

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT BOARD – 24 NOVEMBER, 2010

RECOMMENDATIONS

Date/min number	Resolution / Recommendation	Explanation / Minute	Response
Audit Committee			
15/11/10 Minute 50 (2)	Revenues and Benefits Improvements Update <u>Recommended</u> that the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board (or relevant scrutiny panel) monitors the review of the Revenues and Benefits Service and progress against the action plan produced by the external auditor, Grant Thornton.	There is currently a delay in processing housing benefit claims of between 10-12 weeks. This has been identified as being due to - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an increase in the number of new claims • peak holiday period and the effects of term time working • claimants not providing all relevant information with their application Whilst resource had been allocated to focus on the oldest work and this would be monitored over the coming weeks, the Audit Committee felt that it should be monitored to ensure the delay does decrease and not increase.	
Minute 53 (1) (2)	Annual Audit Letter 2009/10 <u>Recommended</u> that the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board (or relevant scrutiny panel) – (1) monitors progress against the action plan arising from the Citybus Review; (2) reviews progress on the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) to ensure that – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the intentions of the JSNA are translated into a wide range of actions within service plans, supported by key targets and measures 	The Council's external auditor identified a number of areas where the Council could further enhance its arrangements for the delivery of major projects including ensuring that there was effective transparency in the decision making arrangements with a robust challenge to ensure there is an appropriate balance between maintaining the confidentiality of information and providing sufficient information to facilitate a well-informed decision.	

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	<p>that partners would be able to use to monitor progress</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the Council, and its partners, were refining the JSNA to ensure that it reflects the new arrangements (i.e. changes to the way that health services were to be managed and delivered) and were able to respond to any new or emerging challenges 	<p>Given the significance of the JSNA and the importance of partnership working the Committee wants assurance that this is being progressed, monitored and delivered.</p>	
<p>Minute 55 (4)</p>	<p>Internal Audit – Six Monthly Progress Report <u>Recommended</u> that the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board (or appropriate panel) considers the problems highlighted within the Devon Audit Partnership relating to IT service provision to ensure that the issues were resolved.</p>	<p>Concern was raised that progress in achieving productivity improvements within the Devon Audit Partnership (DAP) had not matched initial expectations due to the continued inability of DAP's IT provider to provide acceptable service provision. Whilst there had been some recent improvement, the impact on delivery of the audit plan had been significant due to the amount of time lost.</p>	
Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Panel			
<p>11/11/10</p>			
<p>Minute 47(1)</p>	<p>Appointment of Co-opted Representatives <u>Recommended</u> to the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board that Alderman Pauline Purnell be co-opted onto the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Panel.</p>	<p>The Vice Chair proposed to the Panel that Alderman Pauline Purnell be co-opted onto the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Panel; Councillor Roberts seconded the proposal.</p>	

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Minute 53	Plymouth Report <u>Recommended</u> to the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board that the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Panel be linked to the new Children and Young People Theme Group.		
Minute 57	Work Programme <u>Recommended</u> to the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board that the following items be included on the Children and Young People OSP work programme: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Primary School Attainment , KS2 • Emotional Health of Children • Bullying • Stability of Placements • Special Educational Needs statements • Prevalence of and screening arrangements for Chlamydia in under 25 year old women 	The Panel discussed its 2010/2011 work programme and identified several failing national indicators to include in its programme of work.	
Management Board Non Chair Members' Working Group			
17/11/10	See update report under agenda item 12b.		