

OUTCOMES OF THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 2011/12

Ref	Resolution	Response/Outcome	State of Play & Further Action Needed
<p>June 2011</p> <p>Minute 11</p>	<p>Resolution: Comments on the Task and Finish Group Report on the Investigations into Shared Services – Item 11</p> <p>That the Strategic Director of Finance, Policy and Governance be requested to present a report to this Committee in 6 months time, regarding an update on shared services, the development of business cases and benefits achieved by the sharing of services.</p> <p>Recommended to Cabinet: That the Report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee Task and Finish Group entitled “Investigation into the potential for Shared Services” be supported.</p> <p><u>Task and Finish Group Recommendations</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That everyone who may be affected by the sharing of a service is involved in discussions at the earliest possible opportunity. 2. That the authority must be aware of, but not unduly averse to risks posed by sharing services. 3. That the authority must ensure sufficient capacity to resource shared service project teams 4. That communication is key and must be central to the process 5. That the Authority promote and increase awareness among officers and members of the existence of the RIEP toolkit for use in future shared services discussions 6. That the authority should ensure sufficient investment in IT systems and migration exists in order that IT compatibility does 	<p>Item added to work programme</p> <p>Cabinet considered this report on 26 July and supported its conclusions and recommendations</p>	<p>Report due to Committee in January 2012</p> <p>Strategic Director of Finance, Policy and Governance to update the Committee in January</p>

	not hinder any potential for sharing services and achieving relevant efficiencies.		
July 2011 Minute 25	<p>Overview and Scrutiny Task and Finish Group Report on Teenagers Facilities In North Hertfordshire</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the Scrutiny Officer be requested to ask for progress reports from external partners involves in the Task and Finish Group on Teenagers Facilities in North Hertfordshire to be presented to the meeting of this Committee due to be held on 7 February 2012; • That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee fully support the recommendations of the Task and Finish Group on Teenagers Facilities in North Hertfordshire and that the report be considered by Cabinet at the meeting due to be held on 26 July 2011. <p><u>Report's Recommendations</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Youth Services should re-establish the district-wide partnership group to address the identified gaps in provision for teenagers; and NHDC should play an active role in supporting it. 2. The partnership group should review how funding is attracted and used in order to provide good, sustainable facilities for teenagers and avoid needless duplication. 3. Public service and voluntary sector providers should maintain and enhance provision and facilities for teenagers, and restructure them where appropriate. 4. Statutory and voluntary agencies, and other organisations 	<p>Request sent to Youth Services</p> <p>Cabinet approved the conclusions and recommendations of the Report; and requested a change of wording of Recommendation (1) to clarify that it is <u>Hertfordshire County Council's</u> Youth Services being requested to re-establish the strategic district-wide partnership group.</p> <p>Youth Services to take the lead and report back to the Committee in February 2012</p>	<p>Youth Services to report to Committee on 7 February</p> <p>Overview and Scrutiny Committee agreed to Cabinet's request Completed.</p> <p>Youth Services to report to Committee on 7 February 2012</p>

	should work together to provide an optimum distribution of provision across the district, and work cooperatively to prevent duplication of resources.		
July 2011 Minute 26	<p>Task and Finish Group Report - The Implementation of the Parking Strategy</p> <p>That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee support the recommendations of the Task and Finish Group on the implementation of the Parking Strategy and that the report be considered by Cabinet at the meeting due to be held on 27 September 2011.</p> <p><u>Report's recommendations</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That work on shared service options for the implementation of the car parking strategy be continued, in particular regarding TRO notices and enforcement 2. That the holistic area based approach, when tailored to fit local circumstances and incorporate several options, for Area Parking Reviews be endorsed and should continue 3. That an appropriate review process is included within Area Parking Reviews to allow amendment of zones following initial implementation 4. That alternative funding streams be pursued as a means to support the implementation of the car parking strategy 5. That NHDC support through the appropriate channels those seeking to persuade Central Government to reduce and relax the publicity requirement for publishing Notices in the press relating to Traffic Regulation Orders due to the cost 6. That information/literature for the general public is produced jointly with HCC in order to further explain the process of Road Traffic Orders and the roles and powers of the County and 	Cabinet accepted the reports conclusions and said its recommendations would be taken forward, subject to the availability of capital funding in a number of cases, and the outcome of the area wide reviews of parking.	Transport Policy Officer to provide an update to the Committee on 7 February and then annually thereafter.

	<p>District Councils</p> <p>7. That the Portfolio Holder be supported with regard to the possible sale of on street car parking permits to other parties (e.g. commuters), whilst ensuring that these do not have a detrimental impact upon the controlled residents parking zones in conjunction with Policy 18 and Policy 22</p> <p>8. That the Portfolio Holder be supported with regard to the aim to enforce against inappropriate parking of cars and light vans on footways and verges subject to a business case</p> <p>9. That enforcement action to prevent the parking of Heavy Goods Vehicles on footways and verges under Section 19 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 be supported</p> <p>10. That the forthcoming Supplementary Planning Document, Vehicle Parking Provision for New Developments, be included as part of the review process for policies following the implementation of the 'Localism Act'</p> <p>11. That solutions be explored and implemented as soon as practicable to provide at appropriate locations real-time information for motorists about spaces available in off-street car parks subject to adequate budget provision</p>		
<p>Sept 2011</p> <p>Minute 43</p>	<p>Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) – Vehicle Parking At New Developments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the amendments to the Vehicle Parking Provision at New Development SPD as set out in Appendix 1 of the report be supported; • That Cabinet be requested to ensure that the effect of the new minimum parking standard for residential properties as 	<p>Accepted by Cabinet. Cabinet recommended to Council that the report be adopted.</p> <p>The portfolio holder said that any monitoring and review of the new arrangements would need to be</p>	<p>Council adopted the report at its meeting in November 2011.</p> <p>Committee to consider whether to seek an update on this issue.</p>

