

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, CULTURE & LEISURE SCRUTINY PANEL**

MINUTES of the meeting of the Economic Development, Culture & Leisure Scrutiny Panel held on Wednesday, 16 August 2017 at 5.30 pm at the Guildhall, Portsmouth

### **Present**

Councillor Steve Hastings (in the Chair)

Councillors Scott Harris  
Yahiya Chowdhury

#### **1. Apologies for absence (AI 1)**

None.

#### **2. Declarations of Members' Interests (AI 2)**

None.

#### **3. Minutes of Previous Meeting - 27 March 2017 (AI 3)**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the EDCL Scrutiny Panel meeting held on 27 March 2017 were agreed as a correct record, to be signed by the Chair of that meeting.

#### **4. Review 'Smarter Cities - Making Portsmouth a Smarter, More Sustainable, City' - Sign off (AI 4)**

Councillor Hastings, as Chair, wished to thank Mr Brown, a member of the public, for pointing out an error at paragraph 5.4.8 regarding the establishment of an arms-length company which had not in fact been set up (although this had been the intention at the time of the presentation). Therefore the last sentence of paragraph 5.4.8 would be deleted from the final report which would then be submitted to Cabinet.

Claire Upton-Brown, Assistant Director of Culture & City Development, reported that Chris Cooper was still offering to co-ordinate a visit to Bristol, with a number of other local authorities, which would be helpful in establishing a local network approach in pursuing Smart Cities initiatives. The panel members supported this approach and felt that Smart Cities advances were crucial to the regeneration and future design of Portsmouth.

**RESOLVED that the report 'Smart Cities: Making Portsmouth a Smarter, More Sustainable, City' be signed off (subject to minor amendment) for onward submission to the Cabinet.**

The meeting concluded at 5.45 pm.

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Councillor Steve Hastings  
Chair