

Council Cabinet Response to Scrutiny Recommendations

SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report outlines the recommendations made by the Corporate Scrutiny and Governance Board to Council Cabinet and Council Cabinet's responses to these recommendations. The relevant responses have been extracted (and condensed where appropriate) from the Council Cabinet Minutes and included in Section 4 of this report.

RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 To note the responses from Council Cabinet recorded in the Council Cabinet Minutes.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 To ensure that the Corporate Scrutiny and Governance Board receives a response from Council Cabinet to the recommendations made.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Council Cabinet Meeting of 13 July 2016 - Key decisions

- 4.1 **18/16 Service Delivery Model for the Council's Care Homes and Day Centres.**

The Corporate Scrutiny and Governance Board made no recommendations on this report.

- 4.2 **19/16 Compulsory Acquisition of Empty Homes**

There were no recommendations on this item from the Corporate Scrutiny and Governance Board.

- 4.3 **20/16 A52 Wyvern Transport Improvement Scheme – Revised Scheme Costs and Funding**

The response was given under 33/16 (paragraph 4.15 of this report).

4.4 **21/16 Consulting on Changes to the Council Tax Support Scheme for 2017/18**

The Corporate Scrutiny and Governance Board recommended to Council Cabinet that:

- mechanisms are put in place to ensure that changes to the Council Tax Support Scheme do not have consequential effects which lead individuals and families to fall in hardship or below poverty lines;
- officers are requested to look at schemes delivered by other local authorities and how changes have been implemented; and
- those affected in supported accommodation should be specifically referenced and targeted as part of the consultation.

Council Cabinet Decision

1. To approve the specified elements of the CTS Scheme to be consulted on as set out in paragraph 4.4 of the report.
2. To delegate authority to the Director of Finance to finalise and approve the arrangements to manage the consultation including the detail of the consultation documentation and overall consultation approach.
3. To delegate authority to the Director of Finance to go out to consultation on the proposed changes to our CTS Scheme.
4. *To accept the recommendation of the Corporate Scrutiny and Governance Board that:*
 - *mechanisms are put in place to ensure that changes to the Council Tax Support Scheme do not have consequential effects which lead individuals and families to fall in hardship or below poverty lines;*
 - *officers are requested to look at schemes delivered by other local authorities and how changes have been implemented; and*
 - *those affected in supported accommodation should be specifically referenced and targeted as part of the consultation.*

4.5 **22/16 Redevelopment of the Former Britannia Court Site**

The Corporate Scrutiny and Governance Board recommended that the options for maximising income through the possibilities of renting units at full market value, varying the cost of rental of more desirable units and allowing contributions to the general fund are fully explored.

Council Cabinet Decision

1. To approve that the Scheme be submitted for planning approval by the Council.

2. To approve that subject to planning approval build and consultancy contracts as required were tendered and let to deliver the Scheme.
3. To note the current recommendation that the completed dwellings be marketed for sale as shared ownership for older persons as detailed in paragraph 4.10.4 of the report.
4. To agree that a further report be brought to Council Cabinet to determine whether the option set out in paragraph 4.10.3 or the option set out in paragraph 4.10.4 is taken forward.
5. *To accept the recommendation of the Corporate Scrutiny and Governance Board that the options for maximising income through the possibilities of renting units at full market value, varying the cost of rental of more desirable units and allowing contributions to the general fund are fully explored.*

4.6 23/16 Energy Framework Renewal / Procurement

The Corporate Scrutiny and Governance Board made no recommendations on this report.

4.7 24/16 Property Improvement Capital Works Programme 2016/17 and 2017/18 – Additional Schemes not Previously Approved

The Corporate Scrutiny and Governance Board made no further recommendations on this report.

4.8 25/16 Special Education Needs and Disabilities Funding

The Corporate Scrutiny and Governance Board made no recommendations on this report.

4.9 26/16 Revenue Outturn 2015/16

The Corporate Scrutiny and Governance Board recommended that future information on underspends should be more transparent (the term "carry forward" was misleading) and that further detail on why selected elements of the budget required top-ups and how these are prioritised should be included in reports, as well as the inclusion of requests that were put forward but did not receive additional funds.

Council Cabinet Decision

1. To note the overall General Fund revenue budget outturn position for 2015/16 (subject to audit) and budget variances at 31 March 2016 as set out in section 4 of the report.
2. To approve the movements in reserves set out in paragraph 4.4 of the report.
3. To approve the year-end carry forward request and subsequent use totalling £2.015m, and the treatment of the remaining net saving of £0.202m as detailed in paragraphs 5.2, 5.3 and 5.4 of the report.

4. To note the savings achieved in 2015/16 as summarised in section 4.6 of the report.
5. To approve the Housing Revenue Account outturn net surplus of (£4.566m) as set out in section 8 and Appendix 4 of the report.
6. To note the Council's share of the Collection Fund surplus of (£1.147m) as set out in section 9 of the report.
7. To note the overall Dedicated Schools Budget position for 2015/16 as set out in section 10 of the report.
8. To authorise the Director of Finance (as Section 151 Officer) to adjust the Council's Budget Risk Reserve in the event that the Council's Auditors (Ernst & Young) require any adjustments to the Final Accounts for 2015/16 that alter the overall Council's position.
9. *To reject the recommendation of the Corporate Scrutiny and Governance Board.*

4.10 27/16 Capital Outturn 2015/16

The Corporate Scrutiny and Governance Board made no recommendations on this report.

