

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Scrutiny Board

(to be confirmed at the next meeting)

Date: Thursday, 25 June 2015

Venue: Collingwood Room - Civic Offices, Fareham

PRESENT:

Councillor D C S Swanbrow (Chairman)

Councillor Mrs S M Bayford (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors: B Bayford, Mrs M E Ellerton, Mrs C L A Hockley, L Keeble, A Mandry, Mrs S Pankhurst and R H Price, JP (deputising for P W Whittle, JP)

Also Present: Councillor Mrs K Mandry, Executive Member for Health and Housing; Councillor Mrs K K Trott (minute 6)



1. APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor P W Whittle, JP.

2. MINUTES

It was AGREED that the minutes of the meeting of the Scrutiny Board held on 19 March 2015 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Chairman's announcements.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISCLOSURES OF ADVICE OR DIRECTIONS

In accordance with Standing Orders and the Council's Code of Conduct, Councillor Price declared a non-pecuniary interest in the Annual Report on the Performance of the Fareham Community Safety Partnership (minute 7 below refers).

5. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations made at this meeting.

6. REVIEW OF THE BOARD'S WORK PROGRAMME

The Board considered a report by the Director of Finance and Resources on its work programme for 2015/16.

At the invitation of the Chairman, Councillor Mrs Trott addressed the Panel during the consideration of this item.

It was AGREED that:-

- (a) the progress on actions since the last meeting of the Board, as shown in Appendix A to the report, be noted;
- (b) it be noted that the items on the work programme relating to the Department of Work and Pensions (minute 7(c), (d) and (e) of 19 March 2015 refer) had been removed;
- (c) it be noted that a reference from the Health and Housing Policy Development and Review Panel meeting on 28 May 2015 relating to the scrutiny of the health service (minute 2(a) and (b) refer) was being held in abeyance pending the Chairman of the Panel's meeting with representatives of the Clinical Commissioning Group on 15 July 2015;
- (d) it be noted that details of the next two year programme of question and answer sessions with individual members of the Executive, which was due to commence at the meeting on 19 November 2015, would be reported to the next meeting of the Board on 17 September 2015;

- (e) subject to (b), (c) and (d) above, the work programme for 2015/16, as shown in Appendix B to the report, be confirmed; and
- (f) any possible additional items for inclusion on the work programme be e-mailed to the Chairman, with a copy to the Director of Finance and Resources.

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

Councillor Price declared a non-pecuniary interest in this item, stating that he was a member of Fareham Community Safety Partnership, representing Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority. Councillor Price indicated that, having consulted the Council's Monitoring Officer, he would remain in the room but that he would not participate in the discussion relating to this item.

The Board considered a report by the Director of Community on the Performance of the Fareham Community Safety Partnership.

The Community Safety Manager presented the report and answered members' questions thereon.

It was AGREED that:-

- (a) the performance and progress made by Fareham's Community Safety Partnership and the risks and challenges it faces in the future be noted;
- (b) with reference to paragraph 29 of the report, the officers be requested to look into supplementing the information concerning the Prevent initiative supplied to members via their newsletter and to Community Centre leaders in leaflet form by arranging training sessions; and
- (c) that all the officers concerned with community safety be congratulated on and thanked for the excellent work that they do with the extremely limited resources available.

8. PROPOSED QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION WITH SOLENT LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP

The Board was invited to give consideration to the nature of questions to be asked at the proposed question and answer session with the Solent Local Enterprise Partnership. A scoping report prepared by the Director of Finance and Resources was circulated to those present to assist members with their deliberations.

It was AGREED that:-

- (a) the proposed review of the Solent Local Enterprise Partnership be carried out in accordance with the scoping report circulated and attached as Appendix A to these minutes; and

- (b) for the future, consideration be given to requesting that the Executive Leader include an update on the Solent Local Enterprise Partnership in the announcements he makes at Council meetings.

9. EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

The Chairman invited members to indicate if they wished to consider any other item of business dealt with by the Executive since the last meeting of the Board. There were no other items of Executive business considered.

(The meeting started at 6.00pm
and ended at 6.56pm).

APPENDIX A**SCRUTINY BOARD - SCOPING REPORT****Councillor requesting item:** Councillor P Whittle

Issue	Review of the Solent Local Enterprise Partnership
Background	<p>The Solent LEP was formed in 2010, after the Government offered local areas the opportunity to take control of their future economic development. It is a locally-owned partnership between businesses and local authorities and plays a central role in determining local economic priorities and undertaking activities to drive economic growth and the creation of local jobs.</p> <p>The LEP published its Strategic Economic Plan on 31st March 2014, setting out its plan for growth in the Solent area with six strategic priority areas (Enterprise, Infrastructure, Inward Investment, Skills, Strategic Sector and Innovation).</p> <p>The LEP has successfully secured over £150m of Government funding for major infrastructure projects across the area and to support business growth, underpinned by a Growth Deal with Government for the period 2015 – 2021.</p> <p>The LEP also oversees the Solent Enterprise Zone brand at Daedalus, part of which is now in the ownership of Fareham Borough Council.</p> <p>With the borough of Fareham being at the heart of the LEP area, due to the scale of funding that the Solent LEP has successfully secured for the next 5 years, and the importance of the Enterprise Zone to growth plans in the borough, it is felt important that elected Members are clear of the work that the LEP are undertaking.</p>
Objective & Description	<p>To understand the priorities for the Solent LEP and how they contribute to the objectives of the Council. In particular, the LEP is invited to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outline their governance and management structure, together with accountabilities Provide a summary of recent activity Summarise the priorities within the Strategic Economic Plan Provide a view on the impact of changing central Government policy on the LEP's priorities Highlight the issues and implications that are relevant to the Fareham borough, including how the LEP and the Council can work together to deliver the growth plans for the area.
<p><i>Please clearly state the final objective. Objectives might include scrutiny of process or issue, or shaping of policy option or special project.</i></p>	

Proposed Way Forward	It is proposed that a representative of the Solent LEP is invited to a meeting of the Board and requested to address the Board on the matters outlined above.
<i>How is the objective to be achieved? Options might include a report written by officers and considered by Scrutiny or Review Panels; informal working groups; discussion with external bodies; or a combination of several tools. Thought should be given to the process to be followed once the Scrutiny Board completes its work; a request or comment may be made to the Executive or policy options offered to Council.</i>	
Key Dates	Attendance and presentation to the Scrutiny Board at one of the following meetings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 17th September 2015 • 19th November 2015