

## Scrutiny Recommendation 2013 – 2014

### All recommendations

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<b>Community Engagement Plan</b>		
<b>Scrutiny Committee – 3rd. December 2013.</b>		
<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>Outcome</b>	<b>Considered by</b>
To provide a clear statement in the Plan, supported by guidance to services, of the need for all engagement to link in order to deliver the overall aims of the Community Engagement Plan.	Agreed	City Executive Board 11 <sup>th</sup> . December 2013.
To ensure that the guidance and Tool Kit are fit for purpose for the many diverse groups the Council is seeking to engage with.	Agreed	City Executive Board 11 <sup>th</sup> . December 2013.
To consider in the Community Engagement Plan the role played by councillors, how this is supported through advice and training and is linked into democratic processes.	Agreed	City Executive Board 11 <sup>th</sup> . December 2013.
In order to improve engagement in the consultation process of this document to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A simple questionnaire built around the main areas of consideration.</li> <li>• Examples of good and poor engagement activities.</li> </ul>	Awaiting	City Executive Board 11 <sup>th</sup> . December 2013.

To emphasis and give more weight in the Plan to looking for and encouraging engagement at a very local level to ensure communities can help shape decisions and issues that matter to them.	Agreed	City Executive Board 11 <sup>th</sup> . December 2013.
To recognise within the Plan and Tool Kit the importance of defining what might constitute a Hard to Reach Group as broadly as possible and on a case by case basis.	Agreed	City Executive Board 11 <sup>th</sup> . December 2013.
<b>Housing Strategy – Refresh</b>		
<b>Scrutiny Housing Panel – 5th. December 2013.</b>		
<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>Outcome</b>	<b>Considered by</b>
That the implementation of a new Landlord and Lettings Agencies Accreditation Scheme be publicised as widely as possible to achieve the greatest impact and that the number of Landlords in the scheme be maximised.	Agreed	City Executive Board 11 <sup>th</sup> . December 2013.
<b>Opportunities for young people that are NEAT</b>		
<b>Scrutiny Committee – 3<sup>rd</sup>. December 2013.</b>		
<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>Outcome</b>	<b>Considered by</b>
To look at the essential requirements for entry level jobs to ensure that there are no barriers to employment that aren't necessary or could be delivered through training, support or	Agreed Will review essential criteria and report results to April meeting.	Head of Human Resources and Facilities.

mentoring . When we are doing this to be prepared to take some chances in an effort to provide employment opportunities to those who would otherwise not be considered.		
<b>Treasury Management – Qtr. 2</b> <b>Scrutiny Finance Panel – 7<sup>th</sup>. November 2013.</b>		
<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>Outcome</b>	<b>Considered by</b>
The Finance Scrutiny Panel has serious concerns about the Co-operative Banks current position and their recent statements. The Panel wishes to see an urgent review of their position as the Council’s in-house bank to allow for more informed choices to be made.	Agreed with amendment.  Will retender at the end of the current contract – April 2015	City Executive Board 11 <sup>th</sup> . December 2013.
Should a change of in house bank prove prudent or necessary; to ensure that ethical standards and investment remain part of the specification.	Agreed	City Executive Board 11 <sup>th</sup> . December 2013.
To provide to the Panel in 6 months time a review of the performance of the Council’s non specified investments considering in particular, diversity and mix, returns and a benchmark across the public sector for the percentage of funds allocated to this type of investment. To provide options based on this to increase returns. □	Agreed	City Executive Board 11 <sup>th</sup> . December 2013.

<b>Oxpens Site Master Plan</b>		
<b>Scrutiny Committee 5<sup>th</sup>. November 2013.</b>		
<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>Outcome</b>	<b>Considered by</b>
To support the Oxpens Site Master Plan noting the concerns made by some committee members.	Agreed with amendment.  The Board commented that this an outline Master Plan and these concerns will be considered in more detail as we move forward through the planning process.	City Executive Board 13 <sup>th</sup> . November 2013.
<b>Riverside Land Aquisition</b>		
<b>Scrutiny Committee 5<sup>th</sup>. November 2013</b>		
<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>Outcome</b>	<b>Considered by</b>
To support the proposals in the report and ask the City Executive Board to note the offer of residents.	Agreed. Officer will talk directly to residents about their offer.	City Executive Board 13 <sup>th</sup> . November 2013.
<b>Waste and Recycling Strategy</b>		
<b>Scrutiny Committee 5<sup>th</sup>. November 2013</b>		
<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>Outcome</b>	<b>Considered by</b>

