

DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT BOARD

At a Meeting of **Overview and Scrutiny Management Board** held in Committee Room 2, County Hall, Durham on **Monday 23 April 2012 at 10.00 a.m.**

Present:

Councillor J Armstrong (Chairman)

Members of the Committee:

Councillors P Stradling (Vice-Chair), B Alderson, B Avery, A Bainbridge, J Blakey, D Boyes, M Campbell, B Graham, A Hopgood, N Martin (substitute for D J Southwell), P Jopling, J Moran, E Murphy, D Myers, A Naylor, B Ord, C Potts, D Stoker, R Todd, and A Willis.

Faith Community Representative:

Revd K Phipps

Co-opted Members:

Mr A J Cooke, Mr D Kinch, and Mr A Kitching

Also Present:

Councillor A Barker

Apologies:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors R Bell, J Chaplow, M Hodgson, and D J Southwell.

1 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 12 March 2012 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

2 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations.

3 Items from Co-opted members or interested parties

There were no items from co-opted members or interested parties.

4 Olympics Presentation

The Board received a presentation by Julie Russell, Strategic Manager for Sport and Leisure Development on the events surrounding the Olympics that will be held in London in the summer. Members learnt of the events planned in Durham and through the North east leading up to the games, and were encouraged to take part.

The Strategic Manager for Sport and Leisure Development advised that they had learnt lessons from holding major events in the city following the recent lumiere event, and they are working closely with their partners to ensure the events are safe and successful.

5 Draft Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2011-12

The Board received a report of the Assistant Chief Executive that provided members with the draft Overview and Scrutiny Committee Annual Report 2011/12 for consideration, prior to it being submitted to full Council on 13 June 2012 (for copy see file of Minutes).

Mr T Cooke asked for the reference on page 22 of the pack to be amended to reflect that co-optee members could not be county councillors, however some were town or parish councillors.

Resolved:

That the report together with the recommendations included therein be approved.

6 Forward Plan

The Board noted a report of the Assistant Chief Executive which provided details of the Executive forward plan of key decisions covering the period 1 April to 31 July 2012 (for copy see file of Minutes). Members noted the additional column that had been added to the Forward Plan which detailed scrutiny activity/involvement for each decision.

Members expressed their disappointment at the lack of detail on the plan, and explained how items were not appearing timely on the plan, there was little detail on some of the items, and that there was no tracking mechanism of an item that had been taken off the previous plan or any explanation for this. This would be discussed with the Assistant Chief Executive and reported back to the next meeting of Scrutiny.

7 Update on Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme

The Overview and Scrutiny Manager provided members with an update on the development of the work programme (for copy of slides of presentation see file of Minutes).

Resolved:

That the position with the work programme be noted.

8 Information Update from the Chairs of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees

The Board noted a report of the Assistant Chief Executive which provided an update of overview and scrutiny activity from March to April 2012 (for copy see file of Minutes).