

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MONDAY, 2 NOVEMBER 2015

DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee held on Monday, 2 November 2015. The wording used does not necessarily reflect the actual wording that will appear in the minutes.

If you have any queries about any matters referred to in this decision sheet please contact David Knight, Democratic Services.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST**

There were no declarations of disclosable Pecuniary interest.

3. **UNRESTRICTED MINUTES**

The Chair **Moved** and it was:-

RESOLVED

That the unrestricted minutes of the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 5th October, 2015 were approved as a correct record of the proceedings.

4. **REQUESTS TO SUBMIT PETITIONS**

Nil items

5. **UNRESTRICTED REPORTS 'CALLED IN'**

Nil items

6. **SCRUTINY SPOTLIGHT**

Nil items

7. **UNRESTRICTED REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION**

A. **ANNUAL PROCUREMENT REPORT**

This report provided the annual procurement expenditure analysis for financial year 2014-15 and an update on the Authority's performance against key objectives set out within the Councils Procurement Policy Imperatives.

The Committee noted the:

1. Annual procurement expenditure analysis;
2. Achievements against the Procurement Policy Imperatives;
3. Authority's position on central records of all supplies, services and works contracts and progress made in improving third party expenditure under management; and
4. Current issues, future challenges and planned improvements to further transform Council's procurement activities.

B. PETITION REVIEW

It was noted that the terms of reference of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee provided that in respect of the Council's petition scheme, power is delegated to the Committee to undertake a review if a petition organiser feels the authority's response to his/her position was inadequate. In her request for a review (appendix 2 referred), the petition organiser states that despite submitting a petition to Council in January 2014, no formal response has been received and an explanation and a response is sought.

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee reviewed the petition and the Council's response to that petition and following consideration of the evidence presented.

Agreed:

1. To refer the matter to the Director of Law Probity and Governance in order that the Committee can be to inform on what documentation can be released;
2. That a response is provided regarding any outstanding issues;
3. That the complaints are investigated;
4. That officers produce a report for consideration by this Committee on the conduct of a formal scrutiny of the HQM and Mazars Reports.

C. STRATEGIC RESOURCES AND PLANNING 2016-17 TO 2018-19

The Committee noted that good financial practice requires that regular reports be submitted to Council/Committee setting out the financial position of the Council against budget, and its service performance against targets.

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Specialist Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) and Social Work Team.

OSC agreed:

- To see a more detailed Business Case on these proposals; and
- To see more details of the savings in Early Years.

Review of Day Services for Older People

OSC agreed:

- It wished to see a more detailed business case and calculations/assumptions for charging;
- It wanted to receive figures for in-house verses commissioned services;
- It wanted the total budget and breakdown of spend public health;
- It wished to receive a briefing on re-ablement particularly invest to save costs vs the saving;
- It wanted information on the impact of loss of the Independent Living Fund;
- It wanted details of any risks of a reduced/poorer service of learning disability packages.

Saving Money by Reducing or Stopping Sunday Idea Store Opening

OSC agreed:

- To see a more detailed Business Case on these proposals

Renegotiation of Current Leisure Service Contract

OSC agreed:

- To see a more detailed Business Case on these proposals

Discontinue the Incontinence Laundry Service

OSC agreed:

- To see a more detailed Business Case on these proposals

Alternative Funding arrangements for Toilets

OSC agreed:

- To see a more detailed Business Case on these proposals

Review of Streetcare and Streetworks Team

OSC agreed:

- To see a more detailed Business Case on these proposals

8. VERBAL UPDATES FROM SCRUTINY LEADS

Agreed to defer consideration of this item until the next meeting.

9. PRE-DECISION SCRUTINY OF UNRESTRICTED CABINET PAPERS

Agenda Item 5.6 – Safeguarding Children Board Annual Report 2014-15

Committee asked for details

1. of attendance at the Board to see who is being engaged;
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4. of the costs to LBTH of the Board Chair and how is this bench marked.

Agenda Item 5.7 - Safeguarding Adults Board Annual report 2014-15

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Agenda Item 5.13 – Transparency Protocol: A Transparent Mayor, an Open Council

Committee asked for details regarding the publication of data under the Transparency Code. He wanted to know if Tower Hamlets had reached the standard of three stars in relation to the openness of the formats that we use to publish data, as per the LG Transparency Code.

10. ANY OTHER UNRESTRICTED BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS TO BE URGENT

Nil items

11. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Nil items

12. EXEMPT/ CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES

Nil items

13. EXEMPT/ CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS 'CALLED IN'

Nil items

14. PRE-DECISION SCRUTINY OF EXEMPT/ CONFIDENTIAL) CABINET PAPERS

Nil items

15. ANY OTHER EXEMPT/ CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT

Nil items