

Title of Report:	Actions from previous meetings
Report to be considered by:	Overview and Scrutiny Management Commission
Date of Meeting:	29 May 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

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:** The Education Service would consider how to encourage school governing bodies to include Councillors in their membership.

Action / response: The Portfolio Holder for Children and Young People is approaching school head teachers on a one to one basis. A positive response has been received from Denefield School, and further discussions with St Bartholomew's School, Kennet School and Park House School are imminent.

- 2.2 **Resolution:** The funding Arrangements Framework for Domiciliary Care and Non Residential Services would not be referred back to the Executive for reconsideration and could therefore be implemented with immediate effect.

Action / response: This action is complete.

- 2.3 **Resolution:** The Commission would write to the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Transport Policy, Housing, and Economic Development to register concerns around the increase in people presenting as homeless.

Action / response: A letter was sent to the Portfolio Holder on 4 May 2012 with an email response being received on 6 May 2012. The response reports the following figures:

- That there is an 11% year on year increase which is being managed effectively by the Housing team.
- 419 potentially homeless situations were prevented in 2011/12 (an increase from 375 the previous year)
- 588 people presented in total in 2011/12, of which 169 made full Homeless Applications and 62 were determined as the Council having a "duty to care". This figure was much higher in the first part of the fiscal year, running at 6-10 per month; since October this level has reduced to 2-4 each month.

The Portfolio Holder does not hold the opinion that this issue is one to raise concern. He notes in his response that he is in the process of handing the portfolio to another Executive Member and will defer a decision on establishing a task group to review the issue the new Member.

- 2.4 **Resolution:** The recommendations from the scrutiny review into activities for young people be circulated to all Members with the inclusion of a preface

Action / response: This action is complete.

- 2.5 **Resolution:** The Youth Service Operations Manager to provide Councillor David Rendel with information explaining how the Waterside Centre was currently being used.

Action / response: This action is complete

- 2.6 **Resolution:** The terms of reference be adopted subject to the inclusion of the following amendments:

- (1) That the first item be amended to read 'The extent or prevalence of actual and reported domestic abuse in the district';
- (2) That the fourth item be amended to read 'Consider what might be done further to improve how domestic abuse is dealt with including cooperation with neighbouring authorities'.

Action / response: This action is complete.

- 2.7 **Resolution:** A review into the effectiveness of consultation undertaken by the Council be added to the Commission's work programme.

Action / response: This item has been added to the work programme.

Appendices

There no appendices to this report.