

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Meeting held on Thursday, 1st November, 2018 at the Council Offices, Farnborough at 7.00 pm.

Voting Members

Cllr M.D. Smith (Chairman)
Cllr Mrs. D.B. Bedford (Vice-Chairman)
Cllr J.B. Canty (Vice-Chairman)

Cllr T.D. Bridgeman
Cllr M.S. Choudhary
Cllr R.M. Cooper
Cllr K. Dibble
Cllr Veronica Graham-Green
Cllr Nadia Martin
Cllr B.A. Thomas

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Cllr B. Jones

14. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 13th September, 2018 were agreed as a correct record.

15. INVESTMENT IN COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

The Committee considered the Executive Directors Report No. ED1807, which set out the background to the Council's current position relating to commercial property and identified the way forward.

The Council's Executive Head of Regeneration and Property, Mr. Paul Brooks attended the meeting. Mr. Brooks explained that his team were currently looking in more detail at the processes used to invest in commercial property and requested that more time was allowed to gather the information requested by the Committee.

It was **AGREED** that detailed consideration of this item would be deferred to the meeting of the Committee on 31st January, 2019.

16. EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

The Committee received a presentation by Mr. Andrew Colver, Head of Democracy, Strategy and Partnerships, providing an update on education and skills in Rushmoor and the recent Key Stage 2 (KS2) and Key Stage 4 (KS4) results.

The presentation, highlighted educational levels of the working age population, Ofsted reports and the KS2 and KS4 results. The schools "requiring improvement",

according to Ofsted, were noted. It was advised that during 2017, the progress of pupils in some schools, at KS2, was below the national average in reading, writing and maths. However, 67% of schools had results above the England average in 2017 and 72% in 2016, the 2018 results were due in December, 2018.

It was explained that the KS4 GCSE results had shown that three secondary schools (Fernhill, Alderwood and Cove) were performing “below” or “well below” the average and only Wavell had an “average” score in the Progress 8 results. Wavell was also performing at the same level or slightly above the Hampshire and England averages for Attainment 8. In respect of the English and Maths GCSE grades 4/5, Wavell was the only secondary school in the Borough performing above the Hampshire and England averages. The Committee was also advised of the number of young people being entered for the English Baccalaureate, the numbers entering had varied over the past three years, but Wavell remained consistent with the number of pupils being entered. The results for 2017/18 showed that Wavell scored higher than the Hampshire and England averages. The 2017/18 provisional GCSE results showed that Wavell had scored “average” or “above average” in all areas. However, Cove, Fernhill and Alderwood were a cause for concern, scoring “below average” or “well below average”. It was noted that Cove and Fernhill had, in the past, had difficulty maintaining staff; this situation appeared to have been resolved recently and most available positions had been filled by full time teaching staff. It was hoped that this positive change would translate into wider improvements going forward.

The Committee noted that Hampshire County Council (HCC), being the education authority, was striving to make improvements within the schools in the Rushmoor area. The Council was also involved in a range of initiatives, which had been introduced to support the secondary schools: these included mock interviews, careers days/events, mental health support and years 10 and 11 work placements. The Council was also working with students at the Farnborough College of Technology on a shadowing programme with Elected Members. It was reported that the Leader of the Council and the Cabinet had held meetings with headteachers and would continue to discuss issues, provide support and liaise with HCC to seek to address the challenges.

The Committee was asked to consider the issues raised and whether educational attainment issue could be taken forward as a project.

The Committee discussed the presentation and concerns were raised regarding the high turnover of staff in some schools and the support provided to those teachers in post. The number of children with special educational needs was also raised as an issue as were concerns around the effects of deprivation and lack of support from parents. It was recognised that the Council’s role in this was limited but it was felt that it should be prioritised for further consideration.

The Committee **AGREED** that the way forward would be discussed further at a meeting of the Progress Group with a view to developing a project.

17. **NORTH HAMPSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP - UPDATE FROM SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

The Vice-Chairman (Cllr Jonathan Canty) updated the Committee on a recent meeting of the North East Hampshire Community Safety Partnership, which he had attended as the Council's representative. It was noted that the primary focus of the Partnership's work was on strategic assessment and performance.

