

BRISTOL CITY COUNCIL

Overview and Scrutiny Management Board

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Title: Scrutiny Resolution and Full Council Motion Tracker

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RECOMMENDATION

To note the Scrutiny resolution and Full Council motion tracker.

Summary

The tracker has been created at the request of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board (OSMB) to provide a summary of Scrutiny resolutions and Full Council motions, and progress to date. It is complimentary to the Scrutiny Commission action sheets produced for each meeting, which record actions and tasks in detail.

The significant issues in the report are:

1. The resolution tracker provides a summary of formal resolutions agreed and an update on outcomes.
2. The tracker also details progress following Full Council motion/budget amendments.

Policy

Consultation

1. Internal

N/A

2. External

N/A

3. Context

At the Scrutiny work planning workshop in June 2015, the OSMB Members requested regular updates on the resolutions agreed at each Scrutiny Commission meeting for information only. Subsequently it was agreed that this would include progress of Full Council motions/budget amendments. This report is complimentary to the action sheets provided for each Scrutiny Commission meeting and does not reference resolutions that merely noted reports.

Proposal

4. Members are asked to note the resolution/motion tracker.

Other Options Considered

5. N/A

Appendices:

- A. Scrutiny Resolution Tracker
- B. Full Council Motion/Budget Amendment Tracker

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

Background Papers:

N/A

Commission & date	Report title & presenting Officer	Purpose of the report / proposed resolution	Outcome of discussion and resolutions	Progress since the meeting
OSMB (03/16) (m 10)	Green Capital - maintaining the momentum – presentation and discussion Director, Bristol Futures, the Sustainable City and Climate Change Manager, the Strategic Resilience Officer and the Director Bristol Green Capital Partnership. During the discussion	To receive a presentation on Green Capital	The Commission agreed to note the report and to propose a session in the new municipal year on how to build on the momentum of the European Green Capital year.	The OSMB will be asked to add an item to the 16/17 work programme for further consideration.
OSMB 03/16 (m 11)	Dealing with exempt/confidential information Strategic Director – Business Change	A report on the process applied when taking information in exempt/confidential session	Officers develop a mechanism for Councillors to challenge Monitoring Officer decisions with respect to decisions on exempt information	Now that the new cohort of Members are in place, a briefing session will be arranged as soon as possible.
OSMB 02/16 (m 8)	Delivering the Corporate Plan – Performance Report for 2015/16: Quarter 2. The Strategic	A report on the arrangements for performance reporting to OSM.	Councillors agreed the approach to performance reporting going forward: 1. OSMB noted the contents of the summary outturn report received for Q2 of	The updated approach will commence from 16/17 Quarter 1.

	Director – Business Change		<p>2015/16 in appendices A & B.</p> <p>2. That the new reporting arrangements shall commence from 2016/17 Quarter 1, and that:</p> <p>i) Quarterly reports on performance in delivering the Corporate Plan will be presented to the relevant Directorate Scrutiny Commission; and</p> <p>ii) OSMB receives Performance reports annually.</p>	
People 09/15 (m 9)	<p>Bristol Safeguarding Children Board 2014 – 2015 Annual Report</p> <p>Sally Lewis OBE Independent Chair</p>	The Ofsted inspection directed that improvements were to be made in the way the annual report was presented directing the Board to give greater emphasis to the work done by partner agencies in their provision of safeguarding.	That the Commission endorsed the appointment of a Data Analyst to provide proper integrated business information.	Recruitment is currently underway.
People 12/15 (m 11)	Adult Care Community Support Services Commissioning – Update on formal consultation process	Update report as requested at People Scrutiny July 2015 when a paper was submitted about the intention to commission. The interim report provided info about the process to date and an opportunity for Scrutiny Commission input to the consultation.	Time would not allow for a full discussion on the consultation questions so Members agreed to feedback via the online consultation portal	Formal consultation closed on January 7th 2016. Findings from the consultation process will be considered in drafting a final Community Support Services Commissioning Strategy and in preparing the service specification and tender process for this commissioning. A tender process is expected to commence in Spring 2016.

