

Time Commenced – 5.03pm
Time Finished – 6.00pm

Executive Scrutiny Board

3 August 2021

Present: Councillor Repton (Chair)
Councillors Care, Carr, Cooper, Dhindsa, Evans, Eyre, Martin,
Pattison, A Pegg

In attendance: Karen Brierley – Principal Housing Development Manager
Alex Hough – Head of Democracy
Steven Mason – Democratic Services Officer
Rachel North - Strategic Director of Communities and Place
Simon Riley – Strategic Director of Corporate Resources
Doug Walkman - Head of Service - Trading Standards, Food
and Safety, Bereavement Services and Building Consultancy

15/21 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors Grimadell and Prosser.

16/21 Late Items

There were none.

17/21 Declarations of Interest

There were none.

18/21 Minutes of the meeting held on 13 July 2021

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 July 2021 were agreed.

19/21 Forward Plan

The Board considered the contents of the Forward Plan published on 6 July 2021.

No items were added to the future work programme.

Resolved to note the Forward Plan.

20/21 Council Cabinet Responses to Scrutiny Recommendations

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director of Corporate Resources which allowed the Scrutiny Board to receive responses from

Council Cabinet on recommendations made at the previous Board meeting on 13 July 2021.

The Board resolved to note the report.

21/21 Performance Plan 2021/22

The Board considered a report of the Director of Policy, Insight and Communications on Performance Plan 2021/22.

It was reported that the Executive Scrutiny Board had responsibility for monitoring corporate performance, to support the delivery of improved outcomes for the city.

The purpose of the report was to set out proposals for the identification of items for Executive Scrutiny Board review in 2021/22, alongside recommendations to strengthen the links with the activities of the Overview and Scrutiny Review Boards.

The Board resolved:

- 1. to support the actions proposed to strengthen performance review activity alongside the Overview and Scrutiny Review Boards; and**
- 2. to note that items for review by the Executive Scrutiny Board during 2021/22 will be highlighted as part of the Quarter One Performance Report.**

22/21 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 4 August 2021.

Matters Referred

Recommendations from Executