Executive Scrutiny Board

Recommendations from the meeting held on 31 July 2023

Council Cabinet Agenda – 2 August 2023

Item 8

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.

Item 9 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 Council Cabinet to ensure that the proposed further work is not to prejudge whether the statutory libraries should be in or out any new arrangements.
- 4. To ask Council 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 Council Cabinet to clarify a timetable for the future arrangements for library management including the next report back to Council Cabinet.

Item 10 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.

Item 11 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.

Item 12 | 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.