

<b>Title of Report:</b>	<b>Actions from previous meetings</b>
<b>Report to be considered by:</b>	Overview and Scrutiny Management Commission
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	17 April 2012

**Purpose of Report:** To advise the Commission of the actions arising from previous meetings

**Recommended Action:** To note the report

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# Executive Report

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## 1. Introduction

- 1.1 This report provides the Overview and Scrutiny Management Commission with an update on the actions arising from its previous meeting.

## 2. Resolutions

- 2.1 **Resolution:** Information could be presented to the Commission in September 2012 to demonstrate that the two factors put in place to reduce the number of young people entering the Youth Justice System were effective, and what analysis had been done to show this.

**Action / response:** This has been added to the Commission's work plan for review in August.

- 2.2 **Resolution:** A letter would be sent from the Chairman of the Commission to all Academies indicating that Members would welcome involvement on their governing bodies as a community representative.

**Action / response:** Councillor Irene Neill and Caroline Corcoran (Service Manager in Education Services) have prepared a letter to be sent to Academies, but would like the following concern raised prior to it being posted:

'We have a very small number of members currently sitting on any of our school governing bodies (12 out of 52) and Caroline comments that the result of the letter could be that we end up with councillors on the majority of the Trust Boards and therefore be out of proportion to the number of governors in maintained schools and how this might look to schools and the media. I share this concern to a degree but I also note that although we do not have as much member representation on school boards as we should we do, at least, have officers and members regularly visiting these schools on a fairly regular visit. In the case of Academies we do not have so many visits although most are 'buying back' school improvement services therefore the SIA's are visiting and I also have made visits to Kennet and Park House at the invitation of the Head teacher in each case since they became academies and I also visit Denefield to regular Project Board meetings. I am also intending to write to the Head teachers to request that myself and the chairman of the SS&E panel and a ward member visit their school on an informal basis as we are still answerable to residents about their children's education and safety regardless of the school's status. In fact I am hoping to visit our Independent schools as safeguarding is my responsibility across the board.'

- 2.3 **Resolution:** The Head of Planning and Countryside to provide corrected figures regarding planning appeals.

**Action / response:**

	No. of Appeals	No. Upheld	No. Dismissed	% upheld
Q1	28	8	20	29%
Q2	31	8	23	26%
Q3	33	4	29	12%
Year to Date	92	20	72	22%

Year end forecast:	122	27	95	22%
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	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4 (Qtr End)
<u>Minors</u>				
Target			65%	65%
Actual				65% Qtr end forecast
<u>Others</u>				
Actual	5.2%	6.0%	25%	80% Qtr end forecast

(All other figures were correct)

- 2.4 **Resolution:** The Head of Customer Services to clarify to Councillor Dominic Boeck how staff calls are silently monitored to measure soft customer care skills and technical accuracy.

**Action / response:** This item is complete.

- 2.5 **Resolution:** A review of asset management should be added to the work programme for the Resource Management Working Group.

**Action / response:** This item has been added to the work programme for the Resource Management Working Group. The start date for this work is to be agreed.

- 2.6 **Resolution:** The HR Manager to provide clarification as to which committee would be reviewing the draft pay policy statement and when.

**Action / response:** The draft pay policy was reviewed at Full Council on the 1<sup>st</sup> March 2012.

2.7 **Resolution:** The following items be added to the Health Scrutiny Panel work programme:

- (1) Dignity and care in the home;
- (2) The effect of health service reorganisation on local provision and private finance initiatives (PFI).

**Action / response:** These items have been added to the work programme for the Health Scrutiny Panel. Start dates and further details are to be agreed.

2.8 **Resolution:** The Scrutiny and Partnerships Manager to provide the terms of reference for a review into the processes currently in place around domestic abuse.

**Action / response:** This item is considered in a separate agenda item.

2.9 **Resolution:** The Arts & Leisure Services Manager return to provide a further update on preparations for the London 2012 Olympics in May 2012.

**Action / response:** This item has been included in the work programme and will return to the Commission in May 2012.

2.10 **Resolution:** The Commission would be involved in the process of amending the Housing Allocation Policy through the following means:

- (1) A task group be established to join the existing group that would review the initial consultation responses;
- (2) Members of the Commission to be in attendance at any open meeting where the public may discuss the issues;
- (3) The Commission to review the revised policy once complete.

**Action / response:** Verbal update to be given at the meeting.

## **Appendices**

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There no appendices to this report.