

## SCRUTINY BOARD (SUSTAINABLE ECONOMY AND CULTURE)

TUESDAY, 18TH MARCH, 2014

**PRESENT:** Councillor M Rafique in the Chair

Councillors D Cohen, M Lyons,  
P Wadsworth, M Ingham, J McKenna,  
D Coupar, J Marjoram and N Walshaw

### 89 Late Items

There were no formal late items of business to consider. However the Chair agreed to accept the following items as supplementary information:

- Agenda item 11, Work Schedule – Minutes of the Executive Board meeting on 5 March 2014 (Minute 97 refers)

### 90 Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

There were no disclosable pecuniary interests declared at the meeting.

### 91 Apologies for Absence and Notification of Substitutes

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Harington, with Councillor Walshaw in attendance as a substitute, and from Councillors Castle and Khan.

### 92 Minutes - 18 February 2014

**RESOLVED** – That the minutes of the meeting held on 18 February 2014 be confirmed as a correct record.

### 93 Request for Scrutiny

The Board considered a request for scrutiny on behalf of the 20's Plenty for Us campaign group. Mark Lansdown attended the meeting to present the request on behalf of the group.

The following issues were raised in discussion:

- The potential benefits of adopting a 20mph limit over contiguous zones
- Policing and enforcement
- The importance of educating the public to accept a 20mph limit
- Using accident data and case studies to support the inquiry
- Cross-border implications on the edges of the district
- The views of schools

**RESOLVED** – That the request for scrutiny by the 20's Plenty for Us campaign group be accepted, with an inquiry to take place in the new municipal year.

### 94 Scrutiny Inquiry - The role of the Leeds Let's Get Active Scheme in promoting public health

The Board considered a progress report on the Leeds Let's Get Active (LLGA) Scheme as part of its ongoing inquiry into the role of the scheme in promoting public health.

Councillor Illingworth joined the Board for this item, as Chair of the Health & Wellbeing & Adult Social Care Scrutiny Board.

In attendance to address the Board and answer Members' queries were:

- Councillor Lucinda Yeadon, Executive Member for Leisure & Skills
- Cluny Macpherson, Chief Officer Culture and Sport
- Mark Allman – Head of Sport & Active Lifestyles
- Rachel Brighton – Project Lead – Leeds Let's Get Active
- David O'Loan - Acting Business Manager, Sport and Active Lifestyles
- Cheryl Squire – Health Improvement Principal – Obesity & Healthy Living
- Steve Zwolinsky – Research Officer, Centre for Men's Health, Leeds Metropolitan University

The following issues were raised in discussion:

- Updated information that 21,000 people have now signed up for the scheme, with 41,000 attendances
- The extension of the community offer from the 10% to the 20% most deprived super output areas (SOAs)
- Strong support for the scheme and its objectives from Board members
- Acknowledgement that this was a pilot scheme and that the focus of the pilot was on delivery through leisure centres, but also strong concern about how to address the needs of deprived communities that do not have local access to leisure centres, outside of the LLGA scheme
- Confirmation that take up of the scheme was generally higher in the more deprived areas
- Acknowledgement that on-line registration had been an issue, particularly as the launch of the scheme had coincided with the introduction of new leisure management software
- All participants are asked to complete a baseline questionnaire which has external accreditation
- Discussion of the merits of accelerometers as an accurate measure of activity, offset by the expense of such an approach at £120-£200 per item
- The need for local members to be more involved in and informed about the development of activities in their wards
- A commitment to continue working with Quarry House to enable some provision to be offered there outside of the LLGA scheme
- The need to consider future sustainability of the project and its benefits
- Work being done to follow-up people who have signed up to the scheme but not yet attended an activity
- A request that further consideration be given to offering some single-sex provision
- The positive support received at the Health and Wellbeing Board the previous week, including support from Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs)

The Board agreed that it wished to receive a further progress report in the autumn, once the scheme has been running for a year, and that this should include data on rates of participation from deprived areas.

**RESOLVED** – That the report be noted and that a further progress report be provided once the scheme has been running for a year.

#### **95 Quarter 3 Performance report**

The Board considered a report on performance against the strategic priorities for the council and city relevant to its portfolio for quarter 3. In attendance to address the Board and answer Members' queries were:

- Paul Maney, Head of Strategic Planning, Policy & Performance
- Karen Bunce, Senior Performance & Improvement Manager

The following issues were raised in discussion:

- A detailed update on the action on the low carbon priority would be provided as part of the partnership scrutiny item at the Board's next meeting on 1 April
- Members noted that development of the adult skills strategy was on target
- That the targets and milestones in Appendix 2 would be updated for 2014/15 to reflect the new Best Council Plan. This would include new milestones in relation to the Local Development Framework.

**RESOLVED** – That the quarter 3 performance information be noted and that the Board confirms that the volume of performance information appended to the report is at the right level.

(Councillor Marjoram left the meeting at 11.25am during discussion of this item.)

#### **96 Recommendation tracking**

The Board considered a progress report on outstanding recommendations from previous scrutiny inquiries. The Board considered 3 recommendations.

With regard to recommendation 3 of the inquiry on the engagement of young people in cultural, sporting and recreational activities, it was agreed to continue to monitor progress, with a further report after the summer Breeze programme.

With regard to recommendations 5 and 12 of the inquiry into maximising powers to promote, influence and create local employment and skills opportunities, the Board agreed to sign off both recommendations as achieved.

The recommendation tracking report was accompanied by an annual report on delivering employment and training opportunities through the council's procurement and planning functions. In attendance to address the Board and answer Members' queries on the annual report were:

- Sue Wynne, Chief Officer Employment and Skills
- Tracey Greig, Employment Leeds

The Board noted the progress being made and stressed the importance of using the learning from experience to date to influence future development.

Members requested that brief details of the schemes currently being progressed be circulated to them for information. They also requested a further annual report on the success of the new policy framework be provided in a year's time, as part of scrutiny's ongoing performance monitoring role.

**RESOLVED –**

(a) That the Scrutiny Board approves the status of recommendations as set out above.

(b) That a further annual report on the delivery of employment and training opportunities through the council's procurement and planning functions be brought to the Board in spring 2015.

(Councillor Wadsworth left the meeting at 12.00 at the conclusion of this item.)

**97 Work Schedule**

The Board received a report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development which set out the latest version of the Board's work schedule.

**RESOLVED –** That the work schedule be agreed.

**98 Date and Time of Next Meeting**

Tuesday 1 April at 10.00am (a pre-meeting will start at 9.30am for Board members.)

(The meeting finished at 12.05pm)