

Overview, Scrutiny & Policy Development Committee

5 January 2015

Present: Councillor S Graham (Chair)
Councillors S Day, Janet Hunter, John Hunter, N Huscroft,
D McGarr, M McIntyre, J O'Shea and J Pickard

School Governor Representatives
Mrs J Little
Mrs M Ord

Church Representatives
Rev Vine

Others in attendance
Councillors B Pickard

OV26/01/15 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr J Allan, B Burdis, P Earley, A McMullen and Mr G O'Hanlon – Church representative.

OV27/01/15 Substitute Members

There were no substitute members

OV28/01/15 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest reported.

OV29/01/15 Minutes

Resolved that the minute of the meetings held on 1 December 2014 be confirmed as a true record.

OV30/01/15 Community Conversations Sub-group Report

The Committee received the findings and recommendations from the review undertaken by the Community Conversations Sub-group.

Councillor S Graham presented the report and explained the sub-groups findings and subsequent recommendations. The objective was to review and monitor the progress to the agreed recommendations (December 2013) in relation to the Community Engagement Review and investigate the effectiveness of the Community Conversations.

The group met 3 times and identified a total of 3 recommendations.

Agreed that Community Conversations Sub-group report and recommendations be referred to Cabinet:-

R 1: That as Member Led activity, Ward Members as Community Leaders are best placed to how community conversations/engagement can best be undertaken within the Wards they represent. Members from each Ward should agree and forward their preferred approach to the Communications and Engagement Team, who will be available to provide support. The preferred approach should then be incorporated into the engagement programme.

R 2: That; (a) feedback cards be made available at all engagement events; (b) feedback cards be progressed fully and appropriately to provide timely feedback to all parties; and (3) the methods to feedback concerns/issues be publicised in Our North Tyneside magazine and available on the Councils website.

R3: That Ward Members be informed and made aware when any engagement activity in the ward they represent and a comprehensive programme of engagement/community conversation events be available to the public via the Councils website and always kept up to date.

OV31/01/15 Budget Sub-group report

The Committee received the findings from the review undertaken by the Budget Sub-group.

It heard the invitations were extended to all members of the Overview, Scrutiny & Policy Development Committee and all members of the Liberal Democrat and Conservative groups, to seek volunteers to serve on the Budget Sub-group.

The group met on the 1 December, where the Chief Executive, Heads of Service and Senior Managers presented the 2015/18 Creating a Brighter Future Business Cases.

The report detailed the approach taken, the information provided to members on each of the cases considered and the sub-groups conclusions.

Agreed that Budget Sub-group report and conclusions be referred to Cabinet.

OV32/01/15 Cabinets response to Local Plan Sub-Group Review of Scaffold Hill Planning Application and Appeal

The Committee received the response agreed by Cabinet to the recommendations made as part of the Local Plan Sub Group - Review of Scaffold Hill Application and Appeal.

Cabinet accepted all 5 recommendations and agreed and that they be implemented within the 6 months .

Agreed that the Local Plan Sub Group - Review of Scaffold Hill Application and Appeal response from Cabinet be noted.