



## **Council Cabinet Response to Scrutiny Recommendations**

### **SUMMARY**

- 1.1 This report outlines the recommendations made by the Executive Scrutiny 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 Executive Scrutiny Board receives a response from Council Cabinet to the recommendations made.

### **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

#### **Council Cabinet Meeting of 14 March 2018**

##### **4.1 135/17 Recommendations from the Executive Scrutiny Board**

The Council Cabinet considered a report on Recommendations from the Executive Scrutiny Board. The Board met and discussed items contained within the Council Cabinet Agenda. The report enabled the views and recommendations resulting from these discussions to be formally shared with Council Cabinet. These were submitted to Council Cabinet as Appendix 2, prior to commencement of the meeting.

#### **Council Cabinet Decision**

1. To receive the report and consider the recommendations alongside the relevant report.

## **Key Decisions**

### **4.2 136/17 Revision to the National Non Domestic Rates Policy for the Award of Discretionary Rate Relief**

The Executive Scrutiny Board supported the changes to the DDR Policy.

### **4.3 137/17 Infrastructure Programme Board Capital Programme**

The Executive Scrutiny Board noted the report.

### **4.4 138/17 Infinity Park Derby Research and Development Opportunity**

The Executive Scrutiny Board expressed full support for the proposals which opened the Council up to new collaborations and partnerships. However, the Board also resolved to ask Council Cabinet to be minded to ensure that the iHub continued to be used for its intended purpose and occupants are encouraged into 'move-on space' at an appropriate time to maintain this.

## **Council Cabinet Decision**

### **Decision**

1. To delegate authority to the Strategic Director of Communities and Place, following consultation with the Interim Strategic Director of Resources, and the Cabinet Members for Regeneration & the Economy and Finance & Governance, to negotiate and enter into a Collaboration Agreement with the University of Sheffield as described in paragraph 4.10 of the report and take all necessary actions in line with the commitments undertaken in that agreement.
2. To agree in principle to negotiating Heads of Terms for leasing space at the i-Hub to the University of Sheffield for the AMRC's activities.
3. To instruct officers to report back to Council Cabinet on the full business case for the new facility once developed and seek authority before entering into any contracts for progressing this.
4. To delegate authority to the Strategic Director of Communities & Place, following agreement with the Interim Strategic Director of Resources and the Cabinet Members for Regeneration & the Economy and Finance & Governance, to submit bids for external funding to support this initiative. Consequent funding agreements for successful bids would be subject to Council Cabinet approval.
5. *To accept the recommendation from the Executive Scrutiny Board to be minded to ensure that the iHub continues to be used for its intended purpose and occupants are encouraged into 'move-on space' at an appropriate time to maintain this.*

#### **4.5 139/17 Adoption of Move More Derby – Physical Activity and Sports Strategy 2018 – 2023**

The Executive Scrutiny Board noted the report.

### **Budget and Policy Framework**

#### **4.9 123/17 Budget Outturn Quarter 3 – 2017-18**

The Executive Scrutiny Board made no recommendations to Council Cabinet but requested that further thought is given to how progress against items in the Capital Programme can be better demonstrated.

### **Council Cabinet Decision**

1. To note:

- the revenue projected outturn and key budget variances set out in the report in section 4 and the savings to be delivered in the year in section 5.
- the capital programme forecast and actual capital expenditure incurred during the quarter summarised in section 6 of the report.
- the reserves position, as set out in section 7 and appendix 4 of the report.
- the Council's treasury position, and performance in the quarter, section 8 of the report.
- the forecast DSG position summarised in section 9 of the report.
- the Council Tax and Business Rates Performance as set out in section 10 of the report.
- the HRA Performance as set out in section 11 of the report.
- the changes already approved under scheme of delegation to the capital programme detailed in Appendix 2 of the report.

2. To approve the following:

- the changes and additions required to the 2017/18 capital programme as detailed in Appendix 3 of the report; together with corresponding amendments to 2018/19 – 2019/20 capital programme totalling £12.431m and £5.144m respectively. This included the addition of £75,000 for the Occupational Health IT software in 2018/19 detailed in Paragraph 6.15 of the report.
- to approve the housing benefit write off of £64,034 outlined in section 10, with details at Appendix 5 of the report.
- to approve the historic business rates write-off of £250,430 outlined in section 10, with details at Appendix 5 of the report.

3. *To note that the Executive Scrutiny Board made no recommendations to Council Cabinet but resolved to request that further thought is given to how progress against items in the Capital Programme can be better demonstrated.*

## **Contract and Financial Procedure Matters**

### **4.11 140/17 Contract and Financial Procedure Matters**

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to:

- 1) agree that a future report be brought to the Board on the return of the investment of £214,000 from the budget risk reserve to provide funding for two years for 2018/19 to 2019/20 for the Peoples Directorate; and
- 2) request that in future, further detail and clarity is included in the Contract and Financial Procedure Matters report on items for agreement in order to allow Members to be satisfied with the proposals.

#### **Decision**

1. To approve the award of a grant from the Controlling Migration Fund to Safe & Sound, £95,427, The Multi Faith Centre, £60,000, and Derby Refugee Advice Centre, £19,323 as detailed in Section 4.0 of the report.
2. To approve the write off of three Derby Enterprise Growth Fund (DEGF) loans, totalling £106,861, as detailed in section 4.5 of the report.
3. To approve the write off of Adult Social Care debt totalling £25,900, as detailed in section 4.8 of the report.
4. To approve the allocation of £214,000 from the budget risk reserve to provide funding for two years for 2018/19 to 2019/20 for the Peoples Directorate, as detailed in section 4.10 of the report.
5. To approve the creation of a ring-fenced Planning Reserve as detailed in section 4.13 of the report.
6. To approve continuing year end transfers to and from the planning reserves as detailed in section 4.13 of the report.
7. To accept the recommendation from the Executive Scrutiny Board that further detail and clarity is included in future Contract and Financial Procedure Matters reports to allow Members to be satisfied with the proposals.

#### **Other**

### **4.12 141/17 Update on Derby Partnership Arrangements**

The Executive Scrutiny Board recommended to Council Cabinet that an aim to close the gender pay gap and inequality in employment across the city be included in the partnership proposals.

#### **Council Cabinet Decision**

1. To endorse the updated Derby Plan 2018 as a strategic framework demonstrating how the city's partners across the public, private and third sectors would work together to deliver improved outcomes for people in Derby

and support the development and growth of the city.

2. To give the Council's commitment to the Derby Partnership to work in collaboration with organisations across the city to make progress towards achieving the Derby Partnership goal – 'Derby: working together, closing the gap'.
3. To support the organisation of a Derby Partnership Summit in June 2018 that would give an opportunity for partners to better understand the challenges around closing the gap and the opportunities to make a difference.
4. In respect of the recommendation from the Executive Scrutiny Board to recommend to the partners that consideration is given to, aiming to close the gender pay gap and inequality in employment across the city, being included in the partnership proposals.

#### 4.13 142/17 Review of Derby Winners – DCC School Improvement Strategy

The Executive Scrutiny Board noted the report.

<b>OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED</b>
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5.1 None.

**This report has been approved by the following officers:**

<b>Legal officer</b>	N/A
<b>Financial officer</b>	N/A
<b>Human Resources officer</b>	N/A
<b>Service Director(s)</b>	N/A
<b>Other(s)</b>	David Walsh – Head of Democracy

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<b>IMPLICATIONS</b>
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**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.