

Time Commenced – 6.01pm  
Time Finished – 7.09pm

## **Executive Scrutiny Board**

**9 October 2023**

Present: Councillor Eyre (Chair)  
Councillors Amin, Bolton, Care, M Holmes, J Khan, Lindsey,  
Mulhall,

In attendance:  
Ian Fullagar – Head of Housing  
Steven Mason – Democratic Services Officer  
Toni Nash – Head of Finance  
Pete Shillcock – Group Accountant

### **28/23 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Councillors P Ingall, Poulter, Rawson, C Wright

### **29/23 Late Items**

- Compliance with Contact and Financial Procedure Rules Report

This was considered as part of 33/23 – Council Cabinet Agenda.

### **30/23 Declarations of Interest**

There were none.

### **31/23 Minutes of the meetings held on 11 September 2023**

The minutes of the meeting held on 11 September 2023 were agreed.

### **32/23 Forward Plan**

The Board considered the contents of the Forward Plan published on 12 September 2023.

No items were added to the future work programme.

**Resolved to note the Forward Plan.**

### **33/23 Council Cabinet Agenda**

The Board considered a report the Council Cabinet Agenda. Members considered the Council Cabinet agenda in its entirety for the meeting scheduled for Wednesday 11 October 2023.

## **Late Items**

### **Compliance with Contract and Financial Procedure Rules**

The Board received a report of the Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Strategy, Governance and Finance on Compliance with Contract and Financial Procedure Rules.

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

- Acceptance of the new funding of £0.584m from DLUHC via Nottingham City Council for alleviation of fuel poverty.

### **The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved:**

1. **to recommend to Council Cabinet that the Green Board consider match funding the Government funding to increase the scope of the benefits of insulation across the city and that this be taken to the Green Board in due course; and**
2. **to recommend to Council Cabinet that every reasonable effort is made to ensure that residential properties in all wards benefit from this scheme, and that Derby City Council develops ways to improve energy efficiency, in residential properties, in all wards, on a long-term basis.”**

## **Matters Referred**

### **Minute Extract from the Communities, Public Protection and Housing Scrutiny Board – Total number of people sleeping rough on a single night – including veterans and those with mental health problems**

The Board received a Minute Extract from the Communities, Public Protection and Housing Scrutiny Board - Total number of people sleeping rough on a single night – including veterans and those with mental health problems.

It was noted that Communities, Public Protection and Housing Scrutiny Board had agreed that the following resolutions should progress to Council Cabinet for its consideration:

1. to recommend to Council Cabinet that there should be a social media campaign/press promotion that demonstrates what the Council is doing in relation to rough sleeping and that this should include recognition that there is an offer for every rough sleeper and the importance of using Diverted Giving; and
2. to recommend to Council Cabinet that the services of a designated mental health/substance misuse officer be secured at the earliest opportunity, to work within Housing Options.

**The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to ask Council Cabinet, alongside the asks in the minute extract, to further raise the need to get**

**empty homes back in use. To this end for the public to be encouraged to report to the Council properties they know of which have been long-term empty to help get these back into use.**

### **Minute Extract from the Regeneration, Vibrancy and Climate Change Scrutiny Board – Asset Management Overview Highways Maintenance**

The Board received a Minute Extract from the Regeneration, Vibrancy and Climate Change Scrutiny Board – Asset Management Overview Highways Maintenance.

It was noted that Regeneration, Vibrancy and Climate Change Scrutiny Board had agreed that the following resolution should progress to Council Cabinet for its consideration:

To recommend that Council Cabinet prioritise funding for Highways Maintenance and add enough funding each year to make improvements year on year to the roads to reduce deterioration.

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

### **Key Decisions**

#### **Single Homeless Accommodation Programme (SHAP) Bid – Children and Young People at Risk of Rough Sleeping**

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director of Place and Cabinet Member for Housing, Property and Regulatory Services on Single Homeless Accommodation Programme (SHAP) Bid – Children and Young People at Risk of Rough Sleeping.

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

### **Budget and Policy Framework**

#### **Medium Term Financial Strategy**

The Board received a report of the Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Strategy, Governance and Finance and the Director of Finance on Medium Term Financial Strategy Summary.

**The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved:**

- 1. to recommend to Council Cabinet that it tasks the relevant Cabinet Member/s to review Section 106 within the Council's capital funding, to ensure that local improvements and schemes are both allocated and spent, to avoid it being handed back, unspent, to a developer, and that Council Cabinet reports back to Executive Scrutiny Board on any Section 106 funding that has been returned unspent to developers in 2023; and**

2. to ask Council Cabinet to continue to share with people of Derby the challenges of setting a balanced budget and the implications of not being able to do so. Alongside this, to publicise ways that people can help the Council to provide services, or reduce the need for services, for example by not littering or dumping, sorting waste correctly, becoming a foster carer or volunteering with Friends of the local park.

MINUTES END