
Meeting	Corporate and Scrutiny Management Policy and Scrutiny Committee
Date	9 November 2015
Present	Councillors Levene (Chair), Fenton, Flinders, Galvin (Vice-Chair), Gates, Kramm, Lisle, Reid and Gunnell (sub for Cllr Williams)
Apologies	Councillor Williams

28. Declarations of Interest

At this point in the meeting, Members were asked to declare any personal interests not included on the register of interests, any prejudicial interests or any disclosable pecuniary interest which they might have in respect of the business on the agenda. No additional interests were declared.

29. Minutes

Resolved: That the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee, held on 14 September 2015, be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

30. Public Participation

It was reported that there had been no registrations to speak at the meeting under the Council's Public Participation Scheme.

31. Council Tax Support Scheme Consultation

Consideration was given to the report of the Director of Customer and Business Support Services which provided the Committee with details of the current public consultation exercise in respect of the Council Tax Support Scheme (CTS).

It was noted that the Executive had approved the public consultation exercise at their meeting on 29 October, in order to consider possible changes to the CTS scheme. This followed an Executive decision on 30 July to review the scheme and a recent Council motion to bring forward the review to ensure that

any changes could be agreed in advance of the Council's budget setting meetings.

Members noted that, in order to meet the consultation deadlines and to allow any revisions to the Council tax base changes would be required to the December Committee dates of both Executive and Full Council.

The Chair thanked Officers for bringing this report forward and implementing the consultation scheme, following further discussion it was

Resolved: That the Committee note the consultation process, the review and revised timescales, in light of the recent Council decision.

Reason: To ensure scrutiny members are fully informed of the options and implications of the consultation process.

32. Schedule of Petitions

Consideration was given to a list of seven current petitions, received by the Council, details of which were set out at Annex A of the report. It was noted that agreement to review the list of petitions in a reduced format had previously been made by the Committee in order to make the information more relevant and manageable.

Officers in attendance at the meeting updated the Committee in relation to measures taken in relation to each. Steve Brown, Managing Director of Make it York referred to Make it York's response to the petitions details of which had been relayed to the petitioners. He confirmed that Make it York would be happy to work with any Carousel operators in respect of siting of rides in the city. The Chair confirmed that the content of these petitions came within the remit of the Learning & Culture Policy & Scrutiny Committee.

In relation to the two petitions related to Grove House and Oakhaven residential care homes Members confirmed the importance of the consultation undertaken with vulnerable residents, staff and their family's. Officers stated that consultation, in respect of the closures, had been undertaken in

line with the Council's Moving Homes Safely protocol and that an update on the Elderly People's Homes was due for consideration by the Health & Adult Social Care Policy & Scrutiny Committee in December.

Following further discussion it was

- Resolved:
- (i) That the action taken in relation to petitions 20, 30 and 34, be noted.
 - (ii) That the update provided in relation to petitions 31, 35, 40 and 41 be received and noted.
 - (iii) That an overview report of the Council's consultation processes be considered at a future Corporate & Scrutiny Management Policy & Scrutiny Committee.

Reason: To ensure the Committee carries out its new requirements in relation to petitions.

33. Work Plan 2015/16

Consideration was given to the Committee's work plan for the 2015/16 municipal year.

The Chair referred to the ongoing senior managers Directorate Restructure, the results of which would be required to inform the Future Way of Working in Scrutiny item, listed on the Plan for the Committee's 11 January 2016 meeting.

- Resolved: (i) That the Committee's work plan for 2015/16 be received and noted, subject to the following additions:

11 January 2016

Overview report on CYC's Consultation processes

7 March 2016

E-Democracy Task Group (Interim/Final Report)

- (ii) That depending on the restructure timescales, the Chair and Vice Chair, in consultation with Officers, be authorised to amend the Committee's work plan in relation to the Future Way of Working in Scrutiny item, if required.

Reason: To inform Members of the Committee's work during the current year municipal year

Councillor D Levene, Chair
[The meeting started at 5.30 pm and finished at 5.50 pm].