That the strategy reflects in its vision the view that waste is a resource and a commodity from which the Council can generate income, and that the Council should continually be looking for further opportunities to benefit financially from the waste that the City produces.	Agreed	City Executive Board 13 <sup>th</sup> . November 2013.
That CEB investigate and cost opportunities to pre-sort and divert recyclables from household waste collection before sending it to landfill.	Refused The Board Member agreed that this was needed within the County but the County Council has decided on incineration. Any consideration of an MRF provided by the City would be unaffordable. We are tackling these issues using other solutions.	
That the City Executive Board provide to the Scrutiny Committee more detailed information on the costing and feasibility for the options to recycle food from flats that have been considered alongside the details of the current capital bid	Agreed	
That CEB more actively use the penalty at its disposal to convince residents who do not present waste in the manner required.	Agreed	
That CEB investigate, through the Oxfordshire Waste Partnership, local opportunities to reduce excess packaging and reduce the use of plastic bags.	Agreed	
That CEB take all opportunities to promote the benefits of food waste separation to commercial customers and investigate	Agreed	

opportunities to offer incentives to new business customers.		
<b>Performance Indicator LP106</b> <b>Scrutiny Committee – 1st. October 2013</b>		
<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>Outcome</b>	<b>Considered by</b>
<p>The Committee is pleased to see improvements in participation amongst target groups and looks forward to reviewing this data in more detail at the end of the year. The overall target improvement of 5% is consistently overachieved so the Committee want to see a more challenging target set to ensure that we are challenging the provider to do the best they can in this important community development area. The target should be at least that achieved in the previous year.</p>	<p>Refused</p> <p>RESPONSE: "While leisure usage by target groups continues to increase, we'd like to do better still. We're looking at why the increase in usage by target groups appears to have slowed down last quarter, including the way usage is measured, the effect of weather conditions, and the deteriorating state of Temple Cowley Pool, as well as what more we could do to publicise what's available and make it more attractive.</p> <p>"The Council and Fusion remain determined to meet and exceed the 5% target, as we have in previous years. However, until the reasons for last quarter's performance have been determined and we have a slightly</p>	<p>Board Member for Leisure Services.</p> <p>Recommendation sent 8<sup>th</sup>. October 2013.</p>

	longer indication of trend to work with, I don't think it would be helpful to adjust the target. We will of course keep this under review."	
<b>Operation of Neighbourhood Action Groups (NAGs)</b>		
<b>Scrutiny Committee – 1st. October 2013</b>		
<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>Outcome</b>	<b>Considered by</b>
As a follow up, I have been asked to remind you that members of the Scrutiny Committee would be very grateful if you could reflect their views when next you contact the local Police Commander; and in particular if you could ask the Commander where he/she sees the role of NAGS – what is their priority in Police work?	Agree.  Response from Cllr. Kennedy on the agenda.	Board Member for Education, Crime and Community Safety.  Recommendation sent 2 <sup>nd</sup> . October 2013.
<b>Grants Commissioning Review</b>		
<b>Scrutiny Committee – 1st. October 2013</b>		
<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>Outcome</b>	<b>Considered by</b>
That a member of the Scrutiny Committee has a seat on the Welfare Reform Members Panel. This would be Councillor Coulter until May 2014.	Agreed with amendment.  Scrutiny Councillor to have observer status on the Welfare reform Members Panel.	City Executive Board 9 <sup>th</sup> . October

<b>City Deal Bid</b>		
<b>Scrutiny Committee – 1<sup>st</sup>. October 2013</b>		
<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>Outcome</b>	<b>Considered by</b>
For the expected future reports (recommendation 4 in the report) to establish the principle of public scrutiny through Local Authority Scrutiny Committees and discuss how this might work.	Agreed	City Executive Board 9 <sup>th</sup> . October
In developing the ambitions and programmes within the “Skills “ heading for Joint Committee Members to ensure that education, training and apprenticeship programmes are accessible to all through local schools and other educational bodies with an emphasis on early advice and guidance to young people so they are “work ready” for real jobs. For the emphasis of these programmes to be in areas of highest deprivation.	Agreed	
<b>Customer Contract Strategy</b>		
<b>Scrutiny Committee – 5<sup>th</sup>. September 2013</b>		
<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>Outcome</b>	<b>Considered by</b>
To ensure that separate arrangements for consultation with the Business Community are included in the information gathering	Agreed	City Executive Board 11 <sup>th</sup> . September



