

<b>Executive Scrutiny Board</b>	
<b>Recommendations from the meeting held on 03October 2017</b>	
<b>Council Cabinet Agenda – 04October 2017</b>	
<b>Item 8</b>	<b>Special Educational Needs &amp; Disability (SEND) Provision in Derby</b>
<p>Members considered a Council Cabinet report of the Cabinet Member for Education and Skills and Strategic Director of People Services asking Cabinet to approve consultation on proposals to improve Derby's specialist provision for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities.</p> <p>Members discussed the link between SEND provision and the need for further clarity for parents around the process for Educational Health and Care Plans (EHCPs) for children who required an Enhanced Resource place. Members also discussed the need for Annual Reviews to be more structured and to make enhancements/reductions to the support required as a child transitions. Members were also keen to ensure that any new SEND arrangements agreed post-consultation are not implemented until all conversions from Statements to EHCPs have been completed and requested a further report be provided on conversions and performance.</p> <p><b>The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to recommend to Council Cabinet that:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. any new SEND arrangements agreed post-consultation are not implemented until all conversions from Statements to EHCPs have been completed; and</b></li> <li><b>2. a pathway clarifying the process for EHCPs for parents is included in the consultation documentation for SEND provision.</b></li> </ol>	
<b>Item 9</b>	<b>Proposal to increase school places at Murray Park School</b>
<p>Members considered a report of the Cabinet Member for Education and Skills and Strategic Director for People to approve the publication of a statutory notice on the proposal to permanently expand the premises of Murray Park School in order to provide additional secondary school places.</p> <p>It was recognised that some school expansions are necessary to ensure an adequate number of school places are available in the city. However, the Board was concerned about the point at which expansions become unmanageable and requested a future report on the future projects for school place planning, the direction of travel and horizon scanning across the city; and future development and expansion proposals.</p> <p><b>The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to note the report.</b></p>	
<b>Item 10</b>	<b>Development Related Highway Works: Financial Contributions in Lieu of Works in the Highway</b>
Members considered a Council Cabinet report of the Cabinet Member for	

<p>Neighbourhoods and Public Protection and Strategic Director for Communities and Place to accept in principle financial contributions in lieu of the proposed highway improvements at Chain Lane, Stenson Road and Burton Road.</p> <p>The Executive Scrutiny Board was in general support of the recommendations, however, requested that the relevant ward Councillors are consulted on future proposals and that these are reported back to the Board for information and comment prior to agreement.</p> <p><b>The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to support the proposals.</b></p>	
<b>Item 11</b>	<p><b>Revision to the National Non-Domestic Rates Policy for the award of Discretionary Rate Relief (DRR)</b></p> <p>Members considered a Council Cabinet report of the Cabinet Member for Finance and Governance and Director for Finance seeking Cabinet approval for the revised DRR policy. It was reported that the revised policy includes the new reliefs announced by Government as part of the Spring Budget 2017.</p> <p><b>The Executive Scrutiny Board welcomed the changes to the revised National Non-Domestic Rates Policy.</b></p>
<b>Item 12</b>	<p><b>Derby Performance Venue – Progressing the Project to the Next Stage</b></p> <p>Members considered a Council Cabinet report of the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Economy and the Strategic Director of Communities and Place to approve the Music and Performance Venue as the current preferred option for a new venue on the Assembly Rooms site.</p> <p>Members raised concerns around the lack of consultation with the general public, theatre and arts groups and other interested community groups, such as Derby Arts and Theatre Association and the Hippodrome Restoration Trust. Some Members said that they had spoken to groups who felt that the city needed a Lyric Theatre with Orchestra Pit and the Board expressed concerns about the lack of options consulted on and transparency of reasons why other options may not be viable. It was felt that the one 'preferred option' given may not be the right option for the city and that other options should be included in the wider consultation exercise, with explanations on why they may be less feasible in the foreseeable future.</p> <p>The Board also were concerned about the risks relating to the commitment of spend of £475k for something that might not come to fruition and is not currently in the approved capital programme. Members felt that there was still time for people to have their say through the consultation and get the proposals for the preferred option right before committing to the spend identified in the recommendations.</p> <p><b>The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to strongly recommended to Council Cabinet that:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. The decision to commit and risk funds of £475k and decision to approve the Music and Performance Venue as the current preferred option for a new venue on the Assembly Rooms site should be deferred until a wider</b></li> </ol>

consultation exercise has taken place;

**2. The wider consultation should:**

- a) involve the general public, local arts and theatre groups as well as other interested groups; and**
- b) include a full range of options as well as the 'preferred option' with full explanations, including transparency on cost and deliverability, to enable the public to understand and make fully informed choices.**

<b>Item 13</b>	<b>Contract and Financial Procedure Matters Report</b>
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Members considered a Council Cabinet report of the Leader of the Council and Chief Executive outlining a number of items that require reporting to and approval by Council Cabinet under Contract and Financial Procedure rules.

Members queried the lack of information normally provided on changes to the Capital Programme made under delegation and were informed by the Director of Finance that fees will not be provided quarterly instead of monthly.

**The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to note the report.**

<b>Item 14</b>	<b>City Council International Partnerships</b>
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Members considered a Council Cabinet report of the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Economy updating the Council Cabinet on progress that the Council has made in developing international partnerships in China and India in the last two years and why these markets are considered so important to Derby. It also outlined the most recent achievements, planned next steps and the potential outcomes.

The Board commented that they fully understood the importance and potential of the work being done on international partnerships and the need to speculate to accumulate, however there was concern around the lack of transparency on revenue expenditure for hosting and facilitating supporting activities. Members requested that a report be brought to a future meeting of the Executive Scrutiny Board evaluating the progress, timescales and expectations of these activities.

**The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to recommend caution to Council Cabinet on the building expenditure of supporting these activities and that the Council should be more open and upfront about these costs, what we are doing to support the building of international partnerships and why.**