People 02/16				At the meeting, a number of reports were considered and noted, but no formal resolutions that required follow up action were made.
Place 01/16 (m 8)	Consultation on Our Resilient Future: A Framework for Climate and Energy Security Service Manager: Sustainable City and Climate Change	The consultation would close on 16 th March with a decision sought following the May election. It was agreed that the Place Scrutiny Commission would submit written collective feedback.	The consultation draft of Our Resilient Future: A Framework Climate Change and Energy Security was noted, along with the new 2050 goal for carbon emission reduction.	Complete - feedback was provided and sent to Officers by the deadline in March.
Place 03/16 (m 73)	Work programme	Planning the work programme	<p>(i) The Chair agreed to write to the Chair of OSM to request briefings from officers about Devolution and scrutinise the proposals as soon as possible within the work programme for the next municipal year.</p> <p>(ii) The Chair agreed to write to the Chair of OSM and Party Group Leaders to raise concern about the possible six month delay for scrutiny if a four year cycle did not start until October. It was suggested that the process for 2015/16 be replicated for 2016/17.</p>	<p>Complete;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Email sent to Chair of OSMB 18/03/2016 ♦ Member briefings on Devolution have taken place ♦ Scrutiny arrangement for 2016 / 17 to be confirmed. <p>Complete – An email was sent to the chair of OSMB - 18/03/2016.</p>
Place 03/16 (m 77)	Culture Inquiry day Report and Recommendations	The Commission considered the proposed report of the Culture Inquiry Day and associated recommendations	The Commission accepted the report and recommended it to Cabinet and Full Council for debate and discussion.	Complete - report booked onto Cabinet 7th June & Full Council 19th July.

Place 03/16 (m 78)	Economic Development Service Manager Economic Development	The Committee received a presentation from the Service Manager Economic Development which outlined the strands and services of the Economic Development Service.	The Commission noted the report and asked for a visit to be arranged to the Bottleyard and Filwood Green Business Park during the next municipal year.	Complete - Item added to list of potential items for 2016/17.
Place 03/16 (m 79)	Property Portfolio	The Committee received a presentation which outlined the work undertaken by the different elements of the Property Service.	The Commission noted the report and resolved to add an item to the future work programme outlining buildings let to the community and states of repair, highlighting any risk to graded and listed buildings.	Complete - Item added to list of potential items for 2016/17.
Place 03/16 (m 80)	Performance Report Quarter 3 Service Director Transport	The Committee received a report which summarised the main areas of progress towards delivery of the Corporate Plan 2014-17.	The Commission noted the report and resolved to support the release of short term resource to support the Property Service to help deliver the backlog of surplus property with options for it to be made available for affordable housing.	The Property team are currently consulting on a restructure, which will realign resources to current priorities and increase the number of staff dedicated to the development pipeline.
Neighbourhoods 11/15 (m 11)	Byelaws Update Alison Comley	Members considered a report responding to a number of additional questions and issues which had arisen after the Commission's consideration of the draft Full Council report in October. The report included a revised timeline proposed for consideration by Full Council.	That officers provide a written response to Cllr Denyer in reference the use of lanterns and windbreaks in parks and green spaces.	Proposal to take byelaws to Full Council in January 2016 was subsequently deferred due to the introduction of a new byelaws process to be issued by DCLG early in 2016. We are currently awaiting clarification of timelines for the new process. Complete - Response provided to Cllr Denyer.

Neighbourhoods 01/16 (m 9)	Update on Libraries Head of Libraries	Update report	1) That a future update report be prepared which includes detailed information concerning details of discussions with organisations on future use of buildings in different areas of the city and of community offers throughout the city 2) That an update report be prepared for Monday 21st March 2016 including details of capital spend.	Resolution addressed in a report that went to Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Commission on 21st March 2016. Complete
Neighbourhoods 02/16	Supermarkets dealing with waste: evidence session	The Scrutiny Commission held an evidence session concerning the role of Supermarkets in dealing with waste.	Officers investigate the most effective way to establish structured dialogue between local authorities and supermarkets – officers will respond with suggestions.	Officers have established a link into the Core Cities and the topic will be looked at a Core Cities meeting in July.
Business Change & Resources 02/16	Social Value Policy and Toolkit Allison Slade - Interim Service Manager, Strategic Commissioning and Procurement.	The Interim Service Manager, Strategic Commissioning and Procurement introduced the report and invited questions.	To approve the approach outlined in the Social Value Policy and Toolkit for implementation from 1 April 2016, in consideration of the points raised in discussion.	Complete – the Social Value Policy and Toolkit went to the Business Change and Resources Scrutiny Commission in February 2016 and went to Cabinet in March 2016.

FULL COUNCIL: 15 DECEMBER 2015

Motion title: Making Avon pension fund a fossil-free fund (Motion A, Minute 70)

Amended motion approved (note: the Labour amendment was approved) as follows:

This Council notes:

1. That there is increasing recognition that fossil fuel assets and investments are likely to become 'stranded assets' with 75% having to be kept in the ground to prevent runaway climate change (ref1).
2. Many international experts and investors are warning of the risks of fossil fuel investments, and at the same time the increasing attractiveness of renewable energy technologies, with wind power being the cheapest form of onshore generation now (ref2). Other funds and Universities are increasingly divesting (ref3).
3. The city and its sub region are an area of international expertise in renewable energy technologies. Locally we are also an area with a very strong track record of community sustainable energy initiatives, typified by the work of Bristol Energy Network members, the Bristol Community Strategy for Energy, and the projects supported by Bristol 2015.
4. Bristol Unison branch passed a motion in July for the LGPS to divest from fossil fuels and then wrote to the chair of the Avon pension fund committee conveying that decision in July. Pension fund boards have now been established and UNISON has a seat on the board.

