at the meeting of 30 June.

3.2 Ensuring appropriate arrangements are in place to ensure the continuity of the scrutiny function following local elections in May 2010

Cllr David James retained the role of Chair into the new municipal year. Cllrs Wildy and Thompson and Douglas Fletcher continued to serve from last year's membership, which has provided continuity for the panel. Effective handover arrangements were in place for new chairs.

3.3 Outstanding actions regarding press coverage and Comprehensive Area Assessment overview and scrutiny activity are taken forward

Press briefings prior to panel meetings have been developed, and there continues to be coverage of higher profile scrutiny business, particularly around the work of the Health and Social Care panel.

Following the election, the government announced the abolition of the Comprehensive Area Assessment (CAA) regime. The panel considered the Plymouth Report at its meeting of 28 July, which contained a summary of the key judgements from the CAA report of December 2009. Responses to these will be incorporated into the revised Corporate Plan for consideration by the Board in January 2011.

3.6 In addition to the above, the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board made a series of recommendations to Cabinet regarding corporate and city priorities following its consideration of the Plymouth Report on 28 July. At its meeting of 14 September, the Cabinet broadly endorsed the recommendations made by the Board.

4. On the Horizon

- Ensuring that scrutiny and partnership governance arrangements reflect the changing local, regional and national policy agenda of the new government
- Ensuring that appropriate arrangements are in place to ensure effective engagement over the revised Corporate Plan and budget setting arrangements
- That the performance management framework continues to develop to reflect national policy changes

5. Recommendation

5.1 That the progress of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board be noted.

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