

Time Commenced – 5.00pm
Time Finished – 6.30pm

Executive Scrutiny Board

12 July 2022

Present: Councillor Repton (Chair)
Councillors Cooper, Dhindsa, M Holmes, Jennings, Martin,
Roulstone, Whitby

In attendance: Nigel Brien – Head of Traffic and Transportation
Claire Davenport – Director of Leisure, Culture and Tourism
Heather Greenan – Director of Policy, Insight and
Communications
Steven Mason – Democratic Services Officer
Paula Nightingale – Head of Learning and Skills
Gurmail Nizzer – Director of Integrated CYP Commissioning
Rachel North – Strategic Director of Communities and Place
Alison Parkin – Director of Financial Services
Owen Swift – Physical Activity and Sport Strategic Manager

16/22 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor Care.

17/22 Late Items

- Darley Mills Bridge – Delivery of a temporary footbridge and delivery options

This was considered as part of 20/22 – Council Cabinet Agenda.

18/22 Declarations of Interest

There were none.

19/22 Forward Plan

The Board considered the contents of the Forward Plan published on 14 June 2022 and 5 July 2022.

No items were added to the future work programme.

Resolved to note the Forward Plan.

20/22 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 13 July 2022.

Late Items – Darley Mills Bridge – Delivery of a temporary footbridge and delivery options

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director of Communities and Place on Darley Mills Bridge – Delivery of a temporary footbridge bridge and delivery options.

The Executive Scrutiny Board welcomes these proposals which will hopefully lead to a temporary bridge being erected over the existing bridge within a matter of weeks. These are, however, costly undertakings and a permanent replacement bridge could cost circa £5M. City council budgets are stretched and it is important therefore, that Council Cabinet writes to both the appropriate Secretary of State and Crown Estates to fund or partly fund both the temporary bridge and the future permanent bridge.

Key Decisions

Food Safety, Food Standards, Animal Feed and Health and Safety Service Plan

The Board received a report of the Director of Public Protection and Streetpride on Food Safety, Food Standards, Animal Feed and Health and Safety Service Plan.

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to note the report.

Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) ‘Living My Best Life’, Capital Programme in Derby Phase 1/3

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director of People Services on Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) ‘Living my Best Life’, Capital Programme in Derby Phase 1/3.

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to agree to pass its thanks to officers to both commend and recognise their hard work on this over many months and it also recognises the valuable input and guidance of local organisations, partners, and parents to whom without their input and good work with officers we wouldn’t have had this proposed enhanced provision and none of this would have been possible.

Derby Holiday Activity and Food Programme

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director of People Services on Derby Holiday Activity and Food Programme.

Executive Scrutiny resolved to note the report.

Appointment of Academy Sponsor for New Primary School at Snelsmoor Grange, Boulton Moor

The Board received a report of the Director of Integrated Commissioning on Appointment of Academy Sponsor for New Primary School at Snelsmoor Grange, Boulton Moor.

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to note the report.

Community Managed Libraries

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director of Communities and Place and Deputy Chief Executive on Community Managed Libraries.

In light of the current state of the city council finances where there is an underspend, the Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to request that Council Cabinet confirms that our much-loved libraries will remain open in the future and also explores the possibility of bringing them back under council control. In addition to this, there must be an attempt by Council Cabinet to obtain longer term funding via Government intervention.

Budget and Policy Framework

Final Accounts – 2021/22 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 – 2021/22 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:

- Capital programme - addition of £0.719m in Section 106 – s106 funding for the provision of the new primary school - Snelsmoor Grange, Boulton Moor
- Capital programme – addition of £0.889m and £0.101m in Basic Need funding, including allocation of £0.700m of this funding for the provision of the new primary school – Snelsmoor Grange, Boulton Moor

- Submission of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) Investment Plan and use of the three year allocation of £6.1m and delegations associated with this funding/plan

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to note the report.

Performance

Performance Monitoring – Quarter 4 2021/22

The Board received a report of the Director of Policy, Insight and Communications on Performance Monitoring – Quarter 4 2021/22.

In relation to the recent Ofsted inspection of services provided to children in need of help and protection, the Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to agree to acknowledge the hard work achieved by all the officers and give praise to both the officers and the Council Cabinet for achieving the Outstanding report from Ofsted and a number of the fantastic details within the report of increased jobs and prosperity for Derby.

Annual Report and Review of Performance 2021/22

The Board received a report of the Chief Executive on Annual Report and Review of Performance 2021/22.

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to note the report.

Council Delivery Plan 2022/23

The Board received a report of the Chief Executive on Council Delivery Plan 2022/23.

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to note the report.

Inspection of Local Authority Children's Services

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director of People Services on Inspection of Local Authority Children's Services.

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved:

- 1. to welcomes this report and the fact that our Children's Services have got an Outstanding Ofsted inspection and to thank the hard work and the dedication of the officers in delivering this and that they should be applauded and celebrated in their success; and**
- 2. to add its thanks to the Leader, the relevant Cabinet Member, the Chief Executive and the relevant Director.**

Exclusion of Press and Public

A resolution to exclude the press and public was put to the vote and carried.

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.

Key Decisions

Appointment of Academy Sponsor for New Primary School at Snelsmoor Grange, Boulton Moor

The Board received exempt detail in the report of the Director of Integrated Commissioning on Appointment of Academy Sponsor for New Primary School at Snelsmoor Grange, Boulton Moor.

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to note the report.

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