to inform the final Strategy.		
To explore the use of Skype as a communication tool within this Strategy.	Agreed with Amendment  Will explore Skype as a communication tool along with other methods rather than in isolation.	
To ensure that any service developments are evaluated financially around clear value for money principles.	Agreed	
<b>Budget Spending – Qtr. 1</b>		
<b>Finance Scrutiny Panel – 6<sup>th</sup>. September 2013</b>		
<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>Outcome</b>	<b>Considered by</b>
To express concern about the availability of resources to deliver the Capital Programme.	Noted – arrangements already being considered	City Executive Board 11 <sup>th</sup> . September
To reconsider the reporting of the Commercial Property rental measure using dates that align to produce a more accurate picture of performance.	Agreed	
That the City Executive Board bring forward their strategy for the provision of contingencies with the forthcoming medium Term Financial Strategy to the next meeting of the Panel in November.	Noted – will happen as part of the MTFS in December	
<b>Treasury Management – Qtr. 1</b>		
<b>Finance Scrutiny Panel – 6<sup>th</sup>. September 2013</b>		

<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>Outcome</b>	<b>Considered by</b>
To raise the non-specified investment limits from their current levels and redefine what is grouped in this area to manage risk, in an effort to encourage investment diversity and higher rates of return.	Refused	City Executive Board 11 <sup>th</sup> . September
Wherever it provides for good value for money to consider using investment funds for internal borrowing in order to avoid prudential borrowing.	Noted this is already done	
<b>Allocation Scheme Review</b>		
<b>Housing Scrutiny Panel – 3<sup>rd</sup>. September 2013</b>		
<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>Outcome</b>	<b>Considered by</b>
A Communication Strategy should be in place to explain the scheme as agreed, what it means for applicants alongside some general information on the likelihood of being housed. Communication should include the opportunity for feedback on the scheme itself and the understandability of it.	Agreed	City Executive Board 11 <sup>th</sup> . September
<b>Youth Ambition Strategy</b>		
<b>Scrutiny Committee – 2<sup>nd</sup> July</b>		
<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>Outcome</b>	<b>Considered by</b>

To provide now a set of concrete outcome measures focused on the direct effects on the ambitions and pathways of the young people involved in this work.	Agreed	City Executive Board 10 <sup>th</sup> . July
To monitor and revisit regularly the type of activity provided to ensure that it is flexible, contemporary and engaging the right numbers, in the right place, at the right time.	Agreed	City Executive Board 10 <sup>th</sup> . July
To express the need for the provision of safe spaces for young people to express themselves as an overarching priority for all the schemes, actions and outcomes within this Strategy.	Agreed	City Executive Board 10 <sup>th</sup> . July
<b>Low Emission Strategy and Air Quality Action Plan</b>		
<b>Scrutiny Committee – 2<sup>nd</sup>. July</b>		
<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>Outcome</b>	<b>Considered by</b>
To support the setting of the Low Emissions Strategy and ambitions but for the City Executive Board to require early reference of the document to the Carbon and Natural Resources Members Board so that gaps on data, resources and financing can be discussed and a robust action plan produced.	Agreed	City Executive Board 10 <sup>th</sup> . July
<b>Discretionary Housing Payments</b>		
<b>Scrutiny Committee – 4<sup>th</sup>. June 2013</b>		

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To organise a general campaign of clear advice through as many agencies, partnerships and offices as possible making it clear the temporary nature of Discretionary Housing Payments and the requirements to engage in more sustainable solutions.	Agreed	City Executive Board 12 <sup>th</sup> . June 2013
To extend current out reach work to include benefit take-up to maximise benefits to current and potential claimants.	Agreed with amendment.  Clarity in some aspects of Welfare reform is needed.	City Executive Board 12 <sup>th</sup> . June 2013
To keep the Discretionary Housing Payment Policy under review and in particular to revisit it once regulations on further Welfare Reform are clear.	Agreed	City Executive Board 12 <sup>th</sup> . June 2013
For the Scrutiny Committee to be included in the monitoring arrangements for this policy in both financial and outcome terms. To see this at the September Scrutiny Committee.	Agree	City Executive Board 12 <sup>th</sup> . June 2013