



Scrutiny Board

Minutes - 17 June 2014

Attendance

Members of the Board

Cllr Peter O'Neill (Chair)
Cllr Barry Findlay (Vice-Chair)
Cllr Ian Angus
Cllr Alan Bolshaw
Cllr Paula Brookfield
Cllr Claire Darke
Cllr Julie Hodgkiss
Cllr Lorna McGregor
Cllr Arun Photay
Cllr Rita Potter
Cllr John Rowley
Cllr Stephen Simkins
Cllr Wendy Thompson

Employees

Keith Ireland	Strategic Director, Delivery
Charlotte Johns	Head of Policy
Adam Hadley	Scrutiny and Transparency Manager
Haroon Ravat	Prevent Co-ordinator
Martyn Sargeant	Head of Democratic Services

Part 1 – items open to the press and public

Item No. *Title*

- 1. Apologies for absence**
No apologies for absence were received.
- 2. Declarations of interest**
There were no declarations of interest.
- 3. Minutes of the previous meeting (15 April 2014)**
Resolved:
That the minutes of the meeting held on 15 April 2014 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.
- 4. Matters arising**
There were no matters arising.

5. **Schedule of outstanding minutes - see notes to the agenda**

Resolved:

To note the schedule.

6. **Prevent - scrutiny review update**

Haroon Ravat presented the report recommending that the Prevent Scrutiny review should be formally closed. He assured the Board that all the actions recommended by the review, and agreed by Cabinet, had been implemented or were underway.

Cllr Rowley highlighted differential levels of response from and engagement with children, which was emphasised by the review. He asked whether sufficient progress had been made in this area. Cllr Angus underlined this, noting a number of schools had declined to contribute to the review explaining that Prevent was not a priority for them.

The recent 'Trojan Horse' issues in Birmingham were highlighted as cause for concern.

Haroon Ravat advised that he had addressed primary headteachers in the last few days, and had received a small number of requests for training from both primary and secondary schools. He also noted that Prevent now formed part of the Ofsted assessment framework.

Cllr Simkins called for increased briefing for all Councillors, noting that Prevent was now included in the Councillor induction programme but that perhaps it should be included in more regular briefings for all Councillors.

Cllr O'Neill proposed, Cllr Brookfield seconded, and it was

Resolved:

That a further update should be submitted to the Board in six months' time.

7. **Scrutiny work programme**

Adam Hadley outlined the process that had led to the tabled paper, which detailed proposals for the Scrutiny work programme for the coming year.

The Board discussed the three proposals for cross-cutting Scrutiny reviews, specifically:

- Infant mortality.
- Employability and skills.
- Channel shift.

The Board discussed the proposals for outline work programmes for each of the Scrutiny Panels, which were derived from the Scrutiny planning event. Adam Hadley explained the proposals were recommendations from the event for Panels to consider.

Resolved:

- (1) That cross-cutting reviews should be conducted into infant mortality, employability and skills, and channel shift, over the coming months.

- (2) That the work programme proposals should be reported to the Panels for consideration, noting the discretion of each Panel to agree the specific agenda items for its meetings and that progress and work undertaken would be reported back to the Scrutiny Board.