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**BRISTOL CITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE  
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT BOARD  
HELD ON 20<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2014 AT 6.00 P.M.**

- P Councillor Pickup (in the Chair)
- P Councillor Bailey
- P Councillor Campion-Smith
- A Councillor Eddy
- P Councillor Goulandris
- A Councillor Hammond
- P Councillor Holland
- A Councillor Kent
- P Councillor Khan
- P Councillor Telford

**OSMB**

**96.03/14**

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE, SUBSTITUTIONS AND  
INTRODUCTIONS**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Richard Eddy, Peter Hammond (Substitute Councillor Christopher Jackson), Tim Kent (Substitute Councillor Tim Leaman)

**OSMB**

**97.03/14**

**CABINET MEMBER QUESTIONTIME – The Mayor**

The Mayor – George Ferguson attended for Question Time the following actions were agreed in relation to questions put by the Committee and other councillors present:

Cllr Negus raised a question about particular schools in his ward and child safety in relation to the RPS scheme	The Mayor agreed to raise the issue with relevant officers and come back to Cllr Negus
Question from Cllr Pearce on how the Corporate Plan will be taken forward	The Mayor agreed that there would be further scrutiny input and the Plan would come back to the next Council meeting
Question from Cllr Bailey re the effect of the Arena on parking in	The Mayor agreed to on-going discussions with local

Totterdown /pressure for an RPS	councillors
Question from Cllr Holland about the use of £500k agreed in the budget in relation to Children's Centres – including concerns that this was earmarked for staff 'redundancies'	The Mayor agreed to put in writing his intentions in respect of the 550k – and reiterated that this was bridge the gap between this year and next year's budget and review the current services. OSMB suggested something should go in a newsletter to staff.

**OSMB  
98.03/14 PUBLIC FORUM**

The Chair agreed to take a late statement from David Redgewell concerning the role of the Sustainable Development and Transport Commission under proposed new scrutiny arrangements.

**OSMB  
99.03/14 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**OSMB  
100.03/14 MINUTES – OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT BOARD – 20<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2014**

**RESOLVED -**

**That the minutes of the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board held on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2014 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.**

**OSMB  
101.03/14 ACTION SHEET - 20<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2014**

It was noted that Arts Funding report is now deferred to the July meeting of Cabinet and it needs to be added to the scrutiny work programme for 2014-15

**RESOLVED -**

- (1) That that the actions from the last meeting be noted.**
- (2) That Arts Funding is added to the 14/15 Scrutiny Work programme.**

**OSMB**

**102.03/14 WHIPPING**

No whipping was declared.

**OSMB**

**103.03/14 CHAIR'S BUSINESS**

None.

**OSMB**

**104.03/14 REPORT FROM THE NIGHT TIME ECONOMY INQUIRY DAY**

The Board considered a report of the Service Director, Neighbourhoods (agenda item no. 8) giving a brief progress update from the Scrutiny Steering Group.

**RESOLVED -**

**That the Interim Report be noted and a final report brought back to the OSMB in June/July prior to consideration by Full Council.**

**OSMB**

**105.03/14 2013/14 - QUARTER 3 PERFORMANCE PROGRESS REPORT**

The Board considered a report from the Service Director: Policy, Strategy & Communications (agenda item no. 9) reviewing the measures of success and associated risks.

**RESOLVED - that the report be noted.**

## OSMB

### 106.03/14 REVIEW OF OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY IN BRISTOL

The Board considered a report of Centre for Public Scrutiny (agenda item 10).

The Committee considered the report, referral from SD&T Scrutiny Commission and Public Forum highlighting concerns that any future scrutiny arrangements should allow for the on-going consideration of the important transport issues which have been a focus of work of the SD&T Scrutiny Commission in the last municipal year.

The following issues were highlighted during debate:

- There is no decision as yet on the final proposals for overview and scrutiny in 14/15 but a proposed structure would allow for continued in –depth scrutiny with potentially four commissions aligned with Directorates with 6 additional Inquiry/Working Group meetings per Commission.
- There is support for a shift towards earlier pre-decision scrutiny with members/public involvement in policy development from the start.
- Overview and Scrutiny needs to develop members' expertise in particular areas and be more focussed
- Engagement from the public in the decision making process, including public forum opportunities is a positive sign of engagement in democracy and there needs to be smarter ways of feeding back to the public the outcome of their submissions
- Overview and Scrutiny needs to be adequately resourced
- The role of Cabinet members needs to be clear within the current system.

#### **RESOLVED -**

- (1) That the Mayor review the current Cabinet model with a view to reverting to a model where individual cabinet members have decision making powers from the beginning of the new municipal year, and that if this is not implemented the Independent Remuneration Panel be asked to review cabinet members allowances alongside responsibilities.**
- (2) That the Board request the Mayor to report back on this issue at their first meeting of the 14/15 municipal year.**

**OSMB**

**107.03/14 MAYOR'S FORWARD PLAN AND RECORD OF OFFICER DECISIONS**

**RESOLVED -**

**That OSMB request that members be e-mailed when new delegated decisions are added to the website, and for officers to review whether delegated decisions are being properly reported and consistently added to the website.**

(The meeting ended at 8.00 pm)

CHAIR