



SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT BOARD

Minutes of a meeting of the Scrutiny Management Board held on Tuesday, 9 January 2018 at 6.00pm in Meeting Rooms G3/4, Addenbrooke House, Ironmasters Way, Telford

Present: Councillors N A M England (Chair), S Bentley, K R Guy, G C W Reynolds, J M Seymour and P J Scott

In Attendance: Deborah Moseley (Democratic and Scrutiny Services Team Leader)

SMB-7 Apologies for Absence

Councillor A J Burford

SMB-8 Declarations of Interest

None.

SMB-9 Minutes

Resolved – that the minutes of the meeting of the Scrutiny Management Board held on 20 June 2017 be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

SMB-10 2016/17 Scrutiny Work Programme – Interim Update

The Board received an update on the delivery of the 2017/18 Scrutiny Work Programme.

Members noted the topics which had been prioritised for consideration by each Scrutiny Committee and considered this against the allocated resources. It was noted that Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee would require intensive resource when the Future Fit consultation was launched, and that both Finance & Enterprise and Customer, Community and Partnership Scrutiny were likely to exceed the initial allocation of meetings.

Two new suggestions had been received for the work programme from members of the public:

- Although further context around crime figures was required, the suggestion regarding vehicle arson was accepted for the work programme as part of the Customer, Community & Partnership Scrutiny Committee's forthcoming scrutiny of the Community Safety Partnership (planned for 23 April).
- Following careful consideration and discussion of Members' awareness of park homes in the borough, the suggestion regarding Mobile Home Laws (Park Homes) was not considered to be a priority for scrutiny and was not agreed for addition to the work programme. Members considered that there was no evidence of widespread concern and issues specific to individual park homes should be raised by residents through the appropriate Council channel.

Members noted that all current non-statutory co-optees had been offered an extension to their term of appointment to 2 May 2019 to coincide with the 2019 borough elections.

All co-optees had accepted the extension with the exception of Sandra Osman (Children & Young People Scrutiny Committee) who had declined to take up the extension due to her pending retirement and Paula Doherty (Customer, Community & Partnerships Scrutiny Committee) who had resigned. The Board expressed thanks to outgoing co-optees for their valuable contributions.

Members turned their attention to work programming for the following municipal year (2018/19) and considered that the approach to work programming should mirror that of recent years and follow the suggested timeline at Appendix 2 of the report.

RESOLVED – that

- (a) the 2017/18 work programmes of each Scrutiny Committee be noted;**
- (b) the utilisation to date of the 2017/18 allocation of resources be noted;**
- (c) the suggestion regarding vehicle arson be accepted for the work programme of the Customer, Community & Partnership Scrutiny Committee as part of the statutory responsibility for scrutiny of the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership;**
- (d) the suggestion regarding Mobile Home Laws (Park Homes) not be accepted for the work programme;**
- (e) formal letters of thanks be sent to outgoing co-optees Sandra Osman and Paula Doherty; and**
- (f) the timetable (at Appendix 2 of the report) for work programming for 2018/19 and criteria for Scrutiny be approved.**

SMB-11 Chairs' Updates

Each Scrutiny Committee Chair provided a brief overview of the progress of the work programme to date.

As part of the discussion of the Children & Young People Scrutiny Committee's work, the Chair agreed to explore the criteria for the allocation of school places relating to siblings with the appropriate Officers.

The Board also sought a brief written update from the Chair of Health & Adult Care Scrutiny Committee.

Looking ahead to the next meeting, the Committee noted the planned Holding to Account session with the Leader and the Chair invited Members to submit their questions/topics for discussion in advance.

The meeting ended at 6.25pm

Chairman:

Date: