

Time Commenced – 5.00pm
Time Finished – 7.20pm

Executive Scrutiny Board

13 June 2023

Present: Councillor Poulter (Chair)
Councillors Amin, Bolton, Care, M Holmes, P Ingall, J Khan,
Lindsey, Mulhall, Rawson, C Wright

In attendance: Pauline Anderson - Director of Learning, Inclusion and Skills
Heather Greenan - Director of Corporate Management
Alex Hough – Head of Democracy
Andrew Jones – Change Manager
Steven Mason – Democratic Services Officer
Toni Nash – Head of Finance
Sarah Oliffe – Corporate and Communities Improvement Lead
John Sadler – Head of Strategic Asset Management and
Estates
Alison Wynn – Deputy Director of Corporate Public Health

01/23 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor Eyre.

02/23 Late Items

There were none.

03/23 Declarations of Interest

There were none.

04/23 Minutes of the meetings held on 11 April 2023

The minutes of the meeting held on 11 April 2023 were noted.

05/23 Forward Plan

The Board considered the contents of the Forward Plan published on 16 May 2023 and 13 June 2023.

No items were added to the future work programme.

Members discussed Project Assemble and it was proposed that the key decision be referred to the Regeneration and Housing Scrutiny Review Board, for possible inclusion in its work programme.

Resolved:

- 1. to note the Forward Plan; and**
- 2. to agree that the Project Assemble key decision be referred to the Regeneration and Housing Scrutiny Review Board for possible inclusion in its work programme.**

06/23 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 14 June 2023.

Matters Referred

Minute Extract from Council

The Board received a minute extract of Council in relation to Constitutional amendments.

It was noted that Council had agreed that the following resolution should progress to Council Cabinet for its consideration:

To request that the Council Cabinet alter the allocation of devolved neighbourhood funding to account for creation of two member-wards, as detailed at paragraphs 4.5 to 4.7 of the report.

The Executive Scrutiny Board endorsed the recommendation and resolved to recommend to Council Cabinet that the £5K, per Councillor, per annum, across 18 Wards, be maintained going forward for all 51 Councillors.

Key Decisions

Derby and Derbyshire Integrated Care Strategy 2023

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director of People Services on Derby and Derbyshire Integrated Care Strategy 2023.

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to recommend to Council Cabinet that an appropriate and timely evaluation process be developed for measuring the efficacy of the ICP Strategy.

Dedicated Schools Grant Management Plan

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director of People Services on Dedicated Schools Grant Management Plan.

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to note the report.

Budget and Policy Framework

Final Accounts – 2022/23 Outturn Report for General Fund, Capital Programme, Treasury Management, Housing Revenue Account, Dedicated Schools Grant and Collection Fund

The Board received a report of the Director of Financial Services on Final Accounts – 2022/23 Outturn Report for General Fund, Capital Programme, Treasury Management, Housing Revenue Account, Dedicated Schools Grant and Collection Fund.

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 Director of Financial Services on Compliance with Contract and Financial Procedure Rules.

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

- Bid for and acceptance of funding from Sports England for swimming pool operators in the city up to the value of £2m and associated delegated approvals to award the funding
- Allocation of £0.050m from the Budget Risk Reserve to fund Stage1 costs of strategic development partner procurement costs

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to note the report.

Council House Optimisation

The Board received a report of the Chief Executive on Council House Optimisation.

The Executive Scrutiny Board endorsed the principle of optimisation of the workspace in the Council House but resolved to recommend to Council Cabinet that we need to understand the extent and issues around hybrid working and home working, so that we can maximise the premises for the purposes for which it was originally intended, by bringing Council staff back into the building in an efficient manner.

Performance

2022/23 – Q4 Performance Monitoring Report

The Board received a report of the Director of Corporate Management on 2022/23 – Q4 Performance Monitoring Report.

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to recommend to Council Cabinet that the relevant Cabinet Members provide action plans in relation to the following measures with a red Q4 RAG Status:

- 1. Total number of people in effective alcohol treatment**
- 2. Total number of people sleeping rough on a single night – including veterans and those with mental health problems**
- 3. Average working days per employee (full time equivalents) per year lost through sickness absence - excluding schools**

Exclusion of Press and Public

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.

Contract and Financial Procedure Matters

Council House Optimisation

The Board received exempt information in a report of the Chief Executive on Council House Optimisation.

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to note the report.

MINUTES END