Cllr Canty advised that there were gaps in the data being provided. The Police and Crime Commissioner's office had introduced a new data package, which was hoped would improve the way in which the data was captured.

The Strategic Assessment highlighted current trends. It was noted that, overall, the crime rate had risen in North East Hampshire and this was attributed to the way in which crimes were recorded. For example, in recent times there had been an increase in reports of historic sexual offences, which had skewed the figures. The two main areas for concern in the local area were anti-social behaviour and domestic violence related crimes. A number of recommendations had been made at the meeting, in particular:

- To develop the work around vulnerability with a focus on complex issues
- To consider the rolling out the Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPO's) across Hampshire.
- To pilot the "Making Every Adult Matter" initiative in Basingstoke, with the aim to roll it out across the county.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Canty for his update and it was **AGREED** that the issues would be considered in more detail at a future meeting of the Progress Group.

18. **WORK PLAN**

The Committee noted the current work programme.

The meeting closed at 8.07 pm.

CLLR M.D. SMITH (CHAIRMAN)

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POLICY AND PROJECT ADVISORY BOARD

Meeting held on Wednesday, 21st November, 2018 at the Council Offices, Farnborough at 7.00 pm.

Voting Members

Cllr A.R. Newell (Chairman)
Cllr Sophia Choudhary (Vice-Chairman)
Cllr Marina Munro (Vice-Chairman)

Cllr J.B. Canty
Cllr A.H. Crawford
Cllr P.I.C. Crerar
Cllr Mara Makunura
Cllr M.J. Roberts
Cllr P.F. Rust
Cllr J.E. Woolley

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Cllr R.L.G. Dibbs.

17. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meetings held on 19th and 26th September, 2018 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

18. HEALTH AND WELLBEING IN RUSHMOOR

The Board received a copy of the Community Audit which studied the effects school and local environments had on childhood obesity rates in the Borough of Rushmoor which was published in October 2018. The Council's Health and Physical Activity Officer highlighted the key messages in the Audit and the Board was asked to consider the priority actions to be taken forward.

The purpose of the study was to examine potential influences within school catchment environments which could be contributing to the above average levels of younger years' obesity in the Borough. All 29 infant, junior and primary schools across Rushmoor were included in the audit which had received a 100% return rate. The survey had asked schools for data around health and physical activity promotion, services or schemes that were provided relating to outdoor spaces, school and packed lunches, healthy eating education, extra-curricular sport activities and active travel to school. The study highlighted that, in catchment areas where there was relatively high deprivation affecting children, the weights of Year R and Year 6 children were significantly above the Hampshire average. Those school catchments with good open spaces and leisure facilities and a lower number of takeaway restaurants in the vicinity of the school had lower obesity rates.

There were a number of recommendations in the Audit that could be progressed in the short term, which included linking the Active Travel Team to schools not registered, encouraging all schools to sign up to the Daily/Golden Mile scheme, helping schools to access facilities to promote physical activity, and provide the survey outcomes so that best practice could be shared. The short-term recommendations had already been actioned or were in the process of being actioned. One of the medium/longer term actions was for the Council to establish a Local Action Group, with stakeholders to drive forward the work required to effect change within Rushmoor.

As a result a Local Action Group had been established with members from Public Health, representatives from six schools in the Borough and Hampshire County Council. A workshop was scheduled to discuss the recommendations in the report around supporting communities and creating healthy environments, improving eating habits and increasing activity, and education and promotion. The Local Action Group would aim to develop a series of ideas to be developed with the priority schools to reduce the obesity rates over the coming years.

The Board discussed the Audit data and recommendations and raised a number of issues for the Local Action Group and the Council to consider:

- Accessible outdoor space recommendations to be fed into the Southwood Park Management Plan.
- The policy on saturation of takeaways in one particular area to be addressed by Planning Services.
- Include health visitors as a group able to advise new parents.
- Work with takeaways restaurants to explore offering healthier alternative options.
- Work with Rushmoor Healthy Living to address home and family life issues.
- Run an achievement event at the end of the year for the most improved schools.
- Reference the [Local Government Association's Healthy Weights, Healthy Futures](#) document which showcased a number of actions being undertake across the country to tackle childhood obesity.

