

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Scrutiny Board

(to be confirmed at the next meeting)

Date: Thursday, 4 July 2013

Venue: Collingwood Room - Civic Offices, Fareham

PRESENT:

Councillor D C S Swanbrow (Chairman)

Councillor Mrs K Mandry (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors: Miss S M Bell, J V Bryant, Mrs M E Ellerton, J S Forrest,
N R Gregory, Miss T G Harper and P W Whittle, JP

Also

Present: Councillor L Keeble, Executive member for Streetscene (minute 6) and Councillor A Mandry (minute 8).



1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

2. MINUTES

It was AGREED that the minutes of the meeting of the Scrutiny Board held on 30 May 2013 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

There were no declarations of interest or disclosures of advice or directions made at this meeting.

5. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations made at this meeting.

6. PRESENTATION BY, AND QUESTIONING OF, THE EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR STREETSCENE

The Board receive a presentation from the Executive member for Streetscene, Councillor L Keeble, on the performance of services within the Streetscene portfolio over the last year and on future plans. The presentation included an introduction to the services, details of the management structure, and information about each of the service areas: transport; refuse and recycling; grounds maintenance; street cleansing; and parks and open spaces. Copies of the presentation slides were distributed to those present.

The Executive member for Streetscene and the Director of Streetscene answered members' questions concerning the presentation.

It was AGREED that the Executive member for Streetscene be thanked for his presentation.

7. THE DISCLOSURE AND BARRING SYSTEM

The Board considered a report by the Director of Community on the Disclosure and Barring System (minute 8 of the meeting held on 21 March 2013 refers).

It was AGREED that the arrangements that are in place for the vetting and checking of elected members and/or a person concerned with delivering Council services or undertaking activity in connection with Council business be noted.

8. ANNUAL REPORT ON THE PERFORMANCE OF THE COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

The Board considered a report by the Director of Regulatory and Democratic Services on the performance of Fareham Community Safety Partnership.

Members received a presentation from the Chairman of Fareham Community Safety Partnership, Councillor A Mandry, illustrating various aspects of the report. The presentation included slides showing the context in which the Fareham Community Safety Partnership works, details of the composition of the Community Safety Partnership, Fareham's Community Safety Team, details of the corporate priority, initiatives, key priority areas, the Police and Crime Commissioner, including a video, Community Safety Priorities, performance of the partnership, crime in Fareham, diversionary activities, CCTV, community engagement and risks and challenges.

The Chairman of Fareham Community Safety Partnership and the Community Safety Manager answered members' questions in connection with the presentation.

Copies of newsletters, promotional information and other printed information relating to community safety initiatives were made available to members at the conclusion of the meeting.

It was AGREED that the performance and progress made by Fareham's Community Safety Partnership and the risks and challenges it faces in the future be noted.

9. SCRUTINY BOARD WORK PROGRAMME 2013/14

The Board reviewed its work programme for 2013/14.

It was AGREED that:-

- (a) the unassigned item 'Question and answer session with Fareham Community Savers - The Credit Union' be deleted from the work programme and, instead, an item be included in the members' newsletter suggesting that it be the subject of an all member seminar prior to a meeting of the Council, subject to there being sufficient support for the proposed seminar;
- (b) an item be included on the work programme, for consideration in 2014/15, to enable the Board to review the implementation of the universal credit system and its impact on the residents of Fareham;
- (c) an item be included on the work programme, possibly for 21 November 2013, to enable the Board to consider the costs associated with the preparation work for the Welborne development;
- (d) subject to (a), (b) and (c) above, the programme of items as set out in Appendix A to the report be noted; and

- (e) the progress on actions since the last meeting, as set out in Appendix B to the report, be noted.

10. 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 6.00 pm
and ended at 8.05 pm).