

Time Commenced – 3.00pm
Time Finished – 4.04pm

Executive Scrutiny Board

4 July 2022

Present: Councillor Martin (Chair)
Councillors Cooper, Dhindsa, Jennings, Roulstone, Whitby

In attendance: David Fletcher – Director of City Development and Growth
Alex Hough – Head of Democracy
Steven Mason – Democratic Services Officer
Rachel North – Strategic Director of Communities and Place
Simon Riley – Strategic Director of Corporate Services

08/22 Appointment of Chair

Resolved to appoint Councillor Martin as Chair.

09/22 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors Care, Carr, M Holmes, Repton

10/22 Late Items

There were none.

11/22 Declarations of Interest

There were none.

12/22 Minutes of the meeting held on 14 June 2022

The minutes of the meeting held on 14 June 2022 were agreed as a correct record.

13/22 Forward Plan

The Board considered the contents of the Forward Plan published on 14 June 2022.

No items were added to the future work programme.

Resolved to note the Forward Plan.

14/22 Council Cabinet Responses to Scrutiny Recommendations

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director of Corporate Resources which allowed the Scrutiny Board to receive responses from Council Cabinet on recommendations made at the previous Board meeting on 14 June 2022.

The Board resolved to note the report.

15/22 Council Cabinet Agenda

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director of Corporate Resources on the Council Cabinet Agenda. Members considered the Council Cabinet agenda in its entirety for the meeting scheduled for Tuesday 5 July 2022.

Key Decisions

Levelling Up Fund Round 2 Applications

The Board received a report of the Deputy Chief Executive – Communities and Place on Levelling Up Fund Round 2 Applications.

It was reported that a further confidential report relating to this Item was to be considered at Item 9 of the agenda, which would ask Council Cabinet to agree the following recommendations:

- (a) To approve the submission of 3 applications to the Levelling Up Fund Round 2 for:
 - Assemble (New Learning Theatre), Assembly Rooms site
 - New Hotel, Becketwell
 - Friar Gate Goods Yard and Bridge.
- (b) To note that if a bid is successful, a report with full details will be brought back to Cabinet in relation to each scheme, and to seek approval to accept the funding, secure the relevant capital and revenue budgets (including match funding requirements), the contractual arrangements and conditions associated with the funding offer to enable it to be accepted.
- (c) To approve capital spend at risk of up to £0.7m to be added to the capital programme, funded by prudential borrowing to progress the Assemble (new Learning Theatre) to RIBA 2, in advance of the outcome of the bid, and the Council's internal Gateway 3 approval.

Executive Scrutiny Board made the following recommendations to Council Cabinet in relation to project Assemble:

- 1. Executive Scrutiny Board welcomes and supports the application to identify funds to develop project Assemble but notes that more work is to be done and requests that detailed plans be brought to Executive Scrutiny Board at the earliest opportunity; and**
- 2. given that any increase in costs or slippage in delivery would need to be met from local funds, Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to recommend that the council ensures that officers with the necessary skills, competence and experience to deliver major projects are in place within the council.**

Exclusion of Press and Public

A resolution to exclude the press and public was put to the vote and carried.

The Board resolved that under Section 100(A) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting during discussion of the following item on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act and that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

Levelling Up Fund Round 2 Applications

The Board received exempt detail in the report of the Deputy Chief Executive – Communities and Place on Levelling Up Fund Round 2 Applications.

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to note the report.

MINUTES END