

Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel

Agenda
Item:

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Meeting Date: 12 January 2017
Portfolio: Cross Cutting
Key Decision: No
Within Policy and
Budget Framework
Public / Private Public

Title: OVERVIEW REPORT AND WORK PROGRAMME
Report of: Overview and Scrutiny Officer
Report Number: OS 02/17

Summary:

This report provides an overview of matters related to the Community O&S Panel's work. It also includes the latest version of the work programme.

Recommendations:

Members are asked to:

- Note the item (within Panel remit) on the most recent Notice of Key Executive Decisions
- Note and/or amend the Panel's work programme

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Appendices attached
to report:

1. References from the Executive
2. Community O&S Panel Work Programme 2016/17

1. Notice of Key Executive Decisions

The most recent Notice of Key Executive Decisions was published on 20 December 2016. This was circulated to all Members. The following item falls into the remit of this Panel:

KD.21/16 Budget Process 2017/18

The Executive will be asked to consider strategic financial issues arising from the budget setting process.

This item was discussed by this Panel at its meeting on 24th November.

2. References from the Executive

The following references from the Executive 19 December are attached at **Appendix 1**.

- EX.128/16 – Charges Reviews;
- EX.130/16 – Tullie House Business Plan 2017- 2020
- EX.141/16 – Reference from Overview and Scrutiny

3. Work Programme

The Panel's current work programme is attached at **Appendix 2**.

Members are asked to note and/or amend the Panel's work programme and in particular consider the framework for the next meeting.

The following items are currently scheduled for the next meeting on 16 February 2017:

- New Leisure Contract Procurement
- Flood Update Report (tentative)
- Housing Strategy (tentative)
- Response to Welfare Reform
- Performance Report Options
- Performance Monitoring
- Impact and Two Castles Housing Associations (tentative)
- Carlisle and Eden Safety Partnership Strategic Assessment (tentative)

Note: in compliance with section 100d of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 the report has been prepared in part from the following papers: None

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE HELD ON 19 DECEMBER 2016

EX.128/16 REVIEW OF CHARGES 2017/18
(Key Decision – KD.21/16)

Portfolio Cross-cutting

Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Panel Community; Environment and
Economy; and Resources

Subject Matter

Pursuant to Minutes EX.99/16, EX.100/16, EX.101/16 and EX.102/16, further consideration was given to the Charges Reviews in respect of charges falling within the responsibility of the Community Services; Economic Development; Governance and Regulatory Services Directorates; and the Licensing Section. The proposed charges were contained within Reports SD.27/16, ED.45/16; GD.62/16 and GD.57/16.

Copy Extracts from the Minutes of the meetings of the Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel on 24 November 2016 (COSP.79/16); Environment and Economy Overview and Scrutiny Panel on 1 December 2016 (EEO SP.76/16); and Resources Overview and Scrutiny Panel on 6 December 2016 (ROSP.92/16) in respect of the proposed charges were submitted.

An Addendum providing an update to Report SD.27/16 (Charges Review Report – Community Services) and details of the proposed car parking charges for 2017/18 was also submitted. The amended charges specifically related to Paddy's Market; the Sands; and Devonshire Walk (Castle) car parks.

The Deputy Leader, and Finance, Governance and Resources Portfolio Holder began by thanking Members of Overview and Scrutiny for their deliberations which the Executive had considered in detail.

He summarised the issues raised during Members' scrutiny of the draft Charges Review Reports, responding to the key points as follows:

- Talkin Tarn – it was felt that the proposed increase in rate for the Annual Membership Parking Permit at Talkin Tarn (which equated to an increase from 14 pence to 28 pence per day) was excessive. However, the Executive's view was that the increased figure was reasonable, particularly bearing in mind that the revenue received was ring-fenced and spent on Talkin Tarn park.
- Allotments – in response to concerns expressed regarding the proposal to remove the pensioner discount for anyone over 60 years of age and associated health implications, that proposal had been deleted from the Executive's draft Budget Proposals.

