

STRATEGY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

6.00pm –7.35pm

PRESENT: Councillors Barrett-Payton, Boyce, Bradnack, Cantrill, Durrant, Hymans, Phillips, Ward (Chair), Armstrong (Alternate).

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Ian Nimmo-Smith, The Leader. *Councillor J Rosenstiel attended for item 06/STR/7 & 9.*

FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE COUNCIL**06/STR/01 MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting on 21 November 2005 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

06/STR/02 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Adigun-Harris.

06/STR/03 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Ward declared a personal interest re. 06/STR/08 as he drank at places listed in the petition quoted. Councillor Nimmo-Smith also declared a personal interest in the same matter as far as Midsummer Common was concerned.

06/STR/04 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no members of the public present.

06/STR/05 STRATEGY & PARTNERSHIPS SERVICE PLAN 06/07, CCTV SERVICE PLAN 06/07, REVENUE AND CAPITAL DRAFT BUDGETS 06/07 AND REVISED BUDGETS 05/06 (See also Record of Decision 06/01)**Strategy & Partnerships Service Plan**

Members of the Scrutiny Committee suggested that there should be a target for levels of satisfaction (BV3 i & ii), noting that the ODPM was still determining the way in which this BV Performance Indicator will be measured in 2006/07. The Leader agreed that once ODPM had set the methodology for BV3, he would look to identify an aspirational target to aim for the top quartile.

Action by Head of Strategy & Partnerships

CCTV Service Plan

Councillor Bradnack suggested that the Service Plan should include some targets e.g requests against actuals for location of mobile CCTV. The Director of Central Services undertook to provide members with the management information collected on CCTV

(some of which members already receive in the Annual Report) and discuss with the Leader appropriate targets for inclusion in the Service Plan.

Action by Director of Central Services

The Scrutiny Committee agreed the recommendations for the Leader by 6 votes to 0.

The Leader approved the recommendations.

06/STR/06 REVENUE AND CAPITAL DRAFT BUDGETS 06/07 AND REVISED BUDGETS 05/06 - OVERVIEW *(See also Record of Decision 06/02)*

The Director of Finance advised the Scrutiny Committee that the Government was expected to notify the Council of its Final Grant Settlement by the end of January. The Scrutiny Committee noted the tabled amendments from the Executive Councillor for Customer Services & Resources on PPFs.

The Leader thanked the Director of Finance for the work undertaken to produce the Budget Setting Report.

The Scrutiny Committee agreed the recommendations for the Leader by 6 votes to 0.

The Leader approved the recommendations.

06/STR/07 CAMBRIDGESHIRE'S CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S PLAN 2006-09 *(See also Record of Decision 06/03)*

In response to queries from Councillor Bradnack, the Head of Community Development advised that although his service had the experience of working with children and young people, safeguarding the welfare of children and young people should be managed corporately. The Head of Human Resources was responsible for the Council's corporate recruitment procedures and training programmes. The Chief Executive would look at how the Council might include the recommended measures in relevant senior managers' annual objectives.

The Scrutiny Committee agreed the recommendations for the Leader by 6 votes to 0.

The Leader approved the recommendations.

06/STR/08 ALCOHOL RELATED DISORDER IN CAMBRIDGE CITY *(See also Record of Decision 06/04)*

The Leader stated that the report to Committee in April should include a range of 'tools' that the agencies could use to improve upon the current practices. However, it would be challenging for the police to properly resource any new package of measures. The Violent Crime & Disorder Bill, would oblige the licensing trade to commit resources to alcohol-related problems that are currently resourced by police and local authority.

In response to questions, the Director of Community Services stated that there would be no financial implication other than a possible re-directing of resources (as there had not

been a budget bid made) in the report to the next meeting. It was also noted that the police had not ruled out applying for a further 6 month extension of the s30 dispersal powers.

The Scrutiny Committee agreed the recommendations for the Leader by 7 votes to 0.

The Leader approved the recommendations.

06/STR/09 LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT – FINAL DRAFT FOR SUBMISSION TO GO-EAST *(See also Record of Decision 06/05)*

In introducing the report, the Head of Strategy & Partnerships stated that there was some detail still to be finalised e.g in response to the Government's recently announced Respect Agenda. Officers county-wide were now mapping out a process for the future and looking at where Members can be involved earlier as the current document had been produced within a less than ideal timescale for briefings and discussion. The Chief Executive stated that Members were invited to raise with him or the Head of Strategy & Partnerships issues that should be picked up to feed into next year's LAA review.

The Leader stated that improvements had been made to the LAAs governance and overall transparency and it was important for the Council to not only monitor the agreed LAA but help to shape its future development.

The Scrutiny Committee agreed the recommendations for the Leader by 6 votes to 0.

The Leader approved the recommendations.

06/STR/10 FORWARD PLAN - APRIL MEETING

The Committee agreed to pre-scrutinise the scheduled decisions on Safer City Grants and the Neighbouring Police Team Initiative.

The meeting ended at 7.35pm

CHAIR