

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, CULTURE & LEISURE SCRUTINY PANEL

MINUTES of the meeting of the Economic Development, Culture & Leisure Scrutiny Panel held on Monday, 27 March 2017 at 5.00 pm at the Guildhall, Portsmouth

Present

Councillor Hannah Hockaday (in the Chair)

Councillors Steve Hastings
Yahiya Chowdhury
Matthew Winnington

10. Apologies for absence (AI 1)

None.

11. Declarations of Members' Interests (AI 2)

None.

12. Minutes of Previous Meeting - 20 February 2017 (AI 3)

The minutes of the meeting held on 20 February 2017 were agreed as a correct record.

13. Review - Smarter Cities (AI 4)

a) Presentation by Chris Cooper of KnowNow

Chris Cooper had made a presentation to the Ascent Events Smart Cities Conference 1-2 February in London (also attended by some of the panel), which he had tailored for the EDCL Scrutiny Panel. He outlined the background of his local consultancy business KnowNow Information Ltd (as a co-founder) which specialised in Smart City innovation and management of data. The core principle of the presentation would be the importance of involving the citizens.

Chris Cooper had been involved in the formation of the standard **PAS 181** - Smart City Interoperability Framework for the delivery of a Smart City. Their research with local stakeholders had shown that there was expectation of a Smart City was for economic growth with people expressing their desire to see something happen in the Northern Quarter and for the Seafront to be made more attractive.¹ The presentation set

¹ YouTube clip accessed via <https://www.bsigroup.com/en-GB/smart-cities/Smart-Cities-Standards-and-Publication/PAS-181-smart-cities-framework/>

out KnowNow's view of the pillars of a Smart City (see diagram attached as appendix to these minutes).

Chris Cooper stressed the need for a **vision** for Portsmouth, to reflect what the citizens want in collaboration with government funding, and he stressed that technology was only a part of this (approximately 25%). The reason Portsmouth was not already a Smart City is the dependence upon government awarded funding - for **Glasgow** won an award in 2012 for £24m to be a 'city wide demonstrator' - and the procurement process was competitive.

In **Bristol** the opportunity had been taken by Bristol Council to step in when the fibre contractor had folded, and now they could offer cheap and effective connectivity alongside a new Enterprise Zone and some new innovation organisations hosted in the "Engine Shed". Out of this experience 'Bristol is Open' emerged, which shows the success of a collaborative approach of local government, local business and their universities.

Regulation is needed for Smart Cities to ensure the protection of personal data storage. The responsible use of data is dealt with under the General Data Protection Regulation (**GDPR**) and data not needed should not be stored. KnowNow have a new personal data consent management tool "Consentua" that can meet the regulation requirement for the sharing of personal information.

Chris Cooper outlined the 'Citizen First' approach and he is part of the Citizen City EU sponsored project. Not all the benefits of Smart Cities are financial; environmental, sustainable economics and improved life outcomes for citizens are just as important. **Connectivity** underpins being 'smart'. He was therefore liaising with Nick May in PCC Information Services regarding accessibility throughout the city to WiFi, and would be interested in making contact with PCC's Housing and Property officers regarding the next wave of energy storage.

Smart Grid principles include the sharing of energy in communities, and promoting sustainable energy sources. This would include demand/load balancing and storage of surplus energy for future use or for sale, to the financial benefit of a community. The model for this could be the creation of a community energy partnership. The community could be shareholders in such a model and there was already kit for this in Germany and China, who were ahead of the UK in its development. There is also an example of a Smart Grid project to tackle economic deprivation in the Isle of Wight. Chris stressed the need for security measures to ensure the separation of data. He felt that Portsmouth had a great opportunity to roll out solar pv panels on more buildings and engage residents in this process. The issue of investing in the most suitable sensors and batteries was also raised for the most long-lasting environmental benefits. The key question is what do you do with this sensor information?

Chris Cooper asked that the EDCL Scrutiny Panel help take this forward for PCC by encouraging:

- a) a vision for Portsmouth
- b) agreeing a set of principles
- c) determining the outcomes

To take this further he suggested that he help facilitate a trip to visit Bristol to see a Smart City in operation. This could be in collaboration with Southampton and Winchester councils.

In response to members' questions the following was raised:

- The UK are behind SE Asia in Smart City technology but the UK is innovative and more conscious of sustainability issues
- Some of the best Smart City solutions were seen in Western Europe (Spain, Netherlands), Israel, Eastern and Central Europe
- Advances in the UK included front-runners Bristol and London, the second tranche included Manchester, Milton Keynes, Glasgow and Peterborough, and councils now taking great strides were currently Leeds, Nottingham, Southend and Exeter.
- Chris believed that Portsmouth and Southampton were 6 years behind the front-runners, but Portsmouth has advantages in being a city hosting innovative companies, a vibrant university and exciting tourist attractions.

With regard to the offer to visit Bristol, Chris felt this could be 4 months away and Claire Upton-Brown offered to find the necessary funding for members to travel there.

Councillor Hockaday, as Chair, thanked Chris Cooper for his thought-provoking presentation.

b) Written evidence

The panel noted the written evidence circulated from Simon Whitworth (on the Smart Cities conference) and Adil Mohammed (updating on the outcomes of Transport bids).

The meeting concluded at 6.10 pm.

Councillor Hannah Hockaday
Chair