Corporate Scrutiny and Governance Board

Recommendations from the meeting held on 04October 2016

Council Cabinet Agenda – 05October 2016

Item 8 Proposed Realignment of Victory Road

Members considered aCouncil Cabinet report of the Cabinet Member for Communities and City Centre Regeneration and Strategic Director for Communities and Placeseeking approval to enter into all contracts necessary to deliver works to realign Victory Road.

Members of the Board praised officers for negotiating and securing a favourable team which would protect the Council from financial risk unless costs arise as a direct result of Council negligence in the management of the contract. The Board queried the governance arrangements that had been put in place to ensure that this risk is minimised and were reassured by officers that quality assurance and project management systems were in place to ensure that this does not occur.

The Corporate Scrutiny and Governance Boardresolved to endorse the recommendations contained within the report. The Board also resolved to congratulate the Regeneration Team and officers involved in this work across the Council for negotiating the deal which will enable this project to be delivered.

Item 9 Period 4 – Revenue Budget Monitoring 2016/17

Members considered a Council Cabinet report of the Leader of the Council and Chief Executiveproviding details of the latest financial position and forecast outturn for the 2016/17 Revenue Budget as at Period 4.

No recommendations to Council Cabinet were made by the Corporate Scrutiny and Governance Board.

Item 10 Contract and Financial Procedure Matters

Members considered a Council Cabinet report and an Addendum of the Leader of the Council and Chief Executiveon items that require reporting to and approval by Council Cabinet under Contract and Financial Procedure rules.

It was reported that items included:

- Award of Grant to Prison Service
- Changes to the current 2016/17 capital programme, including additions to the programme that have been agreed under the Scheme of Delegation and changes to the Property, Regeneration and Schools programmes.

The Board queried a change to the capital programme in relation to the Markeaton Park Rangers Office Fire Risk Assessment (FRA) project. Members were concerned that the reduction did not include detail on the financial start and end point, and what budget would remain for this after the following the proposed reduction. The Director of Finance agreed to circulate more detail to the Board on the proposed reduction to the Markeaton Park Rangers Office FRA Project.

The Corporate Scrutiny and Governance Board made no recommendations to Council Cabinet on this item, however requested further information be provided by the Director of Finance on the proposed reduction in the Capital programme to the Markeaton Park Rangers Office Fire Risk Assessment (FRA) project.

Item 11 Local Growth Funded Projects

Members considered a Council Cabinet report of the Cabinet Member for Communities and City Centre Regeneration and Director of Communities and Place seekingapproval for proposed changes in funding arrangements for the Becketwell and A52 Wyvern Improvement Schemes and to approve changes to grant funding conditions, as set out in the report.

The Corporate Scrutiny and Governance Board made no recommendations to Council Cabinet on this item.

Item 12 D2N2 European Structural Investment Fund 2014-2020

Members considered a Council Cabinet report of the Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Communities and City Centre Regeneration and Strategic Director for Communities and Placewhich seeks approval from to accept and agree grant arrangements for a number of ERDF funded projects.

The Corporate Scrutiny and Governance Board made no recommendations to Council Cabinet on this item.

Item 13 Annual Report 2015/16

Members considered a Council Cabinet report of the Leader of the Council and Chief Executive to approve the Council's Annual Report 2015/16 for publication.

It was reported that the Annual Report provides evidence to the local community on the Council's achievements and progress against Council Plan priorities for the previous year, and demonstrates good governance and value for money.

Members queried the lack of detail provided in the report on the two recent audit reports which are now in the public domain, and the lack of reassurance in the report in relation to this that remedial action is being taken. Members were reassured that the reports are mentioned in the Annual Report, but that the Annual Report relates to actions and achievements in alignment to the Council pledges and priority commitments. Members were informed that the detail requested in relation to the two audit reports would be included in the Council's Annual Governance Statement.

The Corporate Scrutiny and Governance Board made no recommendations to Council Cabinet on this item.