

Executive Scrutiny Committee

A meeting of Executive Scrutiny Committee was held on Tuesday, 20th February, 2018.

Present: Cllr David Harrington(Chairman), Cllr Mrs Sylvia Walmsley(Vice-Chairman), Cllr Sonia Bailey, Cllr Louise Baldock, Cllr Carol Clark, Cllr Chris Clough, Cllr Gillian Corr, Cllr Lynn Hall, Cllr Mrs Jean O'Donnell, Cllr Norma Stephenson O.B.E., Cllr Matthew Vickers, Cllr David Wilburn.

Officers: Judy Trainer, Peter Mennear, Kirsty Wannop(DCE)

Also in attendance: None

Apologies: Cllr Derrick Brown, Cllr Lisa Grainge, Cllr Tony Hampton, Cllr Eileen Johnson, Cllr Laura Tunney, Peter Snowden.

ESC 51/17 **Evacuation Procedure**

The evacuation procedure and filming of meetings was noted.

ESC 52/17 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no interests declared.

ESC 53/17 **Scrutiny Review of Security at Preston Park**

Members considered the final report from the Crime and Disorder Select Committee for the Scrutiny Review of Security at Preston Park.

AGREED that the final report be noted.

ESC 54/17 **Statutory Forward Plan**

The statutory forward plan was noted.

ESC 55/17 **Select Committee Chairs' Updates**

The Committee was provided with Select Committee updates

Members were given opportunity to ask questions/make comments that could be summarised as follows:-

Place

- Discussion was held around the information given to blue badge holders regarding the use of the blue badges to make sure they understood the use of it.

Crime and Disorder

- The Chair of Crime and Disorder provided an update on the work of the Select Committee.

- At November meeting of Executive Scrutiny the Chair of Crime and Disorder declared an interest as he had previously worked for a company who carried out the market research on SIRF. During the discussions a Cllr mentioned that they believed the research had not been undertaken appropriately. Following this the Monitoring Officer carried out an investigation

and it was questioned whether this should be reported back to the Committee.

CYP

- Members discussed school inclusion and some schools policies regarding uniform and behaviour being unfair, but acknowledged that sometimes excluding for disruptive children was the right choice.

ASCH

- Members discussed Queensway Dental practice no longer accepting NHS patients and the impact that would have on patients. Members questioned how many patients had felt pressured to pay for private dental care because of this. Members of ASCH Committee were due to visit Queensway in order to discuss with the Practice and to see how patients could be supported to find alternatives. It was asked whether this was the only practice no longer accepting NHS patients as Oasis Dental Care Yarm has recently become part of BUPA?

AGREED that the Select Committee Chairs' Updates be noted and information requested be brought back if appropriate.

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Chair's Update and Executive Scrutiny Work Programme

The Chair emphasised the need for Scrutiny Liaison Forum to be mindful of the Select Committees workloads when discussing the work programme for the next year and requested the Committee support this. It was noted that a vote was held and agreed unanimously that it was the desire of Executive Scrutiny that the outstanding items from the current 2017/18 work programme should be concluded before Select Committees take on items from the 2018/19 Work Programme

Members also discussed the late arrival of some papers at meeting and requested that efforts be made by officers to have items to Members at the earliest opportunity.

AGREED that the work programme be noted.

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Scrutiny Developments

The Regional Scrutiny Network meeting was scheduled for 24th April 2018. It would be circulated to Chairs and Vice Chairs appropriately.