
EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL HELD ON 24 NOVEMBER 2016

COSP.82/16 OVERVIEW REPORT AND WORK PROGRAMME

The Policy and Performance Manager submitted report OS.23/16 which provided an overview of matters relating to the work of the Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel and included the latest version of the work programme and Key Decisions of the Executive which related to the Panel.

The Policy and Performance Manager reported that the Notice of Executive Key Decisions were published on 21 October 2016 and the following items fell within the remit of the Panel:

KD.20/16 – Tullie House Business Plan

KD.21/16 – Budget Process 2017/18

Both items had been included on the Panel's agenda.

Members did not raise any questions or comments on the items contained within the Notice of Executive Key Decisions.

The Panel's Work Programme for the current year had been circulated and Members were asked to consider the framework for the meeting on 12 January 2017. The following items had been included in the Work Programme for the next meeting of the Panel:

- Riverside Annual Report
- Task and Finish Group on the relationship with Housing Associations
- Performance reporting options
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It was agreed that a report of the Old Fire Station be added to the Work Programme for April 2017.

It was reported that the Scrutiny Chairs had recently discussed the possibility of changing the current panel remit structure, to better align with the Council priorities, current challenges faced by the Council and to address current Scrutiny best practice. They resolved that the proposals for three new Overview and Scrutiny Panels be considered by each of the Political Groups with feedback being submitted to the Scrutiny Chairs Group. The Chair of Environment and Economy Overview & Scrutiny Panel had requested that the views of this Panel were sought.

The Environment and Economy Panel had supported the decision of the Scrutiny Chairs Group and agreed that three new Overview and Scrutiny Panels be established, as set out in the Overview and Scrutiny Report, with further work on the remits of each new Panel. The

Scrutiny Chairs Group had met on 11 November and agreed to receive feedback from all three Panels before any decision for change was taken.

Member's attention was drawn to Appendix 2 of the report which contained details of the proposals and rationale for the changes.

The Panel discussed the options set out in Appendix 2 and a proposal that an additional change to the Constitution be requested with regard to the Chairman of Scrutiny Panels. Some Members requested that the Constitution revert back to setting that the Chairman of the Panel be made up of 1 Labour, 1 Conservative and 1 from the next largest Political Group. The Panel voted on the proposal and agreed that the request should be referred to the Executive.

RESOLVED – 1) That the Overview Report incorporating the Work programme and Key decision items relevant to this Panel (OS.23/16) be noted.

2) That the following items be included on the agenda for next meeting on 12 January 2016:

- Riverside Annual Report
- Task and Finish Group on the relationship with Housing Associations
- Performance reporting options

3) That an update on the Old Fire Station be added to the Work Programme for April 2017;

4) That the Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel supported the decision of the Scrutiny Chairs Group and agree that three new Overview and Scrutiny Panels be established, as set out in appendix 2 of report OS.23/16;

5) That the Executive consider a change to the City Council's Constitution which set out that the three Scrutiny Panels be Chaired by 1 Labour Group Member, 1 Conservative Group Member and 1 Member from the next largest Political Group.