

Executive Scrutiny Board	
Recommendations from the meeting held on 30 November 2017	
Council Cabinet Agenda – 06 December 2017	
Item 6	Performance Update - Delivery of the Streetpride elements of the Neighbourhood Charter to enhance the street scene and living environment of the City
<p>The Board considered a report of the Chief Executive and received a presentation on performance information in relation to the 'Delivery of the Streetpride elements of the Neighbourhood Charter to enhance the street scene and living environment of the City'.</p> <p>Officers reported that the use of Community Protection Officers in Normanton has working to educate residents and enforce against waste offences in the ward since July this year. It was reported that the team has since issues 1493 "section 46" notices relating to bins and waste storage, issues 70 fixed penalty notices for fly-tipping, made 441 casework visits and dealt with 264 reports of fly-tipping. Members acknowledged the success of this additional resource in the Normanton area and recognised the need for a higher level of resource in some parts of the city for community engagement and enforcement. However, the Board also discussed the need for a minimum level of resource in neighbourhoods required across the city for these activities and all agreed that this was needed.</p> <p>The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to recommend to Council Cabinet to provide at least a minimum level of resource in the budget for 2018/19 for engagement, education and enforcement action in all wards across the city.</p>	
Item 8	Procurement of Educational Placements for Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)
<p>Members considered a Council Cabinet report of the Cabinet Member for Education and Skills and Strategic Director for People Services to approve the establishment of a procurement compliant solution for the procurement of SEND educational placements from independent and non-maintained special schools/colleges.</p> <p>The Board requested that officers check that the recommendation at 2.4 of the report is acceptable in-line with the scheme of delegation and procurement rules.</p> <p>The Executive Scrutiny Board recommended to Council Cabinet that officers reassure them that the delegation at paragraph 2.4 of the report is acceptable in-line with the Scheme of Delegation and Financial Procedure Rules.</p>	
Item 9	Proposal to increase school places at Murray Park School
Members considered a Council Cabinet report of the Cabinet Member for Education and	

Skills and Strategic Director for People Services to approve permanent expansion of the premises of Murray Park School in order to provide additional secondary school places.

The Executive Scrutiny Board made no recommendations to Council Cabinet, however, requested further details on cross-city school travel to be included in a planned report to the Board on school place planning.

Item 10	Contract and Financial Procedure Matters Report
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Members considered a Council Cabinet report of Cabinet Member for Finance and Governance and Chief Executive outlining a number of items that require reporting to and approval by Council Cabinet under Contract and Financial Procedure rules.

Members of the Board were extremely unhappy that there were no officers present to explain the details contained in the report.

Members were unhappy about the lack of detail included in the report which made it difficult to know exactly what funds were required for, if they were considered value for money, if the time for investing in equipment was the right time and if items over key decision levels had received approved Council Cabinet approvals.

The Board felt that without further detail in the Contract and Financial Procedure Matters Report it would be difficult for Council Cabinet to make robust decisions on the items included and the use of public funds.

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to recommend that Council Cabinet:

- 1) reject the recommendations in the report unless further details are provided, included breakdowns of; what funds are required for; if the purchase of equipment is considered value for money; if the time for investing in equipment is the right time; and for any relevant background information to be provided, including if items over key decision levels have received relevant Council Cabinet approvals.**
- 2) asks for all aforementioned information to be included in all future Contract and Financial Procedure Matters Report, including the relevant Officer details for each decision to enable Members to request further information if needed.**