

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL
OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

4.00pm 10 JUNE 2015

THE RONUK HALL, PORTSLADE TOWN HALL

MINUTES

Present: Councillors Simson (Chair); Allen, Bennett, Deane, Marsh, O'Quinn, Page, Peltzer Dunn, Penn and Wares.

Non-voting Co-optees: Mr. R. Brown, Healthwatch, Mr. R. Brett – Youth Council, Mr. C. Vincent - Older People's Council.

Also in attendance: Ms. P. Head – SCT, Ms. G. Hoban – CCG, Mr. P. Somerville – SCT.

PART ONE

1 PROCEDURAL BUSINESS

(a) Declarations of Substitutes

1.1 There were no declarations of Substitutes.

(b) Declarations of Interests

1.2 There were no declarations of interests.

(c) Exclusion of the Press and Public

1.3 The Chair noted that there were no items listed in part two of the agenda and proposed that the press and public should be permitted to remain throughout the meeting.

1.4 **RESOLVED:** That the press and public be not excluded from the meeting.

2 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

2.1 The Committee noted that the minutes of the last meeting of (a) the Overview & Scrutiny Committee meeting held on the 23rd March 2015 and (b) the Health & Wellbeing Overview & Scrutiny Committee meeting held on the 25th March had been agreed by the previous Chairs and were before the committee for information.

2.2 **RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the two meetings be noted.

3 CHAIR'S COMMUNICATIONS

- 3.1 The Chair welcomed everyone to meeting and acknowledged that following the recent elections there were a number of new councillors on the committee and a number who had little knowledge of the health sector, including herself. She was keen to ensure Members had every opportunity to learn and develop their understanding of the health sector and other aspects that now came under the committee's remit. She then invited the Members and co-optees to introduce themselves and give an outline of their knowledge and experience.
- 3.2 Following the introductions, the Chair noted that the Committee would be supported by the Policy Team and Democratic Services and wished to congratulate the previous Scrutiny Team on being highly commended for their work on the seafront scrutiny at the recent Centre of Scrutiny awards.

4 PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

- 4.1 The Chair noted that no items had been submitted for consideration at the meeting by members of the public.

5 MEMBER INVOLVEMENT

- 5.1 The Chair noted that there were no items for consideration from Members for the current meeting.

6 OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (OSC): WAYS OF WORKING

- 6.1 The Head of Policy introduced the report which set out the ways of working for the committee and its' terms of reference. He noted that new working arrangements had been agreed at the last council meeting and that the available resources for scrutiny reviews had been reduced following the budget decisions for 2015/16. However, he hoped that the committee would find an effective approach to its responsibilities and continue the excellent work that had been undertaken.
- 6.2 The Chair thanked the Head of Policy and noted that there would be a need to see how the new ways of working would have an impact on the committee and the resources available e.g. she noted that Policy Panels could be established by the Policy Committees and these would then impact on the number of reviews that could be undertaken at any one time. However, she hoped that a clear work plan could be developed and monitored by the Committee.
- 6.3 The Members of the Committee noted the ways of working and agreed that there would need to be careful monitoring of the work programme and the creation of any Policy Panels with regard to the available resources. It was also noted that the Policy Committees would be expected to scrutinise their areas of responsibility but it was also felt that the Committee should have a degree of overview.

- 6.4 The Head of Policy stated that discussions were taking place with the respective Chairs to determine how matters could be raised for review and taken forward either via Policy Panels or the Overview & Scrutiny Committee.
- 6.5 Mr. Brown noted that previously concerns about the impact of flooding had been raised and now that this came under the committee's remit, queried whether a report could be brought to a future meeting on the matter.
- 6.6 The Chair stated that she would be happy to add the issue to the work plan and discuss with officers the possibility of bringing a report to the next meeting.
- 6.7 The Committee noted that it was also being asked to establish an Urgency Sub-Committee and agreed that Councillors Allen and Page should be the designated Members, along with the Chair.

6.8 **RESOLVED:**

- (1) That the Committee's terms of reference, as set out in Appendix 2 to the report, be noted;
- (2) That the establishment of an Urgency Sub-Committee consisting of the Chair of the Committee and two other Members; Councillors Allen and Page (or those nominated in accordance with the scheme for the allocation of seats for committees, one from each of the other Groups), to exercise its powers in relation to matters of urgency, on which it is necessary to make a decision before the next ordinary meeting of the Committee be approved;
- (3) That the appoint of non-voting co-opted members from the Older People's Council, the Youth Council and Healthwatch, as referred to in para. 7.1 Appendix 2 (terms of reference), to the report be agreed;
- (4) That the current resources and arrangements in place for Overview & Scrutiny be noted; and
- (5) That the draft work plan (Appendix 3) to the report be approved as the basis for the 2015/16 annual OSC work plan.

7 SUSSEX COMMUNITY TRUST (SCT) CARE QUALITY COMMISSION INSPECTION

- 7.1. The Committee received a presentation from Ms. Paula Head, Chief Executive of Sussex Community NHS Trust, which outlined the role and work of the Trust and its recent inspection by the Care Quality Commission (CQC).
- 7.2. Ms. Head welcomed the opportunity to speak to the Committee and stated that the Trust was pleased with the findings of the CQC and was working to improve the one area where it required further action. She believed this would be addressed and noted that without the full engagement of the staff throughout the organisation it would not have had such a good report. She noted that having had such a good report meant that the Trust to continue to work towards achieving Foundation Trust status and would be meeting the Trust Development Agency Board later in the month with the intention to

then be considered for the next stage. Finally she stated that the Trust welcomed new governors and should anyone be interested she would be happy to discuss the opportunity to get involved.

- 7.3. The Chair thanked Ms. Head on behalf of the Committee for her informative presentation and hoped that the Committee could work with the Trust in the future.
- 7.4. **RESOLVED:** That be thanked for her informative presentation and the information be noted.

7A GOODWOOD COURT DOCTORS' SURGERY

- 7.5. The Chair noted that the formal business of the meeting had concluded, however an urgent matter had been brought to her attention and she invited the Chief Operating Officer for the CCG to speak to the Committee.
- 7.6. The Chief Operating Officer informed the Committee that following a review of the practice at Goodwood Court, the CQC and NHS England had applied to Brighton Magistrate Court for a Section 30 Notice to immediately close the practice. The action had not been taken lightly and all agencies were working closely to find alternative provision for the affected patients.
- 7.7. The Executive Director for Adult Services stated that the Leader of the Council had been briefed earlier and the 3 Ward Councillors informed of the situation. The Chair of the Health & Wellbeing Board had also issued a briefing note to all councillors and this would be made available to the members of the Committee.
- 7.8. The Committee noted the information and thanked the officers for the update.
- 7.9. **RESOLVED:** That the information be noted.

The meeting concluded at 6.05am

Signed

Chair

Dated this

day of

2015