

Cheltenham Borough Council

Cabinet

14 October 2014

Scrutiny task group review – Hidden Deprivation in our Town Centre

Interim Report from O&S Committee

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| Accountable member | Councillor Tim Harman, Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee |
| Accountable officer | Richard Gibson, Strategy and Engagement Manager |
| Executive summary | <p>At its meeting on 18 February November 2013, Overview & Scrutiny Committee commenced a review of Hidden Deprivation in our Town Centre. A Scrutiny Task Group (STG) was set up and the findings and recommendations of that Group are set out in detail in the attached Scrutiny Task Group Report.</p> <p>The committee considered the final report of the task group at its meeting on 3 April 2014. They felt that more work needed to be done on some of the recommendations before they endorsed them and forwarded them to Cabinet. They noted that the task group had not had time to consider education and health impacts, which had been in their original scope, and suggested they should go back and consider whether they wanted to do more work in this area.</p> <p>The task group were not able to organise a meeting before the elections and now the original members have either left the council or moved to the Cabinet. The chair of the task group, Councillor Chris Coleman was keen that the work of the task group was not lost because they had covered some important areas and come up with a lot of good ideas which could have a significant impact on improving living conditions for people living in the town centre.</p> <p>O&S considered the matter again at their meeting on 9 July 2014. They agreed that they should forward the report to Cabinet as it stands with a request that Cabinet give some guidance to O&S regarding which of the recommendations they would support further work being done. This work could be done by O&S setting up one or more scrutiny task groups.</p> <p>There are also some recommendations where the task group suggested they could be referred to other groups where work was already being done. These options were identified in the covering report which went to O&S in April attached as Appendix 1 and are covered in the first 4 recommendations in this report.</p> <p>To illustrate the need for some steer from Cabinet, recommendation 5 of the task group report asked the Council to move to licence all private rented sector accommodation in the borough. This could have significant policy, financial and legal implications as well as resource implications for its implementation. The O&S committee felt these issues could be further</p> |

explored and quantified before asking Cabinet to make a decision but this additional work would not be worthwhile if Cabinet had no intention of moving down that path. This is why O&S are seeking some steer from Cabinet at this stage.

Recommendations

That Cabinet notes the Scrutiny Task Group Report on Hidden Deprivation in the town centre and :

- 1. The recommendations relating to the work of the Town Centre Neighbourhood Coordination Group (NCG) (1 and 12) are passed to the Group coordinator to action;**
- 2. The recommendations relating to the reducing alcohol related violence (2) and the late night levy (3) are passed to the relevant Cabinet Member to action;**
- 3. It be noted that the action relating to developing a collaborative approach to drug dealing (4) is already a commitment within the 2014-15 corporate strategy with the Deputy Chief Executive being the lead officer;**
- 4. The recommendation in respect of the housing advice service (6) is passed onto the relevant service manager to action in conjunction with County Community Projects;**
- 5. The recommendations in respect of operational matters (8,9 and 10) are passed to the Joint Waste Team and Ubico management team to investigate further and report back;**
- 6. Cabinet identify which of the remaining recommendations they would like to refer back to O&S for more detailed work before they consider them.**

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| Financial implications | Financial advice will be provided in due course and as appropriate on those actions set out in the recommendations which are agreed by Cabinet and taken forward. Contact officer: , @cheltenham.gov.uk, 01242 |
| Legal implications | Legal advice will be provided in due course and as appropriate on those actions set out in the recommendations which are agreed by Cabinet and taken forward. Contact officer: peter.lewis@tewkesbury.gov.uk, 01684 272012 |
| HR implications (including learning and organisational development) | HR advice will be provided in due course and as appropriate on those actions set out in the recommendations which are agreed by Cabinet and taken forward. Contact officer: , @cheltenham.gov.uk, 01242 |
| Key risks | The key risks associated with any recommendations will be set out when they come back to Cabinet for approval. |

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| Corporate and Community Plan implications | The recommendations from the STG could help the council deliver six of its corporate strategy outcomes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cheltenham has a clean and well-maintained environment. • Cheltenham’s natural and built environment is enhanced and protected. • Communities feel safe and are safe. • People have access to decent and affordable housing. • People are able to lead healthy lifestyles. • Our residents enjoy a strong sense of community and involved in resolving local issues. |
| Environmental and climate change implications | None identified at this stage |
| Property/Asset Implications | None identified |

1. Background

1.1 As set out in the Executive Summary

2. Reasons for recommendations

2.1 To seek some steer from Cabinet before commencing any further work in this area

3. Alternative options considered

3.1 O&S did consider sending the set of recommendations as set out in the covering report to Cabinet but decided they needed more work on the potential implications.

4. Consultation and feedback

4.1 This report has been discussed with the former chair of the scrutiny task group Councillor Chris Coleman and the Strategy and Engagement Manager who supported the task group.

4.2 As this review crossed the portfolios of three Cabinet Members, Councillor Rowena Hay was designated by Cabinet as their lead member for this task group and she was consulted on the way forward set out in this report.

5. Performance management –monitoring and review

5.1 If further work is initiated by O&S it will be monitored by the O&S committee.

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| Appendices | 1. Risk Assessment 2. Task Group report (including its appendices) |
| Background information | None |

| The risk | | | | Original risk score (impact x likelihood) | | | Managing risk | | | | |
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| Risk ref. | Risk description | Risk Owner | Date raised | Impact 1-5 | Likelihood 1-6 | Score | Control | Action | Deadline | Responsible officer | Transferred to risk register |
| | If the good work done by the STG is not brought to the attention of Cabinet there is a risk that it could be lost | Chair of O&s | August 2014 | 2 | 4 | 8 | Reduce | Bring this report to Cabinet | 31 September 2014 | Rosalind Reeves | August 2014 |
| | If the Cabinet does not give some steer to O&S at this stage there is a risk that further work could be wasted | Chair of O&S | August 2014 | 2 | 2 | 4 | Reduce | Bring this report to Cabinet | 31 September 2014 | Rosalind Reeves | |

Explanatory notes

Impact – an assessment of the impact if the risk occurs on a scale of 1-5 (1 being least impact and 5 being major or critical)

Likelihood – how likely is it that the risk will occur on a scale of 1-6

(1 being almost impossible, 2 is very low, 3 is low, 4 significant, 5 high and 6 a very high probability)

Control - Either: Reduce / Accept / Transfer to 3rd party / Close