In relation to Car Parking Charges, the Deputy Leader explained that the Executive was asked to:

1. approve the charges as set out in the body of Report SD.27/16, relevant appendices and addendum, with effect from 1 April 2017.

2. approve variations to the charges for car parking permits and car parking ticket charges set out in the Report, relevant appendices and addendum, to a maximum 20% variation either upwards or downwards. The decision to so vary be delegated to the Deputy Chief Executive, following consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Transport and the Chief Finance Officer, with such a decision being recorded in an Officer Decision Notice. The power to vary is to be used where it is considered appropriate to either maintain revenue from and/or maintain demand for a car park. The ability to vary charges may be applied from time to time to one or more car park(s).

The Deputy Leader, and Finance, Governance and Resources Portfolio Holder then moved the Overview and Scrutiny Panel Minutes and the level of charges to be applied as not yet resolved for the Community Services; Economic Development; and Governance and Regulatory Services Directorates; and the Licensing Section.

The Leader seconded the recommendation.

Summary of options rejected a number of alternative charges as detailed in the above reports

DECISION

1. That the fees and charges for 2017/18 relating to those services falling within the responsibility of the Community Services Directorate (set out in Report SD.27/16 and relevant Appendices; and the Addendum to the Report), including the retention of the over 60 discount for allotments, be approved with effect from 1 April 2017.
2. That the variations to the charges for car parking permits and car parking ticket charges set out in the Report, relevant appendices and addendum, to a maximum 20% variation either upwards or downwards be approved. The decision to so vary be delegated to the Deputy Chief Executive, following consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Transport and the Chief Finance Officer, with such a decision being recorded in an Officer Decision Notice. The power to vary is to be used where it is considered appropriate to either maintain revenue from and/or maintain demand for a car park. The ability to vary charges may be applied from time to time to one or more car park(s).
3. That the fees and charges for 2017/18 relating to those services falling within the responsibility of the Economic Development Directorate (set out in Report ED.45/16 and accompanying Appendices) be approved with effect from 1 April 2017.
4. That the fees and charges for 2017/18 relating to the areas falling within the responsibility of the Governance and Regulatory Services Directorate, as set out in Report GD.62/16 and accompanying Appendices, be approved with effect from 1 April 2017.
5. That the Executive noted the Licensing Charges which had been approved by the Regulatory Panel on 26 October 2016; and that the fees under the Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2013 had been determined for a three year period on 1 August 2016.
6. That the Overview and Scrutiny Panels be thanked for their consideration of and contribution to the matter.

Reasons for Decision

The proposed charges and options reflected the Corporate Charging Policy as set out in the Medium Term Financial Plan, whilst attempting to recognise service pressures and trends

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE HELD ON 19 DECEMBER 2016

EX.130/16 **TULLIE HOUSE BUSINESS PLAN 2017 – 2020
(Key Decision – KD.20/16)

(In accordance with Paragraph 15(i) of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules, the Mayor had agreed that call-in procedures should not be applied to this item)

Portfolio Culture, Heritage and Leisure

Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Panel Community

Subject Matter

Pursuant to Minute EX.108/16, the Culture, Heritage and Leisure Portfolio Holder submitted report SD.33/16 presenting the Tullie House Museum and Art Gallery Trust 2017-2020 Business Plan.

Members were reminded that the purpose of the report was to allow consideration of the Business Plan in order that the Council may, in due course, agree core funding for the Trust. That was in line with Section 5 of the Partnership Agreement signed at the establishment of the Trust; that the Business Plan submitted by the Trust to the City Council should be used as the basis for the agreement of funding.

The Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel had, on 24 November 2016, considered the matter (COSP.76/16) and resolved that Mr Cooke and Mr Mackay be thanked for their detailed presentation of the Tullie House Business Plan 2017/18 (Report SD.29/16). A copy of the Minute Excerpt had been circulated.

