

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Scrutiny Board

(to be confirmed at the next meeting)

Date: Thursday, 20 March 2014

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,
Miss T G Harper and P W Whittle, JP

Also Present: Councillor T M Cartwright, MBE, Executive Member for Public
Protection (minute 5)



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 23 January 2014 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

3. 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.

4. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations made at this meeting.

5. PRESENTATION BY, AND QUESTIONING OF, THE EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR PUBLIC PROTECTION

The Board received a presentation from the Executive Member for Public Protection on the performance of services within the Public Protection portfolio over the last year and on future plans. The presentation included details of the areas of work undertaken within the portfolio: Environmental Health; Air Quality and Pollution; Contaminated Land; Dog Control; Pest Control; Health and Safety; Community Safety; Emergency Planning; Enforcement (litter, fly-tipping, graffiti, abandoned vehicles, unauthorised encampments); Car Parks and Parking Enforcement; Traffic Management (Traffic Regulation Orders); Building Control Partnership; examples of the type of duties carried out within those areas of work; and the new departments within which these services would operate following the imminent departmental reorganisation.

The Executive Member for Public Protection and the Director of Regulatory and Democratic Services answered members' questions concerning the presentation.

Printed copies of the presentation slides, together with additional information about the Public Protection Portfolio (Executive Functions) were circulated to those present.

It was AGREED that the Executive Member for Public Protection be thanked for his presentation.

6. SCRUTINY BOARD WORK PROGRAMME - REVIEW OF 2013/14 AND DRAFT FOR 2014/15

The Board considered a report by the Director of Finance and Resources, reviewed the Board's work programme for 2013/14 and considered a draft programme for 2014/15.

It was AGREED that:-

- (a) the outcome of the Scrutiny Board work programme for 2013/14, as shown in Appendix A to the report, be noted;
- (b) the Council be informed that the Board considers that the call-in procedure is operating satisfactorily and that there are no reasons to suggest that the arrangements should be amended for 2014/15;
- (c) the provisional work programme for 2014/15, as shown in Appendix B to the report, be approved; and
- (d) the provisional work programme for 2014/15, attached to these minutes as Appendix A, be submitted to the Council for approval.

7. 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.

8. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman made an announcement concerning the retirement of the Director of Regulatory and Democratic Services, Garry White, thanking him on behalf of the Board for all his help and support during his many years' service.

(The meeting started at 6.00pm
and ended at 7.12pm).

APPENDIX A**SCRUTINY BOARD –WORK PROGRAMME 2014/15**

DATE	SCRUTINY BOARD ITEM
5 June 2014	Review of the work programme 2014/15
3 July 2014	Presentation by, and Questioning of, the Executive Member for Leisure and Community Annual Report on the Performance of the Community Safety Partnership Review of the work programme 2014/15
25 September 2014	Review of Draft Medium Term Finance Strategy Review of the work programme 2014/15
20 November 2014	Review of the work programme 2014/15 Presentation by, and Questioning of, the Executive Member for Planning and Development Review of Portchester Crematorium Operational Activity
22 January 2015	Preliminary overall review of work programme 2014/15 and draft programme for 2015/16 Finance Strategy, Capital Programme, Revenue Budget and Council Tax 2015/16 Housing Revenue Account Budget and Capital Plans 2015/16
19 March 2015	Final review of work programme for 2014/15 and draft for 2015/16 Presentation by, and Questioning of, the Executive Member for Policy and Resources

Items to be assigned:

- Scoping Report on question and answer session with Solent Local Enterprise Partnership
- Question and answer session with Solent Local Enterprise Partnership
- Review of the implementation of the universal credit system and its impact on the residents of Fareham
- Minutes of meetings of the Portchester Crematorium Joint Committee (as appropriate)