

Time Commenced – 5.00pm
Time Finished – 6.27pm

Executive Scrutiny Board

12 April 2022

Present: Councillor Repton (Chair)
Councillors Care, Martin, Pattison, Prosser, Grimadell

In attendance: Stella Birks – Visitor Services and Development Manager
Claire Davenport – Director of Leisure Culture and Tourism
David Fletcher – Director of City Development and Growth
Steven Mason – Democratic Services Officer
Chris Morgan – Principal Regeneration Manager
Gurmail Nizzer – Director of Integrated CYP Commissioning
Rachel North – Strategic Director of Communities and Place
Alison Parkin – Director of Financial Services
Peter Shillcock – Group Accountant

84/21 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors Carr, Cooper, Evans and Pegg.

85/21 Late Items

There were none.

86/21 Declarations of Interest

There were none.

87/21 Minutes of the meeting held on 8 March 2022

The minutes of the meeting held on 8 March 2022 were agreed as a correct record.

88/21 Forward Plan

The Board considered the contents of the Forward Plan published on 15 March 2022.

No items were added to the future work programme.

Resolved to note the Forward Plan.

89/21 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 8 March 2022.

The Board resolved to note the report.

90/21 Performance Plan 2021/22

The Board considered a report of the Director of Policy, Insight and Communications on Performance Plan 2021/22.

It was reported that the Executive Scrutiny Board had responsibility for monitoring corporate performance, to support the delivery of improved outcomes for the city.

The report provided the Board with an opportunity to review and agree the Performance Plan 2021/22.

The Board resolved:

- 1. to agree the performance items identified for consideration by the Board as part of the Performance Plan 2021/22 as shown at Appendix 1; and**
- 2. to note the draft Overview and Scrutiny Review Boards work plans for 2021/22, as presented in Appendix 2.**

91/21 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 Wednesday XXX 2022.

Matters Referred

Recommendations from Executive Scrutiny Board

The Board received a report of the Chair of the Executive Scrutiny Board on Recommendations from the Executive Scrutiny Board.

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to note the report.

Minute Extract from the Children and Young People Board

The Board received a minute extract from the Children and Young People Board in relation to Work of the Virtual School for Looked After Children (LAC) 2020/21.

It was noted that the Children and Young People Board had agreed that the following resolution should progress to Council Cabinet for its consideration:

Resolved to recommend that Cabinet ensures that appropriate systems are in place to track and monitor children and young people within the Virtual Schools remit, to help identify arising issues and inform future planning.

The Board received a minute extract from the Children and Young People Board in relation to Early Help Annual report 2020/21.

It was noted that the Children and Young People Board had agreed that the following resolution should progress to Council Cabinet for its consideration:

Resolved to urge Cabinet to be vigilant that the reduction in scope and capacity of the Early Help Team does not lead to consequent budgetary pressures in the future. The Board urge Cabinet to ensure the funding and sustainability of the Early Help Team.

In relation to the minute extract concerning the Early Help Annual report 2020/21, the Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to endorse the recommendation made to Council Cabinet by the Children and Young People Board.

Key Decisions

Children's Accommodation Strategy: Delivery of Small Children's Residential Homes

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director of People Services on Children's Accommodation Strategy: Delivery of Small Children's Residential Homes.

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to note the report.

Schools Capital Programme 2022/23

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director of People Services on Schools Capital Programme 2022/23.

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to recommend to Council Cabinet that it asks all schools governing bodies and Academy Trusts (as appropriate) to consider how their schools can become zero carbon by 2035, including developing plans for their buildings, travel and other activities.

Developing the Derby City Tourism Offer

The Board received a report of the Deputy Chief Executive (Communities and Place) on Developing the Derby City Tourism Offer.

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to note the report.

South Derby Growth Zone and Infinity Garden Village – next steps

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director of Communities and Place on South Derby Growth Zone and Infinity Garden Village – next steps.

The Executive Scrutiny Board recognises the Council's success in obtaining £50M from the Levelling UP Fund for the A50 works and resolved to recommend to Council Cabinet that in the next round the Council submits an application in the category of "Culture".

Riverboat Proposals for the River Derwent

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director of Communities and Place on Riverboat Proposals for the River Derwent.

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to recommend to Council Cabinet that it ensures that all planning requirements are approved and all licenses are issued before further expenditure, in order to protect the Council, the Trust and the public.

Budget and Policy Framework

Writing off Uncollectable Sundry Debts and Housing Benefit Overpayments

The Board received a report of the Director of Financial Services on Writing off Uncollectable Sundry Debts and Housing Benefit Overpayments.

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to note the report.

Contract and Financial Procedure Matters

Compliance with Contract and Financial Procedure Rules

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director of Corporate Resources on Compliance with Contract and Financial Procedure Rules.

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

- Addition to Capital Programme - approval to add to the capital programme works at Imari Park Traveller Site funded from identified

revenue budget in the financial year 2021/22 and 2022/23 to the value of £0.070m (£0.044m and £0.026m respectively)

- Public Health Substance Misuse - acceptance of new investment of up to £5m for three years to rebuild local authority commissioned substance misuse treatment services as outlined in the new drug strategy 'From Harm to Hope'
- Public Health Substance Misuse - to delegate authority to enter into all necessary contracts and agreements associated with the substance misuse ring-fenced funding
- Domestic Abuse Safe Accommodation - acceptance of grant of £0.603m and approval of a procurement exercise up to a maximum of £2m equating to £0.500m a year, for a maximum of four years, subject to funding, to contract providers for survivors of domestic abuse and their families in refuge and other safe accommodation
- The FTZ programme (Future Transport Zone – formerly Future Mobility Zones) - addition to the capital programme with confirmed profiling
- Carry Forward request of £0.050m of revenue to support the development of a devolution business case
- Use of Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) reserve funds up to a maximum of £0.930m to complete the High Needs Transformation Programme
- Award a further contract to Inpower for up to £0.290m from the balance of the previously agreed fund of £0.930m from DSG reserves
- Household Support Fund - acceptance of funding of £2.224m (subject to final confirmation) and allocation as appropriate.

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to note the report.

Other

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.

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The Board received exempt detail in the report of the Director of Financial Services on Writing off Uncollectable Sundry Debts and Housing benefit Overpayments.

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to note the report.

MINUTES END