The recommendations from the Board would be reported to the Local Action Group for consideration. The actions agreed at the Local Action Group would be reported to the Progress Group. A progress report on the actions would be compiled which would be monitored by the Progress Group and any substantive issues would be reported back to the Board.

Action to be taken	By whom	When
Report issues raised by the Advisory Board to the next meeting of the Local Action Group	Martin Sterio	December 2018
Follow up Planning Policy issue on saturation of takeaways	Paul Brooks	December 2018
Report back on actions agreed by the Local Action Group to the Progress Group	Martin Sterio	February 2019
Compile a report for the actions agreed for the Progress Group to monitor and report substantive issues back to the Advisory Board.	Justine Davie	February 2019

19. DEVELOPMENT OF REGENERATION POLICY - ADVISORY BOARD ROLE

The Advisory Board considered the Joint Report ED1809 from the Executive Director and Head of Regeneration and Property which set out options and issues regarding the Advisory Board role in the development of the Council's regeneration policy. The Advisory Board had previously agreed that regeneration related matters should be considered by the Progress Group and/or the Advisory Board and then passed on to the relevant Task and Finish Group for further consideration. However, the Progress Group requested further information on the key regeneration work expected over the coming 12 months to agree which groups should be involved in each area.

The areas where key regeneration decisions would be required over the coming 12 months were set out as follows:

- Aldershot Town Centre Strategy
- Farnborough Civic Quarter and Masterplan engagement
- The Galleries scheme and other major planning applications by third parties
- Rushmoor Development Partnership (RDP) site proposals for the RDP Business Plan
- Farnborough Growth Package
- Strategies supporting or related to regeneration e.g. parking, housing, electric vehicles, open spaces

The Advisory Board discussed each of the areas of work and agreed that the Aldershot Town Centre Strategy should be reported to the full Advisory Board early in the New Year. The Galleries scheme was discussed and Members were concerned at the length of time it was taking for decisions to be made. The Advisory Board was advised that regular meetings were being held with the developer and, once an application was agreed, it was proposed that the Members of the Advisory Board should be engaged with any consultation activities. The Progress Group could then consider if any further action was required.

It was proposed that the Advisory Board should be consulted on the RDP business plan for key sites and could make recommendations to Cabinet where required. It was expected that the outline of the business plan would be finalised in Summer 2019.

A workshop was being held on 3rd January on the Farnborough Civic Quarter and all Members of the Advisory Board were encouraged to attend, if required an item could be included on a future agenda if Members wished to recommend any matters to the RDP or Cabinet. It was agreed that the Farnborough Civic Quarter Masterplan should also be reported to the full Advisory Board. The public engagement on the Farnborough Civic Quarter Masterplan was discussed and officers were encouraged to ensure that public engagement was interactive and well publicised. It was agreed that any strategies supporting or related to regeneration be reported to the full Advisory Board.

The Advisory Board supported that all issues relating to regeneration policy and consultation should be reported to the Progress Group and/or the full Advisory

Board. It was agreed, as a consequence, that the Farnborough Regeneration Task and Finish Group and the Aldershot Regeneration Task and Finish Group should be dissolved as the issues were of significant importance and of interest to all Members of the Advisory Board.

Action to be taken	By whom	When
Work programme to be updated to include reports on the areas of regeneration activity discussed.	Justine Davie	December 2018
Members of the Advisory Board attend consultation workshops and events and bring issues forward to the Progress Group where required.	All Advisory Board Members	Ongoing

20. **WORK PROGRAMME**

The Board **NOTED** the work programme. It was requested that a report was circulated to the full Advisory Board on the issues discussed by the Progress Group and progress reports should be provided from the task and finish groups.

Action to be taken	By whom	When
Provide an update from the Progress Group and task and finish groups at each Advisory Board meeting	Chairman/Vice Chairman	January 2019

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm.

CLLR A.R. NEWELL (CHAIRMAN)
