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Agenda item 7

Bristol City Council

Minutes of the Place Scrutiny Commission

Thursday 9 April 2015 at 11.00 a.m.

Members present:

Cllr Martin (in the Chair), Cllr Bolton, Cllr Jackson, Cllr Khan,
Cllr Negus, Cllr Pearce

Officers present:

Alistair Reid, Service Director - Economy
Howard Swift, Service Manager - Economic Development
Peter Mann, Service Director - Transport
Alistair Cox, Service Manager - Strategic City Transport
Andrea Dell, Service Manager - Policy, Scrutiny, Research & Executive Support
Johanna Holmes, Policy Adviser - Scrutiny
Shahzia Daya, Service Manager - Legal Services
Shana Johnson, Democratic Services Manager

91. Apologies for absence, substitutions and introductions

(agenda item 1)

None.

92. Declarations of interest

(agenda item 2)

None.

93. Public forum

(agenda item 3)

The commission received and noted the following public forum statements:

Statement 1 - Michael Brendrey

Subject: No. 5 bus service

In subsequent discussion of the issues raised in this statement, it was noted that the Service Director - Transport would send a response, in liaison with the Mayor / Assistant Mayor for Place.

Statement 2 - David Redgewell & others

Subject: MetroWest / MetroRail combined authority.

Statement 3 - Ian Beckey

Subject: MetroWest / MetroRail combined authority.

Statement 4 - David Redgewell & others

Subject: Buses - Friary & Temple Gate

In subsequent discussion of the issues raised in this statement, it was noted that the Service Director - Transport would arrange to provide members with information on the various groups / sub-groups involved in the Temple Meads development. Officers would also investigate and ensure that disability equality legislation was being followed and that development met requirements in terms of groups with "protected characteristics."

Statement 5 - Bristol Community Ferry Boats

Subject: Integrated transport

In subsequent discussion, it was noted that the issues raised in this statement around ferries would be included as part of the "integrated transport" item to be included in the commission's 2015/16 work programme.

Statement 6 - Transport for Greater Bristol Alliance

Subject: Integrated transport

In subsequent discussion, the commission requested that this statement be referred to the Mayor / Assistant Mayor for Place for a response, and that they also be asked to explain (at the commission's request) why CPO was not being considered.

Statement 7 – Richard Rankin

Subject: Integrated transport

Statement 8 – South West Transport Network

Subject: Freight in Bristol report (agenda item 14)

94. Minutes - Place Scrutiny Commission - 5 February 2015
(agenda item 4)

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting of the commission held on 5 February 2015 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

95. Action sheet – Place Scrutiny Commission
(agenda item 5)

The commission noted and reviewed the action sheet relating to the 5 February meeting.

RESOLVED:

That the action sheet update be noted (noting that all actions had been completed).

96. Work programme 2014/15
(agenda item 6)

The commission considered the latest update of the work programme.

Set out below is a summary of the main points raised / noted by the commission:

- a. All commission members would send ideas for topics for the 2015/16 work programme to the Policy Adviser - Scrutiny.
- b. Cllr Negus proposed that “community transport” should be included in the 2015/16 work programme.
- c. The Policy Adviser - Scrutiny would organise a meeting of the Place scrutiny lead members to discuss the 2015/16 work programme.

RESOLVED:

That the latest update of the work programme and the above points be noted, and actioned accordingly.

97. Whipping
(agenda item 7)

None reported.

98. Chair’s business
(agenda item 8)

The Chair reiterated the important role scrutiny has to play in a mayoral system of governance.

Following discussion, the commission

RESOLVED:

That the following resolution be sent to the Mayor:

“This commission re-asserts the contribution and value scrutiny makes to the executive and is concerned and disappointed that this has been made more difficult by limiting what we can scrutinise and how we can do this.”

99. Key decisions

(agenda item 9)

RESOLVED:

That the update be noted.

