

CITY AND COUNTY OF SWANSEA

MINUTES OF THE SCRUTINY PROGRAMME COMMITTEE

**HELD AT COMMITTEE ROOM 2, CIVIC CENTRE, SWANSEA. ON
MONDAY, 17 MARCH 2014 AT 4.30 PM**

PRESENT: Councillor A M Day (Chair) presided.

Councillor(s)	Councillor(s)	Councillor(s)
A C S Colburn	P Downing	A J Jones
D W Cole	E W Fitzgerald	P M Meara
A M Cook	R Francis-Davies	M Thomas
N J Davies		

Co-opted Members: S Joiner, D Anderson-Thomas

Also Present:

Cllr N S Bradley	-	Cabinet Member for Regeneration
Cllr P R Hood-Williams	-	Convenor, Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel

Officers:

N Havard	-	Directorate Lawyer
D McKenna	-	Overview and Scrutiny Manager
S Woon	-	Democratic Services Officer

106 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor J P Curtice and J E C Harris.

The Chair referred to Councillor C E Lloyd's decision to resign from the Committee and as a consequence Council on 18 March, 2014 will determine changes to the membership. The Committee will consider the election of vice chair following the committee changes agreed by Council. In the meantime, the scrutiny work in relation to Gypsy and Traveller Site provision will be placed on hold.

The Chair welcomed David Anderson-Thomas, co-optee, to the meeting.

107 DISCLOSURES OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTEREST

In accordance with the Code of Conduct adopted by the City and County of Swansea, the following interests were declared:

Councillor N J Davies – Personal – Item no. 109 – Member of Friends of Glynn Vivian Tate Gallery.

S Joiner – Personal – Item No. 111 – Vice Chair of Dylan Thomas School.

108 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the:

- a. minutes of Scrutiny Programme Committee held on 17 February, 2014 be approved as a correct record;
- b. The minutes of the Special Scrutiny Programme Committee held on 20 February, 2014 be referred to the next meeting of the Special Scrutiny Programme Committee for ratification.

109 CABINET MEMBER QUESTION SESSION - COUNCILLOR NICK BRADLEY, CABINET MEMBER FOR REGENERATION

The Committee took the opportunity to question Councillor N S Bradley, on his work relating to her responsibility and accountability as Cabinet Member for Regeneration.

The Cabinet Member detailed the areas covered by her portfolio and work he had carried out in his role as Cabinet Member for Regeneration. He also detailed areas of joint working with Cabinet Member colleagues. He outlined priorities and achievements to date in respect of:

- City of Culture Bid;
- Glynn Vivian Tate;
- Library Review;
- Boulevard Project;
- High Street Regeneration/City Centre;
- Swansea Market;
- Future of Parks and the involvement of the Community and 'Friends of' Groups;
- Success of 360 Café and Watersports Centre; and
- Dylan Thomas Birthday Celebrations;

RESOLVED that:

- a. The Cabinet Member for Regeneration provide a response to Mr Phillips regarding the 360 Water Sports Centre; and
- b. the Chair of the Committee write a letter to the Cabinet Member reflecting on the discussion and sharing the views of the Committee.

110 PROGRESS REPORT ON WELLBEING PERFORMANCE PANEL (VERBAL) - COUNCILLOR PAXTON HOOD-WILLIAMS, CONVENER ATTENDING

Councillor P R Hood-Williams, Convener of Wellbeing Performance Panel, provided an update in relation to the work of the Panel, in respect of Child and Family Services and Adult Social Services.

He referred to the timeliness and response from Cabinet Members and referred to the Cabinet Member for Wellbeing's attendance at a forthcoming meeting.

The Chair stated that that the Panel should refer any issues that would require a task and finish group to the Scrutiny Programme Committee for consideration.

Members' discussed the transformation of adult social services and possible areas for scrutiny work regarding the examination of how well outsourced companies had worked and the views of users of services.

The Chair thanked Councillor P R Hood-Williams for his informative update and the Panel for its work.

111 SCRUTINY LETTERS

The Chair referred to the scrutiny letters log and referred to recent correspondence between Scrutiny and Cabinet Members:

- a. Letter to/from Cabinet Member for Place (Parks Service Working Group Meeting - 5 December).
- b. Letter to/from Cabinet Member for Place (Parks Service Working Group Meeting - 5 December).
- c. Letter to/from Cabinet Member for Learning & Skills (Schools Performance Panel Meeting - 11 December).
- d. Letter to/from Cabinet Member for Place (Planning Services Working Group Meeting - 17 December).
- e. Letter to/from Cabinet Member for Wellbeing (Wellbeing Performance Panel Meeting - 20 January).
- f. Letter to/from Cabinet Member for Finance & Resources (Committee Meeting - 20 January).
- g. Letter to/from Leader of the Council re. Target Areas (Committee Meeting - 20 January).

In respect of (a) above, a discussion ensued regarding the future management of parks within the City and County of Swansea.

In respect of (c) above, it was noted that the School would be writing to the cabinet member.

In respect of (d) above, Councillor M Thomas to convene a reconvene the meeting in early June. Reference was made to the need for additional training in respect of 106 agreements.

RESOLVED that the above letters be noted.

112 SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME 2013/14

The Chair presented the Scrutiny Work Programme 2013/14. The report explained the background and purpose of the Scrutiny Work Programme and the current position of all scrutiny activities. The work programme referred to the work currently active, showing progress with the established Scrutiny Panels and Working Groups.

RESOLVED that:

- a) The Committee Work Plan Timetable provided be accepted;
- b) The progress of the Informal Panels and Working Groups that had been established by the Committee be noted.
- c) The co-option of the Deputy Chief Executive of Age Cymru to the Social Care at Home Scrutiny Inquiry Panel be endorsed pending the agreement of the legal officer who will seek clarification regarding any previous work undertaken for the authority;
- d) The Co-option of Gordon Gibson to the Street scene Scrutiny Inquiry Panel be endorsed pending the agreement of the legal officer who will seek clarification regarding Mr Gibson's previous work undertaken for the authority;
- e) The membership changes in respect of the Local Service Board Performance Panel be agreed:
- f) **Gypsy & Traveller Site Provision – Scrutiny Review of Process**

The Scrutiny Programme Committee would consider the election of vice chair following the committee changes agreed by Council on 18 March, 2014. In the meantime the scrutiny work will be put on hold and the special meeting scheduled for Monday, 24 March, 2014 be cancelled.

g) **Local Government Data Unit**

Information and training offered by the Local Government Data Unit in relation to understanding performance data to be considered by the Committee.

113 **SCRUTINY DISPATCHES - APRIL 2014**

The Chair referred to the dates identified for scrutiny of the budget. He also highlighted the requirement for a further meeting as a result of work identified by the Planning Service Work Group.

RESOLVED that the content of the Scrutiny Dispatches Report be agreed for submission to Council.

114 **DATE AND TIME OF FUTURE MEETINGS FOR 2013/14 MUNICIPAL YEAR**

The date and times of future meetings, including the Special Meetings, for the 2013/14 Municipal Year were noted.

The meeting ended at 5.55 pm.

CHAIR