



SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

16:35 to 18:00

6 April 2017

Present: Councillors Wright (chair), Button (substitute for Coleshill), Davis, Fullman, Grahame, Henderson (substitute for Bogelein) Malik and Peek

Apologies: Councillors Bogelein, Coleshill, Maguire and Packer

1. Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

2. Public questions/petitions

There were no public questions or petitions

3. Minutes

RESOLVED to agree the minutes of the meeting held on 23 March 2017.

4. Norfolk Health Overview and Scrutiny committee update

A written update from the NHOSC representative was tabled at the meeting.

RESOLVED to note the Norfolk Health Overview and Scrutiny update.

5. Food poverty in Norwich

The chair presented the report. He reminded members that the purpose of the item was to formulate recommendations to be taken to cabinet for consideration. Following discussion it was:-

RESOLVED to ask cabinet to consider:-

- (1) trying to access charitable trust funding to resource projects such as social supermarkets
- (2) developing a food poverty strategy to act as an umbrella document for existing actions

- (3) increasing awareness and availability of financial advice and early intervention
- (4) developing community led food literacy projects
- (5) increasing awareness of the Go4less cards which entitle residents to reduced allotment fees; and
- (6) linking older and socially isolated people with good food literacy skills with younger generations in need of such skills

6. Annual review of the scrutiny committee 2016-17

The chair introduced the report. Members discussed including a column to the work programme to show the outcome of actions and also a reference to the informal city accessibility walk that took place on xx June.

- (1) add a column to the work programme within the Annual Review to show the outcome of items
- (2) add a reference to the access walk of Norwich undertaken on 14 July 2016 to the annual review of the scrutiny committee; and
- (3) to recommend the annual scrutiny review for approval at the next available meeting of full council.

7. Exclusion of the public

RESOLVED to exclude the public from the meeting during consideration item *8 (below) on the grounds contained in the relevant paragraphs of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

***8. Asset and investment strategy**

(Charles Mason, NPS Norwich was also present for this item)

The head of city development services presented the report and along with the chief finance officer, answered member's questions.

RESOLVED to

- (1) note the asset and investment strategy; and
- (2) to ask cabinet to consider instead of increasing the delegated authority spending limit for portfolio acquisitions, cabinet instead considers the implementation of a 'fast-track' recorded procedure for purchases retaining wider cabinet member involvement.

CHAIR