

NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Monday, 27 March 2017

COUNCILLORS PRESENT: Councillor Jamie Lane (Chair), Councillor Graham Walker (Deputy Chair); Councillors Tony Ansell, Rufia Ashraf, Aziz, Vicky Culbard, Elizabeth Gowen, Zoe Smith and Brian Sargeant

Councillor Danielle Stone – Addressed Item 7
Councillor Haque – Observing

Officers Tracy Tiff, Scrutiny Officer

1. APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Janice Duffy.

2. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 2 February 2017 were signed by the Chair as a true and accurate record.

3. DEPUTATIONS/PUBLIC ADDRESSES

Councillor Danielle Stone addressed the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on agenda item 7 – Report back from the Chair of the O&S Re-Provision of the Environmental Services Working Group.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (INCLUDING WHIPPING)

There were none.

5. CABINET'S RESPONSE TO OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY REPORTS

The Committee noted Cabinet's response to its report Match Day Parking.

The Chair referred to paragraph 3.3.6 of the report and queried whether Councillors would be members of the Working Group.

It was:

AGREED: That the Cabinet Member and Director are asked to provide a progress report to the June meeting of the Committee.

6 SCRUTINY PANELS

6.A SCRUTINY PANEL 1

The update of the Chair of the Scrutiny Panel 1 – CSE was provided. All evidence gathering was now concluded and the Panel would present its final report to the Committee at its meeting on 8 May 2017.

6.B SCRUTINY PANEL 3

The Chair of the Scrutiny Panel 3 – Homelessness provided an update. All evidence gathering was now concluded and the Panel would present its final report to the Committee at its meeting on 8 May 2017. The Chair of the Scrutiny Panel suggested the need for there to be wider knowledge of the Overview and Scrutiny process amongst Agencies and other organisations that are asked to provide evidence to inform a Scrutiny review.

6.C SCRUTINY PANEL 4

The update from the Chair of the Scrutiny Panel 4 – Emissions Strategy (Action Plan) was provided. All evidence gathering was now concluded and the Panel would present its final report to the Committee at its meeting on 8 May 2017.

7 REPORT BACK FROM THE CHAIR OF THE O&S RE-PROVISION OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES WORKING GROUP

Councillor Danielle Stone addressed the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. Councillor Stone provided details of a recent public meeting, a Professor from the Business School at the University of Northampton had provided details of waste management in Germany. The issues had been well managed. Councillor Stone felt that should discussions around unitary status commence it would be important for there to be discussions regarding waste – NCC is the disposal Agency and NBC the collections Agency. One operation would make it easier. Councillor Stone suggested an expert in this field – Chartered Institute of Waste Management. Councillor Stone was concerned that the Working Group may not have the opportunity to discuss this.

The Chair thanked Councillor Stone for her comments and suggested that these are brought to the forthcoming O&S Work Programming Event.

Councillor Ansell, for the Chair of the O&S Working Group - Re-Provision of the Environmental Services provided a progress report to the Committee. A comprehensive presentation had been received by the Working Group and key information regarding the process had been provided.

It was highlighted that it was envisaged that an interim report of the Working Group would be presented to the Committee in the autumn 2017.

8 REPORT BACK FROM NBC'S REPRESENTATIVE TO NCC'S HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Councillor Brian Sargeant, NBC's representative to NCC's Health and Social Care Scrutiny Committee provided a progress report on the work of the Committee. He highlighted the salient points.

The next meeting of the Committee was scheduled for 7 June 2017, commencing at 10am.

9 POTENTIAL FUTURE PRE DECISION SCRUTINY.

There were none.

The Chair reminded the Committee that the O&S Work Programming event was scheduled for 6 April 2017 and all Councillors had been invited to attend.

10 URGENT ITEMS

There were none.

The meeting concluded at 18:30 hours