

SCRUTINY CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE**18th July, 2007**

Members Present:- Councillor Arrowsmith
Councillor Mrs. Bigham (Substitute for Councillor Duggins)
Councillor Mrs. Harper (Substitute for Councillor Williams)
Councillor Ms. Hunter
Councillor Lee
Councillor Maton
Councillor Mutton
Councillor Ridge

Employees Present:- P. Barnett (Chief Executive's Directorate)
R. Hughes (Head of Corporate Policy)
J. Jardine (Chief Executive's Directorate)
C. Steele (Chief Executive's Directorate)
A. Townsend (Customer and Workforce Services Directorate)

Apologies:- Councillor Clifford
Councillor Duggins
Councillor Williams

17. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

18. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 27th June, 2007, were signed as a true record.

19. Call-Ins Stage 1

The Committee noted that no call-ins had been received yet that week. The deadline for call-ins of Cabinet and Cabinet Member decisions made during the week commencing 9th July, 2007, was 9.00 a.m. on Friday 20th July, 2007. Any call-ins received after this meeting and before that deadline would be considered for validity by the Chair of the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee in consultation with the Director of Legal and Democratic Services (Paragraph 5.4.5.25.4 of the City Council's Constitution refers).

20. Scrutiny Board Work Programmes 2007/08

The Committee considered proposed work programmes for the four Scrutiny Boards for the 2007/08 Municipal Year noting that these would change during the year in order to respond to changing circumstances; this Committee would receive quarterly updates on the work of each Scrutiny Board over the course of the year. Specific comments made on work programmes are set out below:-

Scrutiny Board (1)

- The Committee noted that the approach to be taken to work on sickness absence levels would be different this Municipal Year by concentrating on specific problem areas rather than asking all Directors to attend.

Scrutiny Board (2)

- Some work areas potentially crossed with Scrutiny Board (4), for example the teenage pregnancy item planned for 3rd October, 2007. It was noted that this item was a follow up to a conference held in May 2007; Scrutiny Board (4) were likely to be concentrating more on sexual health rather than teenage pregnancy. More generally when issues of common interest occurred consideration would be given to inviting other members as appropriate.
- The Committee noted the proposed format of the meeting with the Youth Council and the approach to be taken with any interface with them.
- The Committee debated the implications of the Review of Sub-National Economic Development and Regeneration on further education in particular the move to transfer funding from Learning and Skills Councils to Local Authorities' ring-fenced education budgets and the involvement of Scrutiny in commenting on any consultation.

Scrutiny Board (3)

- The Board would be considering the CV One Business Plan later that day, all members had been invited to attend for this item.
- The Chair agreed to provide an informal briefing to this Committee on progress with the IKEA store and surrounding areas after the meeting of the Scrutiny Board (3) in September.
- Although Housing was covered by this Board there were no issues currently identified in the work programme; officers would be meeting with officers shortly to identify current issues in this area.

Scrutiny Board (4)

- The plan was currently incomplete as it did not yet include Community Services' issues which should be available by 4th August, 2007.
- The Committee questioned why the meeting on 19th March, 2008, was concentrating on the City Centre LIFT Project and it was suggested that the Foleshill project was more of a priority. The officer explained that the PCT had previously consulted on plans for the City Centre LIFT Project but nothing happened since then; this meeting was to establish the current position.
- It was suggested that when considering the impact in the implementation of the ban on smoking in enclosed public places and work places that the

Board should also investigate any associated increases in binge drinking. Some licensed premises were not permitting drinks to be taken outside, patrons not wishing to leave their drinks unattended were consuming drinks quickly before leaving the premises to smoke.

RESOLVED:-

- (1) That the work programmes for Scrutiny Boards (1), (2), (3) and (4) be approved and that the comments made as outlined above be taken on board where appropriate.**
- (2) That officers be requested to provide an overview for all Elected Members on the recently launched Government review of sub-national economic development and regeneration.**

21. Outstanding Issues

The Committee considered and noted a report of the Director of Legal and Democratic Services that identified those issues on which further reports had been requested in order that Members could monitor progress.

22. Work Programme 2007/08

The Committee considered and noted the work programme for the Scrutiny Co-Ordination Committee for the 2007/08 Municipal Year noting that an informal meeting would be held on 1st August to plan lines of questioning for consideration of the Cabinet Member (Policy, Leadership and Governance) Strategic Plan on 8th August, 2007.

23. Other Business

There was no other business.