
Meeting	Corporate and Scrutiny Management Policy and Scrutiny Committee
Date	7 March 2016
Present	Councillors Levene (Chair), Fenton, Galvin (Vice-Chair), Gates, Kramm, Lisle, Reid, Williams and Funnell (substitute for Councillor Flinders)
Apologies	Councillor Flinders

44. Declarations of Interest

Members were asked to declare any personal interests not included on the Register of Interests, any prejudicial interests or any disclosable pecuniary interests which they might have in respect of business on the agenda. No additional interests were declared.

45. Minutes

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on 11 January 2016 be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

46. Public Participation

It was reported that there were no registrations to speak under the Council's Public Participation Scheme.

47. Schedule of Petitions

Consideration was given to a report which detailed current petitions received by the Council, details of which were set out at Annex A of the report.

Consideration was given to the options detailed in paragraph 7 of the report.

Resolved: That the petitions received and actions reported, as set out in paragraph 5 of the report and in Annex A, be noted.

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

48. 2015-16 Monitor 3 Report

Members considered a report which forecast the 2015/16 outturn position for the services falling under the responsibility of the Corporate and Scrutiny Management Policy and Scrutiny Committee. Officers went through the key issues, as outlined in the report, and drew Members' attention to paragraphs 2 to 4 of the report which detailed the current financial position.

Members agreed that future reports should only contain data relating to areas that fell within the committee's remit.

Resolved: That the report be noted.

Reason: To update the Committee on the forecast position for 2015/16.

49. Proposals for the Future Ways of Working in Scrutiny

Members had received a report which presented options for the revision of the remits of the scrutiny committees taking account of national best practice. The report asked Members to agree which option they would like to propose to Council.

The Chair informed Members that the report had been considered at a recent meeting of Chairs and Vice-Chairs of scrutiny committees and a number of issues had been raised which merited further consideration. Having consulted the Vice-Chair prior to the meeting, he was therefore proposing that this item be deferred to enable further consideration to be given to the issues that had been raised.

Resolved: That this item be deferred.

Reason: To enable time for further consideration of future ways of working in scrutiny to be explored.

50. Work Plan 2015/16

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

Referring to the information that had been circulated on officer recruitment as requested at the previous meeting, Councillor Kramm suggested that this issue may merit further consideration by the committee. He commented on a number of ways in which vacancies could be advertised more widely without incurring additional costs for the Council. Members agreed that initially it would be helpful if these suggestions were raised with officers and the relevant Executive Member. Councillor Kramm agreed to feedback to the committee at the next meeting.

Resolved: That, subject to the inclusion of the item on "Future Ways of Working in Scrutiny" being included on the agenda for the next meeting, the Committee's work plan for 2015/16 be agreed.

Reason: To ensure that the Committee has a planned programme of work in place.

Councillor D Levene, Chair

[The meeting started at 5.30 pm and finished at 5.55 pm].