
Meeting	Corporate and Scrutiny Management Policy and Scrutiny Committee
Date	8 May 2017
Present	Councillors Williams (Chair), Galvin (Vice-Chair), D'Agorne, Fenton, Gates, Reid, Looker (Substitute - Labour Vacancy), Cannon (Substitute for Councillor Crisp) and Richardson (Substitute for Councillor Steward)
Apologies	Councillors Crisp and Steward

Part A - Matters Dealt With Under Delegated Powers

52. 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. None were declared.

53. Minutes

Resolved: That the minutes of the Corporate and Scrutiny Management Policy and Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 6 March 2017 be approved as a correct record and then signed by the Chair.

54. Public Participation

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

55. Chair's Comments

The Chair spoke, on behalf of the Committee, to express thanks for the hard work Councillor David Levene had done as both a Member of this Committee and as a previous Chair.

56. Schedule of Petitions

Members were provided with a report detailing both new petitions and those considered by the Executive or relevant Executive member since the last report to committee.

Members were asked to consider the petitions received and actions reported, and agree an appropriate course of action in each case.

In response to a Member question, Officers clarified that all petitions received would be on the full schedule of petitions, however the extract and petitions report received by this committee only detailed petitions which had been actioned in some way.

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

Reason: To ensure the committee carries out its responsibilities in relation to petitions.

57. One Planet York Scrutiny Review Draft Final Report

Members considered a report which presented them with all of the information gathered in support of the scrutiny review of One Planet York, together with the Task Group's draft recommendations.

The Chair of the One Planet York Scrutiny Review Task Group gave a brief background to the report and the work undertaken by the Task Group.

The Head of Integrated Strategy and Strategic Manager – Sustainability and Transformation were in attendance to answer member questions. They clarified that the 'One Planet Council' was already pushing the 'One Planet' agenda forward and trying to embed the principles in service planning. In response to Member questions they stated:

- The Better Decision making Tool (BDMT) was a pilot and when it was reviewed in six months Members could assess how far this had become embedded into the reporting process. Whilst this was a full tool initially, it

could be that in time only a summary would be provided with reports, however it was important to remember that in some cases this would replace a Community Impact Assessment and for this reason it was important to be comprehensive.

- There were good links between the One Planet York and health and wellbeing bodies.

During discussion Members raised the importance of balancing social, economic and environmental factors when decision making and looking at ways of incorporating these values into discussions around the use of Ward Funding and adding value to projects.

Resolved: That the Committee recognises the opportunities that exist within the One Planet York framework and urges the Executive to show its ambition to become a One Planet Council by playing a leading role in further building the OPY network and maintaining a strong focus on the OPY vision. The Committee agree to endorse the following recommendations:

i. *Review what leading sustainable cities and those similar to York are doing in seeking to balance economic, social and environmental needs.*

a) The Council fully utilises the opportunities presented by the One Planet York framework to drive organisational efficiency and effectiveness through the principles of a One Planet Council and further mobilise the wider city towards a more sustainable and resilient One Planet York future.

ii. *Explore potential of the One Planet York framework to:*

- *Enable benchmarking with other cities through a new One Planet York 'city scorecard' (basket of measures)*
- *Increase understanding and wider awareness about what makes cities sustainable and resilient.*

b) Communication of the One Planet York framework, vision and 10 principles are sustained across all media platforms and that widespread use

of the One Planet York or One Planet Council logos is encouraged to demonstrate a united commitment in the One Planet York principles by City of York Council and our city partners.

c) That progress towards the One Planet York vision is measured via a new city scorecard and that the One Planet Council objectives are measured via a new council scorecard.

d) As the city scorecard will be based on the Grant Thornton Vibrant Economy Index, which includes a basket of measures across a range of economic, social and environmental themes, this scorecard is formally reported to CSMC on an annual basis to coincide with the Grant Thornton refresh in November each year.

e) That the One Planet York Task Group is reconvened in 12 months' time to review the impact of the Council's emerging service plans within the One Planet Council framework; how Key Performance Indicators align to the One Planet principles and to gauge the efficiency and effectiveness of internal communications.

iii. *Review statutory and local decision making tools, engagement and collaboration methods to help cities best balance economic, social and environmental needs.*

f) City of York Council supports the full integration of the Better Decision Making Tool in the key decision making process.

g) Alongside the full integration of the BDMT, a plan is developed to support officers in the understanding and use of the tool to ensure its effectiveness.

h) CSMC review progress on embedding and implementing the BDMT in 12 months' time.

i) A specific heading relating to resilience and sustainability is added to the risks and implications section of CYC report templates.

j) The Council makes the BDMT available to partner organisations aligned to the One Planet York framework and explores whether a simplified version of the BDMT can be developed to assist ward committees when they consider the allocation of devolved budgets.

k) One Planet York notice boards, literature and static presentations are made available for ward committees interested in utilising the framework to further mobilise neighbourhoods / communities to get behind the OPY vision and to stimulate new neighbourhood conversations.

l) An elected member toolkit / resource pack is developed to assist ward committees, and is made available to community and voluntary groups to assist in making informed decisions within the One Planet York framework.

m) The Council arranges training for ward teams / committees to deliver One Planet York presentations to spread the One Planet message at local level.

iv. *Explore how the city's Urban Living Pilot Project – 'York City Environment Observatory' – could bring new knowledge and insight regarding economic, social and environmental interdependencies.*

n) That CSMC request a report on the Urban Living Pilot Project once this work has been completed.

Reason: To conclude the work on this review in line with scrutiny procedures and protocols thereby enabling this report to be presented to a future meeting of the Executive.

58. Proposals For The Future Ways Of Working In Scrutiny

[See also Part B minute]

Members considered a report presenting terms of reference for the new scrutiny committees agreed by Council in March 2017, including the two Economy & Place committees which Council agreed to trial for one municipal year.

In response to Member questions Officers clarified that co-opted Members would still be invited to the relevant scrutiny meetings, but that this did not apply to either of the Economy and Place committees.

Resolved: That Members note the revised Terms of Reference for the new scrutiny committees at Annex A.

Reason: To inform the scrutiny management role of this Committee.

59. Urgent Business

Elections Scrutiny Review Task Group

The Chair raised the fact that the Elections Scrutiny Review Task Group had two vacancies following Councillor Lisle's appointment as an Executive Member and Councillor Levene's resignation. It was agreed that replacements would be decided at the first meeting after Annual Council.

Part B - Matters Referred To Council

60. Proposals For The Future Ways Of Working In Scrutiny

[See also Part A minute]

Members considered a report presenting terms of reference for the new scrutiny committees agreed by Council in March 2017, including the two Economy & Place committees which Council agreed to trial for one municipal year.

Recommended: That the Corporate & Scrutiny Management Policy & Scrutiny Committee recommend to Council the proposed terms of reference for the two Economy & Place Committees being trialled throughout the coming municipal year.

Reason: To enable the changes required to the scrutiny function to be presented to Full Council in May 2017 for approval.

Councillor D Williams, Chair
[The meeting started at 5.30 pm and finished at 6.00 pm].