

Time Commenced – 6.00pm  
Time Finished – 7.54pm

## **Executive Scrutiny Board**

**31 July 2023**

Present: Councillor Poulter (Chair)  
Councillors C Wright, Bolton, Care, Eyre, M Holmes, J Khan,  
Lindsey, Mulhall, Rawson

In attendance: Kara Macfadyen – Head of Communications & Marketing  
Charles Edwards – Head of Community Safety and Localities  
Toni Nash – Head of Finance  
Kirsty McMillan – Director of Integration & Direct Services  
(Adults)  
Verna Bayliss – Director of Planning, Transportation &  
Engineering

### **13/23 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Councillor Amin.

### **14/23 Late Items**

There were none.

### **15/23 Declarations of Interest**

There were none.

### **16/23 Minutes of the meetings held on 10 July 2023**

The minutes of the meeting held on 10 July 2023 were agreed.

### **17/23 Forward Plan**

The Board considered the contents of the Forward Plan published on 4 July 2023.

No items were added to the future work programme.

**Resolved to note the Forward Plan.**

### **18/23 Council Cabinet Responses to Scrutiny Recommendations**

The Board considered a report which allowed the Scrutiny Board to receive responses from Council Cabinet on recommendations made at the previous Board meeting on 10 July 2023.

**The Board resolved to recommend that a redacted report on the Sinfen waste plant, along with the joint statement between Derby City Council and Derbyshire County Council, should be published on the Council's website.**

## 19/23 Council Cabinet Agenda

The Board considered a report the Council Cabinet Agenda. Members considered the Council Cabinet agenda in its entirety for the meeting scheduled for Wednesday 2 August 2023.

### **Key Decisions**

#### **South Derby Growth Zone and Infinity Garden Village – Legal Processes for Land Assembly and Delivery**

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director of Communities and Place on South Derby Growth Zone and Infinity Garden Village – Legal Processes for Land Assembly and Delivery.

**The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved recommend that all councillors should be given training on how climate change implications are calculated.**

#### **Derby Libraries – Delivering a Sustainable Model for Libraries**

The Board received a report of the Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Strategy, Governance and Finance and the Strategic Director of Communities and Place on Derby Libraries – Delivering a Sustainable Model for Libraries.

**The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to recommend:**

- 1. That as part of the preparation of Business Cases, Derby City Council consults with councillors and library volunteers to better understand existing concerns surrounding the impact of General Data Protection Regulations on the work of Library Volunteers, particularly with regard to Library Cards, with a view to improving the efficiency of the service.**
- 2. That any and all costs associated with the decisions in this report, including but not limited to, legal fees, fees for associated advice, increase in staff costs, increases in running costs and others, are brought back to Executive Scrutiny in a subsequent report, and are brought before the most appropriate scrutiny committee, accompanied by details of any budgetary changes to secure funding, to be properly examined.**

3. To ask Cabinet to ensure that the proposed further work is not to prejudice whether the statutory libraries should be in or out any new arrangements.
4. To ask Cabinet to ensure that meaningful consultation is ongoing with the Friends of Libraries groups and library users in the options work that is being explored now.
5. To ask Cabinet to clarify a timetable for the future arrangements for library management including the next report back to Cabinet.

### **Further Integration between the Council and Derbyshire Community Health Services**

The Board received a report of the Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Care and the Strategic Director of People Services on Further Integration between the Council and Derbyshire Community Health Services.

**The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to note the report.**

### **Budget and Policy Framework**

#### **2023/24 Quarter 1 Financial Monitoring**

The Board received a report of the Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Strategy, Governance and Finance and the Director of Finance on 2023/24 Quarter 1 Financial Monitoring.

**The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to note the report and to express its concern with the lack of detail on proposed savings and pressures.**

### **Contract and Financial Procedure Matters**

#### **Compliance with Contract and Financial Procedure Rules**

The Board received a report of the Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Strategy, Governance and Finance and the Director of Finance on Compliance with Contract and Financial Procedure Rules.

Members noted that the report sought Council Cabinet approval for the following:

- To procure a new contract of up to 3 years for the provision of external business advertising on Derby City Council's Refuse Collection Vehicles
- To seek approval to go out to tender for Library stock materials
- To delegate approval to submit plans and, if successful bid for and accept the designated LEVI (Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure) Funds provided by Central Government
- To vary the grant agreement with Saint Ralph Sherwin Catholic Multi Academy Trust for additional necessary secondary school places at

Saint Benedict Catholic Voluntary Academy, along with an additional allocation of £0.2m DfE Basic Needs funding in 2025/26.

**The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to note the report.**

MINUTES END