

COOPERATIVE SCRUTINY BOARD MINUTE 4 OF 29 MAY 2013 SCRUTINY TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Scrutiny Lead Officer highlighted the publication of the report on a recent Ofsted review of a large Metropolitan Borough Council which found some services to be unsatisfactory. Part of the criticism by Ofsted was that responsibility for scrutiny of Children's Services was split between too many scrutiny panels resulting in a lack of clear responsibility. The Board felt that action should be taken with regard to the terms of reference in light of this information.

The Board also felt that in light of the increased workload for the Ambitious Plymouth Board and the cross cutting nature of the business, Human Resources and ICT should be moved from Ambitious Plymouth to the Board's terms of reference.

The Board felt that given the Customer Transformation programme, Customer Services should feature in a panel's terms of reference in its own right.

The Board noted that later in the meeting a new corporate plan had been drafted and that subject to the approval of the final version at Council the 'corporate plan priorities' section of the terms of reference for all panels should be updated to reflect any new priorities approved.

Agreed to Recommend to the council to –

- (1) move Human Resources and ICT to the terms of reference for the Co-operative Scrutiny Board;
- (2) evidence a link between 'Working Plymouth' and 'Ambitious Plymouth' with respect to 'apprenticeships';
- (3) move Children's social care, adoption and fostering, early intervention and prevention, corporate parenting and the leadership and delivery of all services for children and young people out of the terms of reference for 'Caring Plymouth' and into the terms of reference for 'Ambitious Plymouth';
- (4) to amend the wording of the terms of reference for Caring Plymouth from 'Adult and Children's Health and Social Care' to Adult and Children's Health' to reflect (3) above;
- (5) add 'customer services' to the terms of reference for 'Your Plymouth';
- (6) update the 'corporate plan priorities' section of all terms of reference as and when the draft corporate plan is approved by City Council.

***NB* The proposed updated terms of reference are attached to this minute**

Note:

The full report in connection with this minute is available on the website

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