

## OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

### Meeting held 19<sup>th</sup> April 2012

**PRESENT:** Councillors Chris Weldon (Chair), Ibrar Hussain, Mazher Iqbal, Andrew Sangar and Clive Skelton

In Attendance:-

David Molloy and Emily Standbrook (Scrutiny Policy Officers)

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**1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR**

In the absence of the Chair, Councillor Chris Weldon, at the commencement of the meeting, Councillor Clive Skelton was appointed Chair.

**2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Gill Furniss and Diane Leek.

**3. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS**

No items were identified where a resolution may be moved to exclude the public and press.

**4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**5. MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee held on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2012, were approved as a correct record and, arising from their consideration, it was noted that a presentation would be made to the Committee by a representative of Amey, the selected contractors for the Highways Private Finance Initiative, when all the contractual details had been finalised.

**6. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS**

There were no petitions submitted or questions asked by members of the public.

(NOTE: At this point, Councillor Chris Weldon (Chair) joined the meeting and took the Chair.)

**7. QUARTER 3 PERFORMANCE REPORT**

7.1 The Director of Communications and Performance submitted the Quarter 3 Performance report which provided a summary of the Council's performance for each of the eight outcome areas contained in the Corporate Plan and had, as an appendix, a more detailed assessment for all of the contributory outcomes within each outcome area. The report also identified a number of performance challenges for the Committee's consideration.

7.2 In attendance for this item was Mark Tuckett (Corporate Performance Manager) and Julia Mawbey (Corporate Performance Officer).

7.3 The report was supported by a presentation given by Mark Tuckett, during which he demonstrated how Members could access the more detailed information contained in the performance dashboards and took them through the set of five Corporate Performance issues which comprised Attainment in Schools, City Centre Vibrancy, Homelessness, Care and Support, and Adoptions.

7.4 Members made various comments and asked a number of questions, to which responses were provided as follows:-

- It should be noted that, even where secondary schools had become academies, the Council nevertheless continued to have responsibility to advocate for children and young people.
- Officers would be asked to explain any issues relating to City Centre Vibrancy, particularly in terms of Strategic Management. It was considered that the appropriate Cabinet Member would be best placed to take any action with regard to such issues given that Scrutiny Committee meetings only took place every two months.
- The relevant national indicator relating to Adoptions referred to the number of adoptions within twelve months following an agency decision to adopt. A discussion was taking place within the Children, Young People and Families Portfolio regarding this indicator as it was felt that the resulting placements were good but took too long to implement.

7.5 RESOLVED: That the Committee:-

- (a) thanks Mark Tuckett for his presentation;
- (b) notes the information reported;
- (c) requests the Children, Young People and Family Support Scrutiny Committee to keep a watching brief in relation to Attainment in Schools which become academies and Adoptions;

- (d) in relation to City Centre Vibrancy, requests:-
  - (i) an explanation of the Strategic Management issues referred to in the presentation; and
  - (ii) a measure of comparison with the performance of the Core Cities in this regard;
- (e) requests that an item on Homelessness be included in the Work Plan of the Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny Committee; and
- (f) confirms its belief that Care and Support and Adoptions are already being properly examined by the Healthier Communities and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee and the Children, Young People and Family Support Scrutiny Committee respectively.

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