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## **KIRKLEES COUNCIL**

### **OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

**Monday 25th July 2016**

Present: Councillor Julie Stewart-Turner (Chair)  
Councillor Cahal Burke  
Councillor Gulfam Asif  
Councillor Ken Sims

Apologies:

In attendance: Councillor Shabir Pandor, Deputy Leader of the Council  
Councillor Liz Smaje, Lead Member for the Health and  
Social Care Scrutiny Panel  
Richard Dunne, Principal Governance & Democratic  
Engagement Officer, responsible for servicing the Health  
and Social Care Scrutiny Panel

Alaina McGlade, Governance & Democratic Engagement  
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Observers: Richard Dunne, Principal Governance & Democratic  
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and Social Care Scrutiny Panel  
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Officer  
Councillor Shabir Pandor, Deputy Leader of the Council &  
the Labour Group  
Councillor Elizabeth Smaje, Lead Member for the Health  
and Social Care Scrutiny Panel

#### **15 Membership of Committee**

All members of the Committee were present.

#### **16 Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The Committee considered the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 4 July 2016.

**RESOLVED** – That the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 4 July 2016 be approved as a correct record.

**17 Interests**

There were no interests declared.

**18 Admission of the Public**

It was agreed that all items would be considered in public session.

**19 Cabinet Priorities 2016/17**

Councillor Shabir Pandor, Deputy Leader of the Council, attended the meeting to provide the Committee with an update on the cabinet priorities for the forthcoming year.

The Deputy Leader of the Council reiterated the previous year's priorities relating to meeting the reduced budget targets and advised that by 2018/19, the Council's reserves would run out. The principal challenge to the Cabinet was to effectively manage the finances to sustain Council operations.

The Deputy Leader highlighted the following areas as the main priorities:

- \* Economic Resilience
- \* Early Intervention and Prevention
- \* Early Help Engagement
- \* Future Vision for Museums, Galleries, Arts and Creative Industries services
- \* Cabinet involvement in the development of the Local Plan
- \* Building Services/ KNH Merger
- \* Strategic Investment in the district (North and South Kirklees)
- \* Communities and Cohesion
- \* All Age Disability Services
- \* Joint Working with the NHS
- \* Asset Disposals
- \* New Government Policy Changes
- \* Children's Services Development
- \* Continuing to Develop our Collaborative Approach with Schools
- \* Ofsted Inspection
- \* Budget
- \* Corporate Plan for 2017/18

The Deputy Leader advised that Scrutiny involvement in the Economic Resilience Strategy and Programme of Implementation for Museums and Galleries would be helpful. He also suggested that the Committee to request a copy of Section 27 of the Housing Act to explain the legal aspect of the KNH/ Building Services contract, prior to receiving an update on this item.

An in-depth discussion on the potential impact of the Brexit vote took place and Cllr Pandor assured the Panel that these considerations were already being addressed within discussions at a regional level. The Panel highlighted their view regarding the

requirement for research to take place on implications specifically relating to Kirklees and strategic partners, especially in relation to funding received from the European Union. They also felt that, should this work be undertaken sooner, rather than later, Kirklees could be ahead of the game when the time came for voicing the requirements of individual authorities.

**RESOLVED –**

(1) That Cllr Pandor be thanked for attending the meeting to provide the Committee with the Cabinet priorities for the forthcoming municipal year.

(2) That the Cabinet priorities outlined by the Deputy Leader be noted and further considered as part of future work programming.

(3) That the Panel recommend research on the impact of Brexit in relation to EU funding be undertaken, specifically highlighting funding streams within Kirklees and any potential impact as a result of leaving the EU, potential replacement funding for any areas of loss and also, procurement opportunities across key partners.

(4) That the Panel recommends that urgent priority be given to the Asset Disposal strategy and that the use of ward councillors in this strategy, through appropriate communication channels, be considered.

(5) That consideration be given to the development of an improved communication strategy in relation to sharing safeguarding issues with ward councillors in their role of corporate parents.

**20 Health and Social Care Scrutiny Panel Work Programme**

Councillor Liz Smaje, Lead Member for the Health and Social Care Scrutiny Panel attended the Committee meeting to provide an update on the work of the Health and Social Care Scrutiny Panel.

To support the discussion a copy of the Health and Social Care Scrutiny Panel Work Programme had been circulated with the agenda.

Councillor Smaje took the Management Committee through the work programme and highlighted the progress made on a number of issues, including:

- \* Changes to the GP Contracts and implications for Kirklees – This item was to be combined with the Primary Care Strategy item.
- \* Proposed changes to the Podiatry Service in Greater Huddersfield – The Panel was awaiting attendance from Locala at one of their panel meetings.
- \* Early Intervention and Prevention (EIP) – The Chair highlighted the need for cross working on this item between the Management Committee and the Health Panel, with Cllr Smaje being invited to attend the EIP update at the Management Committee in October 2016.
- \* An update on the Joint Health Scrutiny work including the current position regarding the Right Care, Right Time, Right Place programme in Calderdale

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and Kirklees Council and the implementation of Meeting the Change programme across the Mid Yorkshire Hospitals Trust.

### **RESOLVED -**

(1) That Councillor Liz Smaje and Richard Dunne be thanked for attending the meeting.

(2) That the update on the work of the Health and Social Care Scrutiny Panel be received and noted.

## **21 Date of Next Meeting/ OSMC Work Programme**

The Management Committee considered a draft of a proposed work programme for the 2016/17 municipal year.

Within the discussion the following issues were identified;

- \* Consideration of the draft Local Plan.
- \* Circulation of a copy of Section 27 of the Housing Act to explain the legal aspect of the KNH/ Building Services contract.
- \* Consideration of the list of buildings highlighted for disposal/ transfer, broken down to ward level, if available.
- \* That an item on the Complaints Annual Report be scheduled for the October meeting.
- \* Play Strategy and the Future Waste Management Contract – pre-scrutiny work to be undertaken in September 2016, subject to portfolio holders having received updates on these areas prior to this meeting.
- \* Continuing to monitor previous recommendations, accepting that some recommendations had been signed off as complete and should not be re-visited.

The Management Committee also considered arrangements for meetings for the remainder of the municipal year.

### **RESOLVED -**

(1) That meetings of Management Committee be held on the following dates;

5 September 2016  
26 September 2016  
17 October 2016  
7 November 2016  
28 November 2016  
6 January 2017  
23 January 2017  
13 February 2017  
6 March 2017  
27 March 2017  
24 April 2017

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(2) All meetings to start at 9.30am in Huddersfield Town Hall.