



Minutes of the Scrutiny Board

(to be confirmed at the next meeting)

*Minutes of a meeting held on 27 September 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 B Bayford, (Executive Member for Housing) and Councillor L Keeble, (Executive Member for Streetscene)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence at this meeting.

2. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Scrutiny Board meetings held on 5 July 2012 and 6 July 2012 be confirmed and signed as correct records ([sb-120705-m](#) and [sb-120706](#) respectively).

3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

On behalf of the Scrutiny Board, the Chairman welcomed Richard Samuel, Chief Officer (Designate), Fareham and Gosport Clinical Commissioning Group, who was to make a presentation to members (see minute 6 below).

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISCLOSURES OF ADVICE OR DIRECTIONS

In accordance with Standing Orders and the Councils Code of Conduct, Councillor Miss Bell declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 6 -

Presentation - Fareham & Gosport Clinical Commissioning Group (see minute 6 below).

5. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations made at this meeting.

6. PRESENTATION - FAREHAM & GOSPORT CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUP

Councillor Bell declared a non-pecuniary interest in this matter as she is employed in the health care sector.

The Board received a presentation, (copy available on request), from Richard Samuel, Chief Officer, (Designate) Fareham & Gosport Clinical Commissioning Group (F&GCCG). Mr Samuel gave an overview of the Group's role and remit, the governance structure and strategic goals and priorities. He explained that the Group currently operated in shadow form as they would not formally replace Primary Care Trusts as the main commissioners of healthcare services until April 2013. He advised members that the F&GCCG was keen to work in collaboration with local authorities as it was considered that local authorities were ideally placed to provide valuable feedback on health services from local residents.

Members were reminded that Councillor Swanbrow had already attended some Group meetings in the role of an observer. It was suggested that should F&GCCG wish to consider formalising this situation by inviting the council to appoint a member representative onto the Group, this would be welcomed.

It was AGREED that Mr Samuel be thanked for a very interesting and informative presentation.

7. REVIEW OF THE YOUTH INITIATIVE AT GENESIS - SCOPING REPORT

The Board considered a scoping report by the Director of Community and Streetscene which invited members to undertake a review of youth facilities provided by the Genesis Centre, Locks Heath (copy of report [sb-120927-r02-mbo](#) circulated with the agenda).

It was AGREED that, in order to assist members in their review of the facility and the services it provides, the Chairman or a representative of the Centre Executive be invited to attend a future meeting of the Board to provide information in response to the questions listed below.

The proposed questions are:-

- What is the role of the Centre Executive Committee and what is the composition of the committee?
- How frequently does it meet?

- What is the current level of use of the centre?
- What does it cost to run (expenditure) and how much income does it receive and from where?
- How is the centre managed?
- How is the centre promoted/marketed?
- What are the Committees future plans for Genesis?
- How will this be achieved?
- What help and support is required from FBC? HCC? Others

The Board will then be invited to comment on the information provided, to consider the future of the Centre and make recommendations to the Executive.

8. REVIEW OF THE OPERATION OF FIRST BUS SERVICES ACROSS THE BOROUGH - SCOPING REPORT

The Board considered a scoping report by the Director of Planning and Environment which invited members to review the operation of First Bus Services across the Borough (copy of report [sb-120927-r04-rfl](#) circulated with the agenda).

It was reported that proposed service changes were to come into effect on 18 November 2012.

It was AGREED that a representative of First Bus be invited to a future meeting of the Board to provide information regarding the following issues:-

- Timetabling and whether more linkages might be provided between local and wider services to enhance access to regional centres such as Southampton.
- First Bus' view on the future possibility of a bus/rail interchange at Fareham station and whether this would be something they would support. Also whether there may be short term measures that might be implemented to improve the current situation. Provision of an update on the success of the new Eclipse services and what First Bus' future expectations for the service might include.
- First Bus's views on the provision of a new service to Fareham Community Hospital with better marketing.
- Public transport to areas of youth service provision.
- How First Bus might better engage with residents of the Borough either directly or via Fareham Borough Council.

The Board would be invited to comment and provide views on where they believe improvements might be made to the current service provision.

9. MEDIUM TERM FINANCE STRATEGY 2012/13

The Board considered a report by the Director of Finance and Resources which reviewed the Finance Strategy. It was noted that any comments of the Board would be reported to the Executive, when the strategy document is submitted for approval at the Executive meeting on 1 October 2012 (copy of report [sb-120927-r01-nwo](#) circulated with the agenda).

It was AGREED that the Council's Finance Strategy for 2012/13 to 2016/17, as set out in the Strategy document attached to the report, be supported.

10. LOCAL SUPPORT SCHEME FOR COUNCIL TAX

The Board considered a report by the Director of Finance and Resources which invited comments from members prior to consideration of the Local Support for Council Tax report by the Executive on 1 October 2012 (copy of report [sb-120927-r05-cgu](#) circulated with the agenda).

Members discussed the matter at some length and asked questions of officers on various details contained in the report.

It was AGREED that the Scrutiny Board supports the draft scheme proposals for Council Tax Support Scheme, as set out in the report, including the proposal to proceed with a period of public consultation on the scheme.

11. 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-120927-r03-awa](#) circulated with agenda).

Councillor Whittle referred to a request he had made at a previous meeting for the Board to review education skills and employability across the Borough. Councillor Whittle was asked to submit questions to the Chairman and Director of Finance and Resources, so that the matter could be considered 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; and
- (b) The progress on actions since the last Board meeting as set out in Appendix B to the report be noted.

12. 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 7.45pm).