

**A MEETING OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
WAS HELD ON 05 MARCH 2014**

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

18. APOLOGIES

An apology for inability to attend the meeting was received from Councillor Geddes.

19. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

20. MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 11 SEPTEMBER 2013.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 11 December 2013 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

21. REPORTS RECEIVED

(i) PROMOTION OF THE BOROUGH (SOCIAL MEDIA)

A verbal update was provided by the Head of Information Technology regarding the promotion of the Borough through Social Media.

Statistics were presented to the Committee advising the frequency of social media account usage. The Head of Information Technology reported that discussion with council departments was ongoing to amalgamate some accounts that had generated less traffic.

Members of the Committee were advised that social media accounts promoting Gosport Market and Gosport in Bloom were due to go live shortly.

It was suggested that analysis from the Safer Gosport social media account be provided to Members of the Committee identifying how departments disseminated and actioned the information that was received.

Officers would be discussing how to manage social media accounts during the Election period.

RESOLVED: That analysis of a specific social media account be provided at the next Committee Meeting in June.

(ii) HOUSING ALLOCATIONS POLICY

Consideration was given to a presentation by the Housing Services Manager advising of the impact of changes to the Housing Allocation Policy which had been implemented by the Community Board in March 2013.

Members of the Committee were advised that:

- a) Armed Services had seen little impact from the changes with a small number of applications being received.

- b) Demand for 3 bedroom housing posed no immediate concern however, it remained under review.
- c) Higher priority was being given to those who were impacted by the Social Rent Restriction.
- d) Higher demands of mutual exchanges were being processed.

RESOLVED: That the presentation be circulated to Members of the Committee

(iii) TEXTILE RECYCLING

Consideration was given to a verbal Report from Councillor Kimber. Members of the Committee were advised that the steering group made up of Councillors Kimber, Jessop, Hylands and Mrs Cully had met with Charity representatives on the 20th February 2014 to discuss implications of the proposed textile recycling scheme.

Feedback from the working group meeting was currently being collated and the conclusion would be reported back to an extraordinary meeting of the Committee on 31st March 2014.

RESOLVED: That the Report of the Textiles Recycling Group be presented to the extraordinary Committee meeting in March.

(v) VASCULAR SURGERY QA HOSPITAL

Consideration was given to a verbal update from the Chief Executive advising Members on Vascular Surgery at QA Hospital.

It was reported that a letter from Debbie Fleming (area Director of Wessex NHS England) dated 28th February 2014 had been received and distributed to Members. In this letter she advised that a document detailing the proposed way forward was expected to be produced by the end of March 2014 with consultation taking place between May and August 2014.

RESOLVED: That an update of Vascular Surgery at QA Hospital be provided at the next Committee meeting.

22. DEVELOPMENT OF A WORK PROGRAMME

A) REQUESTS FOR SCRUTINY

The Borough Solicitor and Deputy Chief Executive had not received any requests for Scrutiny.

B) WORK PROGRAMME

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

C) OTHER SUGGESTIONS FOR SCRUTINY

Bus Services in the Borough

Councillor Scard, asked the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to scrutinise the operation of bus services in the Borough

The Committee agreed to arrange an extraordinary Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting on the 31st March 2014 commencing at 6pm.

It was agreed that Mrs Pepper on behalf of the Older Person's Forum and the Deputy Head of St Vincent College be invited to attend the 31st March meeting to highlight any concerns that they may have.

23. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

The Meeting concluded at 7.00pm

CHAIRMAN