

SCRUTINY

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PROGRESS REPORT TO THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE ON 18 NOVEMBER 2009

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1. Purpose of the Report

To provide an update on the overall work of the Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Performance Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Task and Finish Groups over the last two months.

2. Performance Overview and Scrutiny (Leisure)

Since the last report this Committee has met once (October).

At the meeting Kristian Barker, of the Collaborative Research and Consultation Service presented the findings of the culture survey to members.

An update was given on the work and efforts to advertise and support ideas for Bacup Leisure Hall and the process for investing in the ski slope had started and would take course over the following few weeks.

The Committee were informed that Knight, Kavannagh and Page (KKP) consultants should have been attending the October meeting to report on their findings, however this had been moved to the next meeting where a more robust report would be available.

The Committee received an update from the Pool Review Panel and Bacup Leisure Hall Review Panel meetings.

The Chair of Rossendale Leisure Trust gave an update on capital expenditure as requested at the previous meeting and also agreed to give an update on staff pay rise percentages.

3. Performance Overview and Scrutiny

This Committee has not met since the last update. The next meeting will be on 11th November.

4. Policy Overview and Scrutiny

This Committee has met once (October) and received the following reports:

- Review of the Homelessness Service Level Agreement with Green Vale Homes
- Street Trading within the Borough of Rossendale
- Allotments and Garden Lets Policy
- Harassment and Bullying Policy and Dignity at Work Policy
- Forward Plan for the period 1st October to 31st January 2010

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In relation to the Allotments Policy the Committee recommended that the administrative costs be reviewed and the results of this review be incorporated into the final report to Cabinet.

In relation to the Review of the Homelessness Service Level Agreement with Green Vale Homes it was noted that the Regeneration Team should consult all Elected Members via email to gather views on the Homelessness Service, as they were receiving more enquires on this matter.

With regard to Street Trading within the Borough of Rossendale it was recommended that the following text be included in the Street Trading Conditions in Appendix B:-

The consent holder and or any assistant(s) shall comply with any reasonable request made by either an authorised officer of the Council or a police officer.

Specifically:

The Consent shall be produced on request to either the authorised officer or police officer.

Requests regarding the display of either the Consent plate or badge shall be complied with immediately. The Consent holder and/or any assistant(s) shall give the authorised officer or police officer such information as is requested, to enable those officers to undertake their duties under the relevant legislation. The Consent holder and/or any assistant(s) shall comply with any requirements made by an authorised officer or police officer regarding the siting of operation of the street trading business.

This policy and the requested amendments were agreed by Cabinet on 14th October 2009.

5. Dentistry Task and Finish Group Report

The Dentistry task and Finish Group met once since the previous report. The meeting was attended by Melanie Catleugh, Consultant in Dental Public Health and Sharon Young, PCT Commission Manager, who responded to the recommendations of the final report. They would be in attendance at the next Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee to deliver a presentation on their response to the report recommendations.

6. Value for Money Task and Finish Group

Since the last meeting the Task and Finish Group had undertaken site visits together information on how funding is spent and what additional funding

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organisations were attracting. Site visits have taken place to Sunnycrest Family Centre, Haslingden Credit Union, and Citizens Advice Bureau.

7. Monitoring of LAAs

The Task and Finish Group met on 28th September and received a presentation from the Principal Policy Officer and the LSP Delivery Officer on the context and overview of Local Area Agreements and the Council's position within this.

At the meeting the Chair requested that the Terms of Reference included clarification of governance arrangements (i.e. where the report would go after completion). It was agreed that a report would be produced after each theme had been investigated.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee is asked to note the progress work undertaken by Members.

Carolyn Sharples
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