This Council recognises that:

1. The past industrial and economic base of the Bristol and Avon area was in part based on coal and fossil fuels.
2. The future industrial and economic base of Bristol and surrounding authorities will in part be based on energy efficiency and renewable energy technologies.
3. The interests of the pension fund and its pensioners both present and future will increasingly be served by investments that reflect the nature of the fund's liabilities, having particular regard to potential future interest rates and inflation.
4. With many other pension funds divesting and switching to renewables it may be time for Avon Pension Fund to consider following suit if doing so is in the best interests of the scheme and its members. The experience of the award winning Environment Agency PF (a local authority scheme) and other public sector funds are positive lessons we can draw on (ref4) (ref 5).

This Council therefore resolves to ask the Mayor to write to the Avon Pension Fund calling for it to:

1. Request a position statement on the potential impact divesting from fossil fuel assets will have on the Avon Pension Fund and to asked the Avon Pension Fund to report on the scale of its investments in fossil fuels, giving reference to level and scale of the such investments and the impact divesting will have on the future liability profile of the fund.
2. Work with the Council's representative on the Avon Pension Fund to maintain a strong position against further investment in fossil fuels and to provide an annual report evaluating of the viability and risk of investing in any extractive industry, including metal and mineral mining, as well as fossil fuels.
3. Work with Trade Union representatives and the workforce to involve them in divestment and diversification plans and to provide them with a full comprehensive assessment of the impact of divesting from fossil fuel assets could have on their pensions.

Resolution:

Mayor to consider request to write to Avon Pension Fund.

Progress since meeting:

- The Mayor wrote to the Avon Pension Fund on 1st March 2016.
- The letter was shared with Party Group Leaders on 5th May 2016.

FULL COUNCIL: 15 MARCH 2016

Motion title: Reducing congestion and air pollution in our city (Motion A, Minute 103)

Amended motion:

Council welcomes the additional investment for transport improvement that has been secured for Bristol and the Bristol region over the past ten years. Including bus, rail, cycling and road investment this is in excess of £500 million.

But Council notes with grave concern the worsening congestion that we are seeing in our city over the last few years. Council is very concerned about the considerable delays that MetroBus, rail electrification, and MetroWest are suffering.

Council also raises its concerns over the failure to progress or implement successfully various cycling infrastructure schemes within the city. Council also notes that in central Bristol the average hourly level of key pollutants in the air is 50% higher than legal limits and causing around 200 extra deaths a year which is 5.8% of total adult deaths.

The delay in public transport initiatives has added to the congestion the city now sees and had a negative effect upon current bus services, traffic levels, congestion and air pollution.

Council notes that an agreement for road works has been signed with utility companies in the city to better manage disruption and congestion but that a lot of the worst delays are caused by council controlled schemes.

This Council believes that clean air is essential to the health of local people and our city's environment. We are deeply concerned that air quality fails to meet national standards throughout much of Bristol and surrounding areas.

As part of our commitment to become a Carbon Neutral city by 2050, we are determined to improve air quality and we call on the Mayor of Bristol to:

1. Implement a pilot Low Emissions Zone in Bristol and use the planning policy to get more businesses using freight consolidation.
2. All Bristol buses should become low emission and cleaner energy vehicles.
3. Replace the council's own fleet with low emission and electric powered vans and cars with more publicly accessible charging points.
4. Review the location of neighbourhood air pollution monitors and make the data collected more specific, to include particulates, and more accessible to all communities.

Progress since meeting:

The Mayor wrote to Party Group Leaders on 31st March 2016

FULL COUNCIL: 15 MARCH 2016

*Motion title: **Protecting and housing victims of domestic abuse (Motion B, Minute 103)***

Council is concerned that its obligations to protect and house victims of domestic abuse are not being met or satisfied by the operation of the Authority's HomeChoiceBristol (HCB) allocation scheme.

Under the current banding structure, women and young families who feel forced to flee their home, and seek emergency accommodation, in order to escape maltreatment, violence or harassment, are only accorded Band 2 status for the purposes of determining priority on the property register.

Whilst recognising the many competing demands on a finite resource, Council believes this categorisation is plainly wrong and inadequate in such circumstances. The lower points designation fails to acknowledge the seriousness and needs of these applicants.

Local authorities now have greater power and flexibility to decide how social housing is to be allocated. Accordingly, Council requests that the Mayor and Officers change the present secondary banding for women and children (who are at risk as previously described) to Band 1 – the highest category available - as a matter of urgency.

Progress since meeting:

The Mayor wrote to Party Group Leaders on 11th April 2016