

**A MEETING OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
WAS HELD ON 11 JUNE 2013**

Councillors Allen (P), Mrs Cully (Chairman)(P), Farr (Vice Chairman) (P), Foster-Reed(P), Geddes(P), Gill(P), Hylands(P), Jacobs(P), Jessop(P), Mrs Morgan(P), Kimber(P), Scard(P)

6. APOLOGIES

There were none.

7. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

8. MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 14 MARCH AND 16TH MARCH 2013.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 14 March and 16th May 2013 be approved and signed by the Chairman as true and correct records.

9. REPORTS RECEIVED

(i) SINGLE EQUALITY SCHEME ANNUAL REPORT

An update was provided to Members to report progress of the Council's Single Equality Scheme and Action Plan and to note progress of the Council's corporate equality work in response to recent statutory changes.

Members were advised that there were no further updates to the report.

Further to a question from a Member regarding completion of 82% scheduled EIAs and 4 being deferred until Autumn 2013 it was confirmed that deferrals were for valid reasons and would be completed.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

(ii) EDUCATION WORKING GROUP

Consideration was given to a verbal update from Councillor Gill. It was advised that all visits to post 11 institutions had been completed. It was further advised that the visits had established the differences between the academies.

Members felt that annual visits and monitoring of improvements of post 11 institutions needed to be implemented to show advancement and attainment levels following exam results. It was also suggested that if an establishment were found to be non achieving, a meeting be arranged with the principle to address the issues.

It was advised that a letter from Fareham College had been circulated to Members regarding the Cemast project at Solent Enterprise Zone at Daedalus. It was suggested that Peter Marsh of Fareham College be invited to attend a future meeting to discuss what impact the project may have on Gosport.

Councillor Gill and Councillor Hazel currently formed the Education Scrutiny Working Group and Members agreed that a watching brief should be kept on attainment levels and a report brought back to a meeting of the Committee in late Autumn 2013.

RESOLVED: That a watching brief be kept on attainment levels and a report brought back to a meeting of the Committee in late Autumn 2013.

10. DEVELOPMENT OF A WORK PROGRAMME

A) REQUESTS FOR SCRUTINY

Gosport Ferry Taxi Rank - It was advised that the taxi rank currently sat under the Licensing Team and that a Taxi Forum was in place to deal with any issues such as the cleanliness of cars, badges not being clearly displayed, and drivers being abused.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Allen consult with the Mayor and report back to a future meeting of the Committee if it was considered that there were issues which needed to be scrutinised.

Textile Collection - It was suggested that contact with Fareham Borough Council be made to look at the scheme and recordings of success.

RESOLVED: That a scrutiny be undertaken but not to begin before October 2013 and in the meantime Councillor Kimber would contact Fareham Borough Council for further information.

Disability Facilities Grant - It was suggested that this area could be scrutinised to ascertain whether the Council was obtaining value for money.

RESOLVED: That a working group be set up consisting of Councillor Hylands and Councillor Scard.

Grounds Maintenance – To review the performance of the contractor against the contract specification.

RESOLVED: That the Committee undertake this scrutiny and that a briefing note be prepared on the specification in the contract for the September meeting of the Committee.

Crematorium – A presentation to be held on 17th July 2013 at 5pm to provide an overview of the service.

B) WORK PROGRAMME

The work programme was updated to reflect the above scrutiny requests.

C) OTHER SUGGESTIONS FOR SCRUTINY

There were no other suggestions for scrutiny

34. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business

The Meeting concluded at 6:56 pm

CHAIRMAN