The Chairman of the Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel stated that the Minute represented a good reflection of Members' discussion. The Panel were impressed by the more positive approach adopted by Tullie House and looked forward to the Business Plan coming to fruition.

The Culture, Heritage and Leisure Portfolio Holder endorsed the Chairman's comments and thanked the Panel for their observations on the matter. She then moved the recommendations, which were duly seconded by the Leader.

Summary of options rejected None

DECISION

That the Executive:

1. Had considered Report SD.33/16 and the proposed Tullie House Museum and Art Gallery Trust 2017 – 2020 Business Plan in the light of the comments and feedback provided by the Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel.
2. Approved the Business Plan and recommended it to Council for consideration and approval in January 2017.

Reasons for Decision

The recommendations allowed the report, the associated Business Plan and core funding to be approved in line with the Partnership Agreement

**EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE
EXECUTIVE
HELD ON 19 DECEMBER 2016**

EX.141/16 REFERENCE FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY
(Non Key Decision)

Portfolio Leader's

Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Panel Community

Subject Matter

Consideration was given to a reference from the Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel on 24 November 2016, at which time the Panel had resolved:

“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.”

A copy of Minute Excerpt COSP.82/16 had been circulated.

The Deputy Leader, and Finance, Governance and Resources Portfolio Holder moved that no further change be made to the City Council’s Constitution for the time being.

The Leader outlined the background position commenting that the change suggested by the Panel would have the effect of preventing a minority Group or any other Member from being elected Chairman of an Overview and Scrutiny Panel. For that reason he seconded the recommendation that no change be made at the present time.

Summary of options rejected None

DECISION

That the Executive had given consideration to the reference from the Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel (COSP.82/16); and responded to their recommendation as outlined above.

Reasons for Decision

To respond to a reference from the Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel

Appendix 2 – Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel Work Programme

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| Contact Officer | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| COMPLETED ITEMS | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Homeless Hostel Service Structure (Supporting People) Tammie Rhodes | | | | | | | How the Council is addressing the changes to the Supporting People Contract. | ✓ | | | | | | | | |
| Annual Equality Report 2015/16 and Equality Action Plan 2016/17 Rebecca Tibbs | | ✓ | | | | | Monitoring of Equality activity and consideration of Equality Action Plan for 2016/17 | | ✓ | | | | | | | |
| Housing and Planning Bill Jeremy Hewitson | | | | | | | Presentation on the impact of the Bill on delivery of Carlisle's housing needs. | | ✓ | | | | | | | |

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| Interagency Homelessness Strategy for Carlisle 2015-20 Tammie Rhodes | | | | | ✓ | | | Progress made in year one of the Interagency Homelessness Strategy for Carlisle 2015-20 in relation to the priority actions. | | ✓ | | | | | | |
| Community Centre and Federation Update Gavin Capstick | | | | | ✓ | | | Future of CCs. Item in partnership with the Carlisle & District Federation of Community Organisations | | | | ✓ | | | | |
| Youth Provision in Carlisle and District Cllr Niall McNulty | | | | | | | | Discussion on current provision for youth in Carlisle and District and where the Council might like to go in terms of Young People Services. | | | | ✓ | | | | |

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| Riverside Jane Meek | | | | | ✓ | | | Engage with Riverside regarding future of Divisional Board. New Divisional Director Sarah Paton to attend this meeting. | | | | | ✓ | | | |
| Budget setting 2017/18-2021/22 Alison Taylor | | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | Consideration of service implications | | | | | ✓ | | | |
| Greenwich Leisure Ltd Gavin Capstick | | | | | ✓ | | | Annual Performance Report | | | | | ✓ | | | |
| Tullie House Business Plan Gavin Capstick | | | | | ✓ | | | Annual scrutiny of Tullie House Business Plan | | | | | ✓ | | | |
| Proposed new O&S Panel remits (PART OF OVERVIEW REPORT) Steven O'Keeffe | | | | | | | | Consideration of proposed new O&S panel remits | | | | | ✓ | | | |

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