	contained in the SPD is monitored and reviewed regularly.	carried out over a period of time, and any proposed changes would be subject to a report to Cabinet.	
October 2011 Minute 49	<p>Call in of the Community Halls Strategy</p> <p>That the Head of Policy and Community Services be requested to circulate a briefing note to all Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee regarding the criteria applied in the assessment of Discretionary Rate Relief;</p>	Passed to the Head of Policy and Community Services for a response.	Will be circulated on 6 January 2012
Minute 59	<p>Hitchin Industrial Area – Heavy Goods Vehicles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That, in respect of traffic issues around the Cadwell Lane, Hitchin area, the Transport Policy Officer be requested to arrange a meeting between the District and County Councillors who represent the affected areas, Officers of Hertfordshire Highways, Hertfordshire Constabulary and NHDC to discuss the issues, identify costs/resources and the preferred approach. • That any discussion should seek to establish the evidence base for any proposals and, if necessary, the work required to support the evidence base as well as consultation with interested parties. 	Passed to the Transport Policy Officer for action.	To be arranged
Minute 60	<p>Resolutions of the Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the Scrutiny Officer be requested to invite Hertfordshire Youth Services to attend the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee due to be held on 7 February 2012 to update the Committee on progress in 	Youth Services have confirmed their attendance	Completed

	<p>respect of the recommendations of the Task and Finish Group on Teenagers Facilities in North Herts;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the Transport Policy Officer be requested to provide an update regarding recommendations of the Task and Finish Group on the Implementation of the Parking Strategy to the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee due to be held on 7 February 2012 and annually thereafter • That the Scrutiny Officer be requested to invite the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Transport and Enterprise to present to this Committee at the meeting due to be held on 7 February 2012. 	<p>Item added to February's work programme</p> <p>To be arranged</p>	
Minute 64	<p>Cemetery Capacity Within North Herts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the recommendations contained in the report entitled "Cemetery Capacity within North Herts" be fully supported. 	<p>Revised recommendations were tabled at Cabinet on 13 December and subsequently accepted. The basic approach was unchanged but the decision making powers shifted from the area committees and were instead delegated to the Strategic Director of Customer Services. The areas committees were given a consultative role.</p>	
Minute 65	<p>Hertfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the Strategic Director of Planning Housing and Enterprise be requested to circulate a briefing note to all Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee regarding Local Enterprise Partnership membership; 	<p>Noted circulated on 3 January 2012</p>	<p>Complete</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the Scrutiny Officer be requested to invite a Board member of the Hertfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership to attend the Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting due to be held on 13 March 2012. 	To be arranged	
Minute 66	<p>Project Boards Task and Finish Group Report</p> <p>(1) That, in respect of the report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee Task and Finish Group on Project Boards (following consideration of the comments from Senior Management Team), the following responses of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee be reported to Cabinet at the meeting due to be held on 24 January 2012:</p> <p>(i) That the comments relating to Recommendation 2.1 of the Task and Finish Group Report be supported;</p> <p>(ii) That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee agree with the comments relating to Recommendation 2.2 of the Task and Finish Report that, a local Member should be on project boards which related to a specific area;</p> <p>(iii) That, in respect of the comments regarding Recommendations 2.3 and 2.4 of the Task and Finish Group Report, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee recognised that a flexible approach was required, providing one of the specified options was used;</p> <p>(iv) That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee welcomed the support of the Senior Management Team regarding Recommendation 2.6 of the Task and Finish Group Report;</p> <p>(v) That, in respect of Recommendation 2.7 of the</p>	The scrutiny officer will prepare a report for Cabinet recording the committee's comments.	The scrutiny officer will report Cabinet's comments to the committee on 7 February 2012

	<p>Task and Finish Group Report, the title “Project Advisory Boards” should be used in future as these were not decision making bodies;</p> <p>(vi) That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee did not accept the comments relating to Paragraph 3.15 of the Task and Finish Group Report which stated that alterations to membership of Project Boards would add unnecessary constraints and potentially costs to project delivery;</p> <p>(vii) That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee accepted that Paragraph 3.26 of the Task and Finish Group Report should be clarified in regard to the publication of Board Minutes on the Internet;</p> <p>(2) That, subject to the comments in (1) above, the recommendations contained in the report of the Task and Finish Group on Project Boards be supported.</p>		
Minute 67	<p>Work Programme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That, subject to any further suggestions being received by the Scrutiny Officer, the Scrutiny Officer be requested to ask the Portfolio Holder for Policy to focus on the following elements of her Portfolio in her presentation to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting due to take place on 17 January 2012: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The Council's Annual Report, service reviews, performance statistics and all aspects of the Council's efforts to secure improvements in quality in its services, cost improvements and external accreditation 	Completed	

	<p>and recognition, including Comprehensive Area Assessment;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ the Council's officer arrangements for scrutiny activity through its Overview and Scrutiny Committees; ➤ the Council's communications strategies and activities and press and publicity activity; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the Scrutiny Officer be requested to invite the Portfolio Holder for Leisure to address the Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting due to take place on 13 March 2012; • That the Process around the Local Development Framework could be considered as a Task and Finish Group; • That any report regarding Local Development Framework Housing Numbers be considered by this Committee prior to consideration by Cabinet; • That the item entitled "Closure of Bancroft Hall" be considered by this Committee prior to consideration by Cabinet on 24 January 2012; 	<p>To be arranged</p> <p>Added to work programme</p> <p>Added to work programme</p> <p>Added to work programme</p>	<p>Committee to consider in January</p> <p>Complete</p> <p>Complete</p>
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