



EXECUTIVE

5.30 p.m. – 6.15 p.m.

1 October 2008

Present: Councillor Morphew (Chair), Morrey (Vice Chair), Arthur, Blakeway, Bremner and Sands

Also present: Councillors Jago and Stephenson

Apologies: Councillors Brociek-Coulton and Waters

1. MINUTES

RESOLVED to approve the accuracy of the minutes of the meeting held on 17 September 2008.

2. EVERY CHILD MATTERS

The Head of Community Services introduced the report and together with the Chief Executive and the Deputy Chief Executive responded to questions from members.

Councillor Sands, Executive Member for Children and Young People, said that a significant amount of work had been undertaken in line with the five Every Child Matters' outcomes.

The Deputy Chief Executive confirmed that the Criminal Record Bureau (CRB) system was in place and has been for a number of years. The Head of Community Services said the Council was working closely with voluntary groups to assist them with CRB checks.

Members welcomed the report and the significant amount of work undertaken.

RESOLVED to:-

- (1) note the progress achieved to date;
- (2) confirm its commitment to Every Child Matters by agreeing further actions as detailed in paragraph 6 of the report.

3. FINAL REPORT ON THE JOINT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE REVIEW OF LOCAL BUS SERVICES IN THE GREATER NORWICH AREA

The Head of Transportation and Landscape presented the report and explained that following the Joint Scrutiny Committee's review of local bus services it was concluded that the bus services were performing well, but there were improvements that could be made that would bring benefits to passengers.

Councillor Stephenson considered it would be beneficial for people using the buses if there were a bus user group. Councillor Morrey, Executive Member for Sustainable City Development, said although Norfolk County Council were against a policy group they were in support of a user group.

The Chair congratulated everyone involved and said there was a need to put together an action plan. He said this had been an extremely good exercise and the first time there had been a Joint Scrutiny with other authorities.

RESOLVED to:-

- (1) note the outcome of the Joint Scrutiny Committee review of local bus services in Greater Norwich and the committee's recommendations;
- (2) confirm the Council's response to the committee's recommendations as set out in paragraphs 11 to 22;
- (3) agree to the Council taking a lead in monitoring the outcome of the Scrutiny Committee's recommendations and disseminating this to participating councils alongside bus performance monitoring information provided by the County Council.

4. FUTURE BURIAL PROVISION FOR NORWICH CITY

The Head of Legal and Democratic Services presented the report and answered questions.

Some members expressed concern that there might be distress caused to people by reducing the exclusive right of burial to 25 years.

The Chair said it was important to give the city an opportunity to express a view.

RESOLVED to ask the Scrutiny Committee to consider the report of the Head of Legal and Democratic Services on 'The Future Burial Provision for Norwich City' and report back to Executive by the end of the civic year.

CHAIR