



SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT BOARD

Minutes of a meeting of the Scrutiny Management Board held on Thursday, 24 January 2019 at 6.00pm in Meeting Rooms G3/4, Addenbrooke House, Ironmasters Way, Telford

Present: Councillors N M England (Chair), S Bentley, A J Burford, A D McClements, and G C W Reynolds

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

SMB-7 Apologies for Absence

Councillors P J Scott and J M Seymour

SMB-8 Declarations of Interest

None.

SMB-9 Minutes

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the meeting of the Scrutiny Management Board held on 5 June 2018 be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

SMB-10 2018/19 Scrutiny Work Programme – Interim Update

The Board received an update on the delivery of the 2018/19 Scrutiny Work Programme.

Members noted the topics which had been prioritised for consideration by each Scrutiny Committee and considered this against the allocated resources.

Two new suggestions had been received for the work programme from Members of the Scrutiny Assembly:

- Local Availability of New Diabetes Technology – Members noted that an announcement had been made by NHS England that from 1 April 2019 this technology will be prescribed across the country for eligible patients (Type 1 only). Members considered that the suggestion had therefore been dealt with by national regulations.
- The Impact of Brexit on the Council – Members considered that it this was a really difficult issue to assess against the criteria as there was no clarity on what would happen after 29 March – ie no deal or some form of deal. It was, therefore, considered that this suggestion would be better considered post Brexit.

Members turned their attention to work programming for the following municipal year (2019/20) 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, with an

additional step to give newly elected members an opportunity to make suggestions post-election.

Members also considered that the criteria for scrutiny should be expanded to consider the extent to which triangulation through the input of service users could take place. Members' reflected on their previous experiences, the scrutiny work that had taken place in recent years and the importance of service user input as part of the Scrutiny process going forward.

RESOLVED – that

- (a) the 2018/19 work programmes of each Scrutiny Committee be noted;**
- (b) the utilisation to date of the 2018/19 allocation of resources be noted;**
- (c) the suggestions regarding Local Availability of New Diabetes Technology and The Impact of Brexit on the Council not be accepted for the work programme;**
- (d) the timetable (at Appendix 2 of the report) for work programming for 2018/19 be approved and the criteria for Scrutiny be expanded to include the extent to which triangulation through the input of service users could be obtained.**

SMB-11 Chairs' Updates

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

The meeting ended at 6.33pm

Chairman:

Date: