

PLYMOUTH CITY COUNCIL

Subject: Bi-annual Scrutiny Report
Committee: Overview and Scrutiny Management Board
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Executive Summary:

This report sets out a review of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board for the period June 2011 – October 2011.

Corporate Plan 2011 – 2014:

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.

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

None.

Other Implications: e.g. Community Safety, Health and Safety, Risk Management and Equality, Diversity and Community Cohesion:

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

Recommendations & Reasons for recommended action:

To note the report.

Alternative options considered and reasons for recommended action:

N/A

Background papers:

Overview and Scrutiny Management Board Terms of Reference
Reports submitted to panel meetings
Minutes

Sign off: N/A

1. Overview and Scrutiny Management Board Bi-annual Report

1.1 Introduction

This report sets out the progress of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board for the period of June 2011 to October 2011 which includes the following meetings –

29 June 2011

11 and 12 July 2011

27 July 2011

7 September 2011

21 September 2011

2. Scope of the Overview and Scrutiny Panel

2.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Management Board is primarily responsible for managing the workload of the Council's five scrutiny panels, namely –

- Health and Adult Social Care
- Customers and Communities
- Growth and Prosperity
- Children and Young People
- Support Services

2.2 The detailed terms of reference for the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board are contained within the Council's Constitution.

2.3 The Board, 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 corporate management team officers –

Title	Name
Cabinet Member for Finance, Property and People	Councillor Bowyer
Cabinet Member for Transformation, Performance and Governance	Councillor Ricketts
Leader of the Council	Councillor Mrs Pengelly
Chief Executive	Barry Keel
Director for Corporate Support	Adam Broome

3. Membership and Attendance

3.1 Name	Attendance (5 meetings)
Councillor James (Chair)	5
Councillor Nicholson (Vice-Chair)	3*
Councillor Mrs Aspinal	4*

Councillor Mrs Bowyer	2*
Councillor Browne	4*
Councillor Coker	4*
Councillor Lock	4*
Councillor Lowry	3*
Councillor McDonald	5
Councillor Stark	5
Councillor Thompson	4
Councillor Wildy	5
Mr D Fletcher (Co-opted Representative)	2*
Mr J Paget (Co-opted Representative)	1 (resigned June 2011)
Ms V Gillespie (Co-opted Representative)	2 (appointed July 2011)
Giles Perritt Lead Officer	5
Katey Johns Democratic Support Officer	5

*The meeting on 11 and 12 July 2011 was a Task and Finish Group at which these members were not required

4. Key Achievements during the period of June 2011 to October 2011

- 4.1 The Board has made a positive and constructive contribution to support the strategic and operational overview, in particular the following achievements have been made –
- appointment of an additional co-opted representative from City College to broaden the Board's experience and knowledge;
 - monitoring the Finance and Performance Report;
 - monitoring progress against budget scrutiny recommendations from 2010/11;
 - holding the Leader and Chief Executive to account to ensure that high quality services were being delivered to local people within budget efficiencies;
 - keeping a watching brief on changes to legislation particularly around the creation of health and well-being boards and introduction of police and crime commissioner panels;
 - following a review of Localities and Neighbourhood Working, making recommendations to Cabinet and City Council which it was hoped would further improve the Council and its partners approach to understanding and responding to the needs of our communities across the city;
 - monitoring the Forward Plan and urgent executive decisions.

5. Future Issues for the Panel

- 5.1 Over the new few months the Board will –
- undertake post-decision scrutiny of the decision to derecognise Unison;
 - meet on 12, 16 and 18 January 2012 to scrutinise the council's budget setting arrangements for 2012/13, along with those of its Police and Health partners;

6. Recommendation

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