



Minutes of the Scrutiny Board

*Minutes of a meeting held on 5 July 2012
at the Civic Offices, Fareham*

PRESENT:

Councillor D C S Swanbrow
(Chairman)

Councillor N R Gregory
(Vice-Chairman)

Councillors: Miss S M Bell, J V Bryant, Mrs M E Ellerton, J S Forrest, Miss T Harper, Mrs K Mandry and P W Whittle, JP.

Also Present: Councillor A Mandry, (Minute 6).

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence at this meeting.

2. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Scrutiny Board meeting held on 31 May 2012 be confirmed and signed as a correct record ([sb-120531-m](#) refers).

3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements from the Chairman.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISCLOSURES OF ADVICE OR DIRECTIONS

There were no declarations of interest made at this meeting.

5. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations made at this meeting.

6. ANNUAL REPORT ON THE PERFORMANCE OF THE FAREHAM COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

The Board considered a report by the Director of Regulatory and Democratic Services which provided members with an overview of the Fareham Community Safety Partnership, the work undertaken and its performance to date (copy of report [sb-120705-r01-nba](#) circulated with agenda).

At the invitation of the Chairman Councillor A Mandry, the Council's representative and Chairman of Fareham Community Safety Partnership, addressed the Board during discussion on this matter.

Particular reference was made to paragraphs 66, 67 and 68 of the report regarding the issue of rationalisation of Community Safety Partnerships. Members noted that the preferred option agreed by Fareham Community Safety Partnership, was to remain as it was, a local-stand alone community safety partnership. However, it was emphasised that Fareham's Community Safety Partnership seeks to work collaboratively with the Gosport Community Safety Partnership as well as through wider commissioning, to ensure that efficiencies are made by delivering initiatives jointly with mutual benefits to both authorities.

It was AGREED that:-

- (a) the performance and progress made by Fareham Community Safety Partnership be noted; and
- (b) the Board unanimously supports the decision of Fareham's CSP to remain a stand-alone community safety partnership whilst at the same time working collaboratively with the Gosport CSP as well as other partnerships and agencies in the joint commissioning of services.

7. REVIEW OF THE PORTCHESTER CREMATORIUM JOINT COMMITTEE - SCOPING REPORT

The Board considered a report by the Director of Finance and Resources which invited members to review the operation of Portchester Crematorium Joint Committee (copy of report [sb-120705-r03-awa](#) circulated with agenda).

The Board was informed that representatives of Portchester Crematorium Joint Committee had confirmed their attendance at the next meeting of the Scrutiny Board on 27 September 2012. Arising from the discussion, members suggested that they would be seeking to obtain more information about the possible impact and implications on the operation of Portchester Crematorium, as a result of the opening of the proposed new privately operated crematorium on the outskirts of Havant.

It was AGREED to note that representatives of Portchester Crematorium Joint Committee would be attending the Board meeting on 27 September 2012 to make a presentation and answer members' questions.

8. REVIEW OF THE FAREHAM AND GOSPORT CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUP - SCOPING REPORT

The Board considered a report by the Director of Community and Streetscene which invited members to review the role, remit, structure and future relationship with the newly formed Fareham and Gosport Clinical Commissioning Group (F&GCCG) (copy of report - [sb-120705-r02-mge](#) circulated with agenda).

Councillor Swanbrow, informed members that the F&GCCG currently operated as a shadow group. They would not replace primary care trusts (PCTs) as the main commissioners of healthcare services until April 2013. He had already attended a few Group meetings in the role of an observer. It was hoped to promote and develop a more close and effective working relationship with the Group to raise awareness of the role and responsibilities of the F&GCCG amongst councillors. Members agreed that it would be helpful for the Chairman of the (F&GCCG) to be invited to attend a future meeting of the Scrutiny Board to provide more information on the Group's role, remit, structure and strategic priorities.

It was AGREED that the Chairman of Fareham and Gosport Clinical Commissioning Group be invited to attend a future meeting of the Board to make a presentation and answer members' questions, on a date to be agreed between the Chairman of the Scrutiny Board and the Chairman of the F&GCCG.

9. REVIEW OF THE SCRUTINY BOARD'S WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2012/13

The Board considered a report by the Director of Finance and Resources which requested members to review the Board's work programme for 2012/13 (copy of report [sb-120705-r04-awa](#) circulated with agenda).

Members were reminded that a presentation from representatives of Portchester Crematorium Joint Committee (marked provisional in the programme attached to the report at Appendix A) had now been confirmed for the Board meeting on 27 September 2012. In addition the work programme was to be updated by the inclusion of the Special Scrutiny Board meeting which would be held on 6 July 2012.

Councillor Forrest suggested that the Board may wish to consider the operation of First Bus services across the borough at a future meeting. Cllr Forrest was asked to submit questions to the Chairman and Director of Finance and Resources, to consider as part of the next work programme review.

Councillor Whittle referred to a request made at a previous meeting, for the Board to review education skills and employability across the Borough. Cllr Whittle was asked to submit questions to the Chairman and Director of Finance and Resources, to consider as part of the next work programme review.

It was AGREED that:-

- (a) The updated programme of items set out in Appendix A to the report be confirmed.
- (b) The progress on actions since the last Board meeting as set out in Appendix B to the report be confirmed.

10. EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

Members were invited to indicate if they wished to consider any item of business dealt with by the Executive since the last meeting of the Board.

There were no items of Executive business considered.

(The meeting started at 6:00pm
and ended at 7.10pm).

APPENDIX A

SCRUTINY BOARD –WORK PROGRAMME 2012/13

DATE	SCRUTINY BOARD ITEM
31 May 2012	Review of the work programme 2012/13 New Standards Regime Arrangements Governance Arrangements
5 July 2012	Review of the work programme 2012/13 Annual Report on the Performance of the Fareham Community Safety Partnership Scoping Report for the review of the Portchester Crematorium Joint Committee Scoping Report for the Review of the Fareham & Gosport Clinical Commissioning Group
6 July 2012 (Special Meeting)	Call-in of Executive Decision 2012/13 -31: Award of Lease for the New Portchester Community Centre
27 September 2012	Presentation from representatives of Portchester Crematorium Joint Committee Review of the work programme 2012/13 Finance Strategy 2012/13 Scoping Report for the Review of the Youth Initiative at Genesis
22 November 2012	Review of the work programme 2012/13 Scoping Report for the Review of The Environment Agency
24 January 2013	Preliminary overall review of work programme 2012/13 and draft 2013/14 Finance Strategy, Capital Programme, Revenue Budget and Council Tax 2012/13

24 January 2013 cont'd	Housing Revenue Account Budget and Capital Plans 2012/13
21 March 2013	Final review of work programme for 2012/13 and draft for 2013/14

OUTSTANDING ITEMS TO BE PROGRAMMED

- Youth Initiative at Genesis.
- The Environment Agency.