

## **SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT PANEL**

Minutes of the meeting of the Scrutiny Management Panel held on Monday, 28 January 2019 at 10.30am at the Civic Offices, Portsmouth

### **Present**

Councillor Tom Wood (in the Chair)  
Leo Madden  
Jennie Brent  
Scott Payter-Harris

The Chair of the Panel, Councillor Tom Woods, welcomed everyone to the meeting and read out the evacuation procedure.

#### **11. Apologies for Absence (AI 1)**

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors Simon Boshier, George Fielding, Ian Lyon and Hugh Mason.

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

There were no declarations of members' interests.

#### **13. Minutes of the meetings held on 9 February, 21 September and 9 November 2018 (AI 3)**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meetings held on 9 February 2018, 21 September 2018 and 9 November 2018 each be confirmed and signed by the Chair of the relevant meeting as a correct record.

#### **14. Work Programme and update for the remainder of the 2018/19 municipal year in respect of the themed scrutiny panels (AI 4)**

The Chair first mentioned the two panels that had put forward topics for allocation by the Scrutiny Management Panel - Housing & Social Care (H&SC) and Education Children and Young People's (ECYP) Scrutiny Panels.

The Chair advised that Councillor Luke Stubbs, Chair of Housing & Social Care Scrutiny Panel had been unable to attend the meeting today but had sent an email explaining why the panel had put forward the two topics

1. Review of the provision of temporary accommodation and.
2. Review of the experiences gathered after decantation of residents from tower blocks for review.

The Chair allowed time for the members of SMP to read the email and then invited Councillor Leo Madden who was also a member of the Housing & Social Care Scrutiny Panel (H&SC) to add any comments.

Cllr Madden explained that H&SC had suggested topics that they hoped to be able to complete before purdah which was only a matter of 6 weeks or so away. It was hoped that both reviews would be relatively quick to complete.

Following discussion, members agreed the topics put forward by H&SC. With regard to the order in which the reviews should take place, the Chair suggested that it should be left to the Chair of H&SC to determine following discussion with the panel. On being put to the vote, this was agreed.

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With regard to ECYP Scrutiny Panel, the Chair advised that only one topic had been put forward for allocation - Children with Disabilities to focus particularly on out of city placements and the use of Beechside. The reasons why this had been put forward was that the ECYP panel believed that a review into the provision of education for disabled children in the City would be of value to both the Panel and the Council. This was an area that had been identified as requiring improvement by Ofsted. It would also provide an opportunity to undertake a review that would integrate with the Council's Health partners.

Members of Scrutiny Management Panel considered the proposed review to be very worthwhile and on being put to the vote agreed the allocation to ECYP.

The Scrutiny Management Panel noted the updates received in respect of the Traffic, Environment and Community Safety Scrutiny Panel (TECS) and The Economic Development Culture and Leisure Scrutiny Panel (EDCL).

During discussion it was confirmed that:-

- TECS had requested two years to carry out their parking review given that it was such a wide ranging review. The review was very near completion but there had been a number of challenges to overcome.
- EDCL was continuing its review into the International Port.

The next meeting of Scrutiny Management Panel would be on Friday 1 February at 2.30pm to receive a presentation on the budget.

**RESOLVED that the Scrutiny Management Panel**

**(1) Noted the updates in respect of the themed scrutiny panels.**

**(2) Noted that the TECS scrutiny panel will continue with its review of general parking issues in Portsmouth with a view to considering alternative strategies.**

**(3) Noted that the EDCL scrutiny panel will continue its current review of the International Port.**

**(4) Determined that the work programme for the remainder of the Municipal Year for**

**(a) the Housing and Social Care Scrutiny Panel would be to review the following topics in the order the panel decides**

- Review of the provision of temporary accommodation.
- Review of the experiences gathered after decantation of residents from tower blocks

**(b) the Education Children and Young People's Scrutiny Panel would be to carry out a review into Children with Disabilities to focus particularly on out of city placements and the use of Beechside.**

The meeting concluded at 10.50am.

Councillor Tom Wood  
Chair