

Response of the Council Cabinet to Scrutiny Reports and Recommendations

SUMMARY

- 1.1 In January 2012 the Council made a series of recommendations to strengthen the overview and scrutiny process. This included asking for regular reports to be presented to Scrutiny Management Commission on the actions taken by the Council Cabinet in response to overview and scrutiny reports and recommendations. This report lists the responses of the Council Cabinet to scrutiny reports it received up to August 2012.

RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 To consider and comment on the Council Cabinet's response to scrutiny reports and recommendations.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 The Corporate Scrutiny and Climate Change Board is now responsible for scrutiny of items that were under the remit of the Scrutiny Management Commission.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 4.1 Following the review of governance and ethical framework, the Council supported the recommendations of the SMC for strengthening the scrutiny process. This includes asking for regular monitoring of Council Cabinet's response to and actions on scrutiny recommendations.
- 4.2 This report provides details of the response of the Council Cabinet to scrutiny recommendations that it considered between June 2012 and August 2012. During this period the Council Cabinet met on three occasions and considered seven recommendations from overview and scrutiny. It is important to note that some of the recommendations considered by the Council Cabinet had been made when members of the Council Cabinet were members of scrutiny commissions, before the May 2012 elections.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

5.1 None

This report has been approved by the following officers:

Legal officer	N/A
Financial officer	N/A
Human Resources officer	N/A
Service Director(s)	N/A
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Background papers:	None
List of appendices:	Appendix 1 – Implications

IMPLICATIONS

Financial and Value for Money

- 1.1 None arising from this report

Legal

- 2.1 Rule OS 24 of the constitution requires the Council Cabinet to respond within two months of receiving scrutiny reports. This requirement is also covered in Schedule 2, Section 9FE of the Localism Act 2011.

Personnel

- 3.1 None arising from this report

Equalities Impact

- 4.1 None arising from this report

Health and Safety

- 5.1 None arising from this report

Environmental Sustainability

- 6.1 None arising from this report

Asset Management

- 7.1 None arising from this report

Risk Management

- 8.1 None arising from this report

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

- 9.1 This report affects all the corporate priorities and objectives of the Council Plan 2011-2014.

Council Cabinet consideration of Scrutiny Reports and Recommendations between June and August 2012

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1. Children and Young People Board

The Children and Young People Board submitted the findings of its topic review on how the timescale for adoptions at Derby City Council be improved to the 11 July Council Cabinet.

Cabinet Decision

- To ask the Strategic Director of CYPD to prepare a response to the Boards report and bring it back to Cabinet for consideration.

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2. The Adults, Health and Housing Commission

The Adults, Health and Housing Commission considered a number of items at their last meeting and recommended reprioritising the Rosehill area for housing renewal when funding becomes available.

3. The Neighbourhoods Commission

The Neighbourhoods Commission also considered a number of items at the last meeting, including a report updating members on the situation regarding the contract for managing Sinfin and Allestree golf courses. The Commission recommend that residents and relevant local groups are properly consulted on any future proposals.

4. Safer Communities Commission

Following a receipt of a presentation from SmartWater the Safer Communities commission recommend:

- that Neighbourhood Boards be encouraged to adopt SmartWater products to assist with crime reduction and prevention in their areas, where this is not already being done
- that the Cabinet Member responsible for crime reduction should look at the wider use of SmartWater products to assist with crime reduction and prevention in the city.

5. Planning, Housing and Leisure Board

The Planning, Housing and Leisure Board discussed a number items at their July 2012 meeting including the revocation of the PM₁₀ Air Quality Management Area. The Board recommend to Council Cabinet to support the revocation of the PM₁₀ Air

Quality Management Area on the basis that any future operations on the site will be subject to self monitoring and regular reporting to the Environment Agency. The Board also understands that these results will be made publicly available and that the Council will be able to intervene should any issues arise.

6. Young People Board

The Young People Board received a presentation on Models of School Organisation and School Improvement at their 1 August meeting. The Board requested that in the report on Models of School Organisation and School Improvement to be considered by the Cabinet, it is made clear that a school can determine its own future with regards to models of organisation.

Cabinet Decision

In all cases (points 2-6) above the Cabinet response was to note the recommendations made to Council Cabinet from the Scrutiny Commissions and Scrutiny Boards.