

Executive Scrutiny Committee

A meeting of Executive Scrutiny Committee was held on Tuesday, 5th April, 2011.

Present: Cllr Robert Gibson (Chairman), Cllr Mrs Ann Cains, Cllr Dick Cains, Cllr Ken Dixon, Cllr David Harrington, Cllr Miss Tina Large, Cllr Colin Leckonby, Cllr Mrs Jean O'Donnell, Cllr Maurice Perry, Cllr Andrew Sherris, Cllr Mick Stoker.

Officers: Lesley King (PP); Graham Birtle, Fiona McKie, Judith Trainer (LD).

Also in attendance:

Apologies: were submitted on behalf of Cllr Julia Cherrett, Cllr Liz Nesbitt, Cllr Mrs Maureen Rigg, Cllr Bill Woodhead and Mr Paul Connaughton.

EXC 61/10 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Harrington declared a personal/non prejudicial interest in relation to Agenda Item No. 5 due to being an employee of the Library Service for Middlesbrough Borough Council.

Cllr Leckonby declared a personal/non prejudicial interest in relation to Agenda Item No. 7 further to being a member of the Stockton Cycling Club.

EXC 62/10 Minutes for Signing - 4th January and 8th February, 2011

The minutes of the meeting of 4th January and 8th February, 2011 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

EXC 63/10 Draft Minutes of Previous Meeting

The draft minutes of the meeting were agreed by the Committee subject to some minor amendments.

EXC 64/10 Q3 Improvement Report - Performance

Members were provided with a report that outlined the progress against service performance for the third quarter of 2010/11. It highlighted achievements, areas for improvement, consultation activity undertaken, summary of Freedom of Information (FOI) requests, complaints, commendations and comments, RIPA update and provides details of suggestions from the staff suggestion scheme.

It was requested that further detail be circulated to Members by email on the FOI requests.

Discussion was held on the successful performance of the Road Safety Team, and it was stated that an article should be placed in Stockton News highlighting this.

Members discussed the footfall figures in Libraries and it was reported that figures may not be comparable with other Boroughs as many have different lending times, which could therefore affect footfall.

RESOLVED that the report and comments be noted.

EXC **Cycling on Pavements (Task and Finish Group)**

65/10

Members were provided with the final report of the Executive Scrutiny Committee Task and Finish Group report on Cycling on Pavements.

It was reported that the report would be presented to Cabinet in the new municipal year following the elections.

It was suggested that a copy of the report be sent to the Over 50's Assembly for information.

RESOLVED that the report be approved and forwarded to the next Cabinet meeting.

EXC **Select Committee Work Programme**

66/10

Members were presented with a referral from Council to examine the issues around gated communities and requested that the Executive Scrutiny Committee appoint a task and finish group after the May elections.

RESOLVED that a task and finish group following the May elections to examine the issue be appointed.

EXC **Forward Plan**

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Members were provided with the statutory forward plan for 1st April 2011 - 31st July 2011.

RESOLVED that the forward plan be noted.

EXC **Report on Chairs Updates**

68/10

The Chairs provided a summary of the reviews that they had undertaken during the Municipal Years 2007/08 to 2010/11 and highlighted the key outcomes and impact of these reviews.

RESOLVED that the Chairs updates be noted.