4.11 28/16 Treasury Management Annual Report

The Corporate Scrutiny and Governance Board made no recommendations on this report.

4.12 29/16 Contract and Financial Procedure Matters

The Corporate Scrutiny and Governance Board made no recommendations on this report.

4.13 30/16 Performance Monitoring 2015/16 – Year End Results and 31/16 Council Scorecard

It was noted that both Council Cabinet and the Corporate Scrutiny and Governance Board would receive quarterly updates on performance against the scorecard through 2016/17. From this, more detailed performance reviews could be commissioned through Performance Surgeries with Members where an in -depth challenge session was required to support improvements.

The Corporate Scrutiny and Governance Board recommended that any changes to targets in the Council's Scorecard at the end of Quarter 1 are recorded for transparency.

Council Cabinet Decision

1. To approve the Council Scorecard 2016/17 (which would be used as the basis for performance monitoring of key measures during 2016/17).

2. To note that both Council Cabinet and the Corporate Scrutiny and Governance Board would review performance on a regular basis and may select indicators for Performance Surgery on the basis of reports.
3. *To accept the recommendation of the Corporate Scrutiny and Governance Board that any changes to targets in the Council's Scorecard at the end of Quarter 1 are recorded for transparency.*

4.14 **32/16 Compulsory Purchase of Empty Homes**

The Corporate Scrutiny and Governance Board made no recommendations on this report but commended the purchase of empty properties and the use of the HRA surplus to buy future housing and actions to make these available for market rent where possible.

4.15 **33/16 A52 Wyvern Transport Improvement Scheme – Revised Scheme Costs and Funding**

The Corporate Scrutiny and Governance Board recommended that costs are carefully monitored and that as much as possible should be done at the same time as possible to ensure savings are made through cost efficiencies.

Council Cabinet Decision

1. To approve submission of a Stage 2 funding application including business case to the D2N2 LEP and to delegate approval to accept the funding, should the bid be successful, to the Strategic Director of Communities and Place.
2. To note an increase in the scheme cost to an estimated £14,906,000.
3. *To accept the recommendation of the Corporate Scrutiny and Governance Board that costs are carefully monitored and that as much as possible should be done at the same time as possible to ensure savings are made through cost efficiencies.*

4.16 **34/16 Insurance on Council Properties**

The Corporate Scrutiny Governance Board recommended that a full update report be brought back to the February meeting of the Corporate Scrutiny and Governance Board.

Council Cabinet Decision

1. To approve the procurement of temporary quantity surveyors to carry out a programme of insurance valuations on Council Properties, subject to the funding having been agreed in the Revenue outturn 2015/16 report, earlier on the agenda.
2. *To accept the recommendation of the Corporate Scrutiny and Governance Board that a full update report be brought back tot he February meeting of the Corporate Scrutiny and Governance Board*

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

5.1 None.

This report has been approved by the following officers:

Legal officer	N/A
Financial officer	N/A
Human Resources officer	N/A
Service Director(s)	N/A
Other(s)	David Walsh – Democratic Services Manager

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Background papers:	Council Cabinet Minutes and Reports 10 February 2016.
List of appendices:	Appendix 1 – Implications

IMPLICATIONS

Financial and Value for Money

- 1.1 Costs associated with implementing the recommendations associated with this report would need to be determined by relevant officers following decisions made by Council Cabinet.

Legal

- 2.1 Rule OS23 of the Council's Constitution relate are relevant to this report in its final submissions to Council Cabinet. Rule OS23 states that the Council or Council Cabinet shall consider the report of the overview and scrutiny board within one month of it being submitted to the proper officer.
- 2.2 Legal implications associated with implementing the recommendations associated with this report would need to be determined by relevant officers following decisions made by Council Cabinet.

Personnel

- 3.1 Personnel implications associated with implementing the recommendations associated with this report would need to be determined by relevant officers following decisions made by Council Cabinet.

IT

- 4.1 IT implications associated with implementing the recommendations associated with this report would need to be determined by relevant officers following decisions made by Council Cabinet.

Equalities Impact

- 5.1 Effective scrutiny benefits all Derby people and the very nature of the Scrutiny Board's work means that equality issues are addressed.

Health and Safety

- 6.1 None directly arising from this report.

Environmental Sustainability

- 7.1 None directly arising from this report.

Property and Asset Management

- 8.1 Asset management and acquisition implications associated with implementing the recommendations associated with this report would need to be determined by relevant officers following decisions made by Council Cabinet.

Risk Management

- 9.1 Risks management implications associated with implementing the recommendations associated with this report would need to be determined by relevant officers following decisions made by Council Cabinet.

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

- 10.1 Our aim is to work together so that Derby and its people will enjoy a thriving sustainable economy, good health and well-being and an active cultural life.