

**A MEETING OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE  
WAS HELD ON 24 MARCH 2011**

*Subject to approval*

Councillors Bradley, Dickson (P), Forder (Chairman) (P), Foster-Reed, Geddes, Hylands (P), Jacobs (P), Jessop (P), Kimber (P), Scard (P), Mrs Searle and Miss West (P).

**51. APOLOGIES**

An apology for inability to attend the meeting was submitted on behalf of Councillors Geddes and Mrs Searle.

**52. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**53. MINUTES**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2011 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

**54. REPORTS RECEIVED**

(i) DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT

Consideration was given to the Draft Annual Report of the Chairman of Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

The Committee discussed the Annual Report, which received support from Members.

The Chairman wished to thank the Committee and Officers for their hard work over the last year. He also expressed a wish that the Membership remained the same for the next Municipal year.

RESOLVED: That the Draft Annual Report on the work of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the Municipal Year 2010/11 be received and be presented to the Council meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> April 2011.

(ii) DIAL A RIDE

Consideration was given to a verbal update of the Dial a Ride Working Group.

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The Chairman explained that he had hoped that the Financial Services Manager would be present at this meeting but that due to a misunderstanding this had occurred. However, it was agreed that the Financial Services Manager present a progress report to the April meeting of the Dial a Ride Working Group. The Committee were particularly interested in seeing updates relating to the minutes from the January Overview and Scrutiny meeting.

Members expressed their wish for the Dial a Ride scrutiny to be progressed in a timely manner.

It was agreed that Dial a Ride would be discussed at the next meeting of Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Members discussed travel tokens. It was agreed that the Borough Solicitor would send a note to all Members with an up to date position statement on the use of travel tokens.

**Councillor Hylands declared a personal interest in this item and remained in the meeting room.**

RESOLVED: That:

- a) the Financial Services Manager present a progress report at the April meeting of the Dial a Ride Working Group;
- b) Dial a Ride would be discussed at the next meeting of the Committee; and
- c) the Borough Solicitor be requested to send a note to all Members with an up to date position statement on the use of travel tokens.

**55. DEVELOPMENT OF A WORK PROGRAMME**

A) REQUESTS FOR SCRUTINY

No requests had been received.

B) WORK PROGRAMME

RESOLVED: That the Work Programme be noted.

C) OTHER SUGGESTIONS FOR SCRUTINY

No requests were received.

**56. WORK PROGRAMME FOR THE NEXT MUNICIPAL YEAR**

Consideration was given to the work programme for the next Municipal year.

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The Chairman explained how the Committee covers three types of scrutiny:

- 1) reports which have been received and discussed (such as the Disability and Equality Reports);
- 2) scrutiny of aspects of the Council's work (such as the Nursery and Dial a Ride); and
- 3) scrutiny of matters of interest to the Community which the Council does not have a direct influence over (such as post 16 education).

The suggestion was made that the budget making process may be a suitable area for scrutiny. It would focus on the progress of making the budget up to the budget Council meeting, with a view to allow more consideration of amendments prior to the budget meeting.

The suggestion was also made that, how funding was spent by Voluntary bodies, may be a suitable area for scrutiny.

A final suggestion was made for medical accident and emergency services that cover Gosport for scrutiny in the next Municipal Year. It was considered that an advisor with appropriate expertise would be necessary

The Committee would continue its scrutiny of Dial a Ride into the next Municipal Year.

RESOLVED: That the following be put forward as requests for scrutiny in the 2011/12 Municipal Year:

- a) the budget making process;
- b) funding to voluntary bodies;
- c) accident and emergency services that cover Gosport; and
- d) Dial a Ride.

**57. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business to discuss.

The meeting ended at 7.05 p.m.

CHAIRMAN