

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 29 September 2015 at the Town Hall, Royal Leamington Spa at 6.00 pm.

Present: Councillor Boad (Chairman); Councillors Cain, Mrs Cain, D'Arcy, Davison, Edgington, Miss Grainger, Margrave, Parkins and Weed.

Also Present: Councillors Gallagher and Grainger.

There were no apologies.

21. **Substitutes**

Councillor Cain substituted for Councillor Mrs Redford and Councillor Weed substituted for Councillor Naimo.

22. **Declarations of Interest**

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Councillor Miss Grainger declared an interest because she was a Member of Royal Leamington Spa Town Council.

23. **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 2 September 2015 were taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

24. **Comments from the Executive**

The Committee considered a report from Democratic Services which detailed the responses the Executive gave to the comments the Overview and Scrutiny Committee made regarding the reports submitted to the Executive at the beginning of September.

Resolved that the report be noted.

25. **Portfolio Holder Update - Cultural Services**

The Portfolio Holder for Cultural Services, Councillor Gallagher, gave an update on Cultural Services. In response to questions, she informed the Committee that:

- Russell Watson would be appearing at the Spa Centre. Ticket sales at £45 per head were doing well. It was intended to attract more visitors to the Spa Centre by attracting some well-known celebrities to perform there.
- The Active Summer promotion had been a huge success. 840 summer passes had been sold at £25 per pass. The plan was to convert as many of these into full membership as possible. So far 126 of the summer pass sales had been converted into full membership.

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- Other initiatives were being pursued to encourage people who were not regular users of the leisure facilities, in particular, women. For example, the number of people swimming was decreasing, so marketing ideas such as “buy one get one free” were being considered.
- It was hoped that people would be encouraged to use the leisure facilities more as a result of other campaigns that were being run. Councillor Gallagher cited the Family Lifestyles campaign as an example of this.
- £80,000 savings/income generation had been achieved in the Service Area as a result of “Fit for the Future” initiatives. The Service Area had already achieved its planned savings target for 2015/16. It was hoped to increase this amount by income generation initiatives.
- The Head of Service was asked to provide Councillors with figures on what proportion of activities were being continued and what were not, following the end of the Sky Blues scheme.
- Councillor Gallagher was pleased to report that the deficit on the Spa Centre cinema had been cut. It was hoped that its takings by the end of the year would result in a profit. Live broadcasts had proved very successful.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Gallagher for answering the questions.

26. The Public Services (Social Value) Act

The Committee considered a report from Finance on how this Council was implementing The Public Services (Social Value) Act which came into effect at this Council at the end of January 2013. The Act required all public bodies in England and Wales to consider how services they commissioned and procured might improve the economic, social and environmental well-being of the area.

Members requested an update in May 2016 once more services commissioned or procured had been included.

27. Review of the Work Programme & Forward Plan

The Committee considered its work programme for 2015/16 and the latest published version of the Forward Plan.

Work Programme 2015/2016

Review whether current arrangements for Crime and Disorder Scrutiny continue

As the main officer responsible for Crime and Disorder reduction initiatives was unavailable to attend the meeting, the Committee agreed to postpone this item until a future meeting when he would be available.

Health Scrutiny Sub-Committee

At the Committee meeting at the start of September, the Committee had resolved to form a sub-committee to handle health scrutiny, whose membership need not be politically proportionate. It had agreed to

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examine the Terms of Reference of the previous Health Scrutiny Sub-Committee to see if these would form the basis of the newly formed sub-committee's Terms of Reference. It had also agreed that the membership of the newly formed sub-committee would be decided.

Resolved that

- (1) The Terms of Reference (Procedure Rules) as set out in Appendix 3 to the report are agreed for the new sub-committee;
- (2) the membership of the Health Scrutiny Sub-Committee is:

Councillors D'Arcy, Edgington, Parkins and Redford;
- (3) Councillors Mrs Falp, Mrs Knight and Quinney are co-opted members of the sub-committee;
- (4) any member of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee is a substitute member of the Health Scrutiny Sub-Committee; and
- (5) meetings currently scheduled in the Council's Calendar of Meeting for 4.30pm, would be moved to 6pm.

The Committee Services Officer informed Members that the first meeting was scheduled on 24 November.

Forward Plan September 2015 to December 2015

Members noted that several items on the Forward Plan were out of date and requested that a concern be raised to the Executive that the Forward Plan should be kept up to date.

Resolved that the report be noted.

28. Executive Agenda (Non-confidential items and reports) – Wednesday 30 September 2015

The Committee considered the following non-confidential items which would be discussed at the meeting of the Executive on Wednesday 30 September 2015.

Item number 5 – Air Quality Action Plan

The Overview & Scrutiny Committee noted the report and thanked the Portfolio Holder for agreeing to some changes.

29. Public and Press

The Committee agreed that in respect of the Council HQ Relocation Project reports which were split between a non-confidential report and a

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confidential report, it made more sense to discuss the two reports together. But as the main element it wished to discuss was part of the confidential report, the meeting would go into a private session.

Resolved that under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 that the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following three items by reason of the likely disclosure of exempt information within the paragraphs of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, following the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006, as set out below.

Minute No.	Para No.	Reason
30	3	Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)

30. Executive Agenda (Non-confidential and Confidential items and reports) – Wednesday 30 September 2015

The Committee considered the following non-confidential and confidential items which would be discussed at the meeting of the Executive on Wednesday 30 September 2015.

Item numbers 6 & 11 – Council HQ Relocation Project – Parts A & B

The Overview & Scrutiny Committee noted the reports.

(The meeting finished at 7.43 pm)