

Place and Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Wednesday 5 July 2017

PRESENT:

Councillor Bowie, in the Chair.

Councillor Ball, Vice Chair.

Councillors Churchill, Sam Davey, Fry, Morris, Penberthy, Smith and Storer.

Apologies for absence: Councillors Carson and Fletcher.

Also in attendance: Paul Barnard (Assistant Director for Strategic Planning and Infrastructure), Bob Cocker (Strategic Planning Manager), Sarah Farley (Strategic Transport Manager), Judith Harwood (Assistant Director for Education, Participation and Skills), Ross Jago (Lead Officer), Councillor Jordan (Cabinet Member for Culture), Louise Kelley (Head of Sports Development), Andrew Loton (Senior Performance Advisor), Councillor Nicholson (Cabinet Member for Transport, Housing and Planning), Adrian Trim (Head of Highways) and Helen Wright (Democratic Adviser).

The meeting started at 3.00 pm and finished at 5.05 pm.

Note: At a future meeting, the Panel will consider the accuracy of these draft minutes, so they may be subject to change. Please check the minutes of that meeting to confirm whether these minutes have been amended.

1. **To Note the Appointment of the Chair and Vice Chair**

Councillor Bowie was appointed as Chair and Councillor Ball was appointed as Vice Chair for the forthcoming municipal year 2017/18.

2. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest made by Councillors in accordance with the code of conduct.

3. **Minutes**

The Committee agreed the minutes of the meeting held on 19 April 2017.

4. **Chair's Urgent Business**

There were no items of Chair's urgent business.

5. Major Strategic Transport Schemes

Councillor Nicholson (Cabinet Member for Transport, Housing and Planning), Paul Barnard (Assistant Director for Strategic planning and Infrastructure), Adrian Trim (Head of Highways), Sarah Farley (Strategic Transport Manager) and Bob Cocker (Strategic Planning Manager) presented the major strategic transport schemes.

The key areas of questioning related to –

- (a) a 'joined up' way of working with the utility companies when scheduling works;
- (b) the 'teething' problems being encountered with the construction of the Sherford development;
- (c) the importance of public perception when undertaking major schemes and the adoption of a consistent approach;
- (d) the quality of paint used at inter changes (relating to the resurfacing works at Charles Cross);
- (e) the early engagement of Ward Councillors regarding both major and minor traffic schemes;
- (f) concerns raised by private hire drivers relating to the inability to drop people near to the hospital entrance due to the improvement scheme;
- (g) addressing the ongoing issues relating to the cross roads at Outland Road/Western Park Road;
- (h) all councillors receiving regular updates on both major and minor schemes city wide;
- (i) the number of properties that would potentially be affected by Compulsory Purchase Orders relating to the George/Woolwell scheme;
- (j) whether the funding bid for the Morlaix link road had been successful.

An undertaking was given to Members that the presentation would be circulated.

The Committee agreed to include on its work programme an update on the transport infrastructure at its November meeting.

6. **Corporate Plan Quarterly Report - Quarter 4 2016/17**

Andrew Loton (Senior Performance Advisor) presented the Corporate Plan (Quarter 4 2016/17 which reported activity and performance between January and March 2017; there had been continued effort to make changes to the report design and further enhancement of the content; the report sought to provide a combined view of activity, performance, update by exception and performance indicators for each vision of the plan in order to present progress and the challenges faced by the Council.

The key areas of questioning related to –

- (a) the lack of information provided;
- (b) addressing the resilience of the document (ensuring that the most up to date data was provided);
- (c) the inclusion within the report of hyperlinks or appendices which provided further information regarding the data/statistical information.

7. **Plymouth Plan for Sport**

Councillor Jordan (Cabinet Member for Culture), Judith Harwood (Assistant Director for Education, Participation and Skills) and Louise Kelley (Head of Sports Development) presented the plan which was intended to provide the strategic direction for the development of sport within Plymouth; it set out to build on existing strengths and address the challenges ahead; it had also been developed to encourage collaboration and to guide the work of anyone involved in the planning and delivery of sport in the city.

The key areas of questioning related to –

- (a) the delivery of the plan and the concern that it did not sit alongside the facilities and playing pitch strategy;
- (b) how the plan would encourage people who lived in the most deprived areas of the city to become active;
- (c) support for external organisations and clubs.

The committee agreed to hold a joint scrutiny meeting to scrutinise the delivery of the plan.

8. **Tracking Decisions**

The Committee noted the progress of its decisions.

9. **Work Programme**

The Committee agreed to include the following items on its work programme –

- (1) transport infrastructure (November);
- (2) waste (September);
- (3) homelessness – Universal Credit Housing Element (November);
- (4) Registration Service (September);
- (5) Gypsy and Travellers – Unauthorised Encampments (September);
- (6) Allotments (November).