100. Sustainable prosperity

(agenda item 10)

The commission considered a report setting out potential lines of enquiry in relation to the Council's role in promoting and enabling the city to better address its core issues and areas of under-performance, and so achieve long term, sustainable prosperity.

Set out below is a summary of the main points raised/noted by the Commission

- a. Officers explained that the the report was a 'snapshot' of a very wide area of work and members views were sought on more specific areas for scrutiny input
- b. Members highlighted the following issues as potential areas for further scrutiny:
 - Job opportunities
 - Where could the next enterprise zone/area based regeneration zone be?
 - Capital Partnership legacy

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted, and that the issues identified in the report be included in the discussions on the commission's 2015/16 work programme.

**101. Draft report and recommendations of the scrutiny inquiry day -
“Integrated Public Transport”**
(agenda item 11)

The commission considered a report on the outcomes from the inquiry day.

Set out below is a summary of the main points raised / noted by the commission:

- a. The first two recommendations around regional/cross boundary issues should be re-worked and strengthened. The setting up of a full day inquiry with the involvement of key neighbouring authorities (to discuss the issues identified in the report) should be the first priority.
- b. A clear “route map” should be developed to show how the report would be taken forward, including the identification of key stages / milestones to be reported back to scrutiny.
- c. The report should be sent to the Mayor and Assistant Mayor – Place for their information / comment.
- d. The report should be referred to the Full Council (July meeting) for debate and comment.

RESOLVED:

That the report and the above points be noted, and actioned accordingly.

**102. Draft report and recommendations of the scrutiny inquiry day -
“Managing the city’s waste”**
(agenda item 12)

The commission considered a report on the outcomes from the inquiry day.

Set out below is a summary of the main points raised / noted by the commission:

- a. Immediate / priority actions were identified as follows:
 - There should be a focus on enforcement: ensuring the Council uses the powers it has, and taking action swiftly and publicising this. It would be important to include examples covering all parts of the city.
 - Indemnity forms should be issued to landlords.
 - Ensure the sharing of database information within the Council to assist enforcement.

- Ensure that waste contractors are fulfilling their contractual obligations.
 - Implement a citywide education campaign to show both the impact of increased waste the city and the impact of waste reduction and recycling.
 - The report should be sent to the Mayor and Assistant Mayor – Neighbourhoods for their information, with comments requested by 1 May.
- b. An updated report should be submitted to the commission as soon as possible in 2015/16 after the May elections with a view to the report then being referred to the Full Council (July meeting) for debate and comment.
- c. The report and recommendations should also be submitted to the Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Commission for consideration.

RESOLVED:

That the report and the above points be noted, and actioned accordingly.

103. Presentation – LEP enterprise zone transport issues
(agenda item 13)

The commission received a presentation on these issues. During discussion the following issues were noted:

- a. There is a need to develop a ‘conveyor belt’ of schemes at different stages of development and implementation and to look beyond 2025 using information on population, work areas etc to identify transport needs of the future
- b. Ashton Gate station is being explored
- c. Temple Meads Master Plan – the issue of roadworks needs to be built into plans
- d. The programme and project officer capacity in the organisation is increasing
- e. Even if the Master Plan is not fully worked up it is useful to share with people

RESOLVED:

- 1. That the presentation be noted, and that a copy of the presentation be sent to all members of the commission and to members of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board.**
- 2. That officers be requested to ensure that information on the Arena transport master plan is made more available publicly.**

104. Freight in Bristol report

(agenda item 14)

The commission considered a report summarising the situation/issues regarding freight in Bristol..

It was noted that Freight issues could be considered in the scrutiny work programme for 15/16 along with CommunityTransport and Ferrys

Predictions on lorry based freight in the future would be helpful to understand the future impact.

RESOLVED –

That freight issues be included in the commission's work programme for 2015/16 (to be considered at an early opportunity).

The meeting finished at 2.00pm

Chair