
MEETING	SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
DATE	26 FEBRUARY 2007
PRESENT	COUNCILLORS KIRK (CHAIR), MERRETT (VICE-CHAIR), CUTHBERTSON, HYMAN AND LIVESLEY
APOLOGIES	COUNCILLORS BLANCHARD AND HILL

56. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Chair invited Members to declare any personal or prejudicial interests which they might have in the business on the agenda.

Cllr Merrett declared a personal non-prejudicial interest in item 4 on the agenda 'Update on Implementation of Recommendations from Previous Scrutiny Reviews' as one of the reviews related to cycling policy and provision of facilities and Cllr Merrett is a member of 'Cycling England' [*and an honorary Member of CCT*][*amended by SMC on 26.02.2007*]

57. MINUTES

The minutes of the meetings of the Committee held on 22 & 29 January 2007 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

58. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Chair reported that there had been no registrations to speak at the meeting.

59. UPDATE ON IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS FROM PREVIOUS SCRUTINY REVIEWS

Members considered a report that detailed the progress made to date in implementing the recommendations made as a result of the reviews completed since 2004.

Members agreed to write off the following reviews as the recommendations had been fully implemented:

Access to Services to the Homeless in York
Environmental Management Systems
The Future of York City Archives
Housing Repairs Contracts
Resources To Deal With Crime Levels in York
Services For Care Leavers in York
Young People in York
Regional Government; Raising Awareness of..
Floods (Future updates will be presented to Executive Member for Neighbourhoods)

'Post-16 Inclusion in Education (Future updates will be presented to the Executive Member for Children's Services)

In relation to the other completed reviews, Members noted the work completed to date in implementing the recommendations but were not satisfied that these could be signed off as completed.

Members requested that the remaining reviews be split into groups based on the Directorates responsible for implementing the recommendations, and that those be looked at in detail at future meetings of SMC with the relevant officers in attendance.

RESOLVED: That the contents of the report be noted, and that those reviews where implementation was outstanding be considered in detail at future meetings of SMC.

REASON: To raise awareness of those recommendations which have still to be implemented in full.

60. GUIDANCE ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT - COMMENTS FROM DIRECTOR OF CITY STRATEGY ON FINAL SCRUTINY REPORT

Members considered a report containing advice from Finance and City Strategy officers on the recommendations that were made in relation to the review on Guidance for Sustainable Development.

Members accepted the comments made by Finance but did not agree with all of them. For each recommendation where that was the case, Members requested that their comments be included in the table of implications so that they could be taken into consideration when the final report was presented to the Executive.

Members also requested that the style and formatting of the final report be brought in line with the report writing protocol.

RESOLVED That the final scrutiny report be now referred to the Executive for consideration, subject to the following :

- the advice given in Annex B to the report from the Director of City Strategy being incorporated;
- the comments made by SMC in relation to some of the financial advice being added to the table of implications
- the report being reformatted as far as possible in line with the standards required by the Council's report writing protocol.

REASON: To provide an appropriate response to the outcome of the review for consideration by the Executive

Cllr Kirk, Chair

[The meeting started at 5.00 pm and finished at 6.30 pm].