

EXTRACT FROM THE DRAFT MINUTES OF 5 APRIL 2011 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMISSION

Present: Councillors Mitchell (Chairman); Pidgeon (Deputy Chairman) Cobb, Elgood, Kennedy, Morgan Older and Peltzer Dunn

76 INTELLIGENT COMMISSIONING PILOTS; FEEDBACK FROM SCRUTINY WORKSHOPS

76.1 The Strategic Director Communities introduced the report on the feedback from the three scrutiny workshops. The outcome of the Intelligent Commissioning Pilot on Domestic Violence was being taken to the 7 April Cabinet; the remaining two – Drug-related Deaths and Alcohol-related Harm would go to future Cabinet meetings.

76.2 He thanked Members of Overview and Scrutiny Commission for their valuable input to the workshops, which had been very useful in informing the reports for Cabinet.

76.3 The Chairman Councillor Gill Mitchell thanked those who took part. The workshops had demonstrated the intelligent commissioning process well in three complex areas of work; from the detailed needs analyses to the recommendations built upon them.

76.4 Members commented that the three subject areas had been particularly demanding and gave insight to the nature and scale of the challenges facing the City. They remarked on the large amount of research that had been done for each pilot.

76.5 Having participated in the pilot workshops, they felt this approach had worked well and provided a good basis for targeted scrutiny of other service areas for the future.

76.6 The Strategic Director commented that combining evidence and experience in the workshops provided a chance for helpful dialogue. Members were able to comment on the areas they were most concerned about and where the most difference can be made. The pilots indicated that future needs assessments should take less time, however analysing the potential outcomes needed more time.

76.7 Replying to questions the Strategic Director said these three subjects were particularly complex but so were many others that had a big impact on the City, for example in youth, adult and older peoples' services. A commissioning calendar was being prepared which would include a mix of large cross-cutting services as well as more specific shorter pieces of work within tighter timescales. A library of intelligent commissioning outcomes would enable easy cross-referencing of links between services.

76.8 RESOLVED; that OSC comments and feedback from the workshops be referred to 7 April Cabinet.

