

FC14. SCRUTINY COMMITTEE ON 13 JUNE 2013

Council considered a report by the Chief Governance Officer referring a recommendation by the Scrutiny Committee that a pilot scrutiny panel be established.

In terms of Council's new decision making structure, an annual scrutiny plan would be developed by the Scrutiny Committee for approval by Council. A member workshop had considered areas for scrutiny on 16 May and, a consensus had emerged over the merit of establishing a pilot scrutiny panel in advance of the annual plan being submitted to Council. The Scrutiny Committee had agreed with this proposal and that a review of Citizens Advice Bureaux would be a suitable topic for the pilot and recommended accordingly to Council.

Councillor C Martin, seconded by Councillor Nicol, moved that Council:-

- 1) agrees to establish a pilot scrutiny panel to review Citizens Advice Bureaux, and
- 2) appoints Provost Reid and Councillors McLuckie and Murray to the panel and seeks nominations from the opposition for the 2 remaining places; the panel to be convened by the Provost.

Councillor Meiklejohn, seconded by Councillor Alexander, moved the following amendment in substitution for the motion;

- 1) that the Scrutiny Committee will look at the decisions made by both Council and the Executive to make up the annual Scrutiny Plan;
- 2) that a suitable subject area from the scrutiny plan will be selected as a pilot to assist in determining a process of scrutiny, and
- 3) a short term scrutiny panel will be set up to take forward the pilot.

Councillor McCabe gave notice of a further amendment.

Council adjourned at 11.20am to allow members to consider the motion and amendment and reconvened at 11.40am with all members present as per the sederunt.

Councillor Meiklejohn, with consent of the Provost, and Councillor Alexander as her seconder, revised the text of her amendment by deleting parts (2) and (3) and deleting also the word "annual" from part (1).

On a division 17 members voted for the motion and 15 voted for the amendment. The motion was duly carried.

Councillor McCabe, seconded by Councillor Spears, moved in substitution for the motion that "a pilot scrutiny panel is established to review the workings of Development Services in its entirety and that the Scrutiny Committee be instructed to determine the composition of its first Scrutiny Panel rather than referring the matter to Council."

On a division, 17 members voted for the motion and 7 voted for the amendment, with 8 members abstaining.

Decision

Council agreed to:-

- 1) establish a pilot Scrutiny Panel to review Citizens Advice Bureaux;**
- 2) appoint Provost Reid, Councillors McLuckie and Murray and 2 members of the Opposition (names to be confirmed to the Chief Governance Officer) to the Panel, and**
- 3) appoint the Provost as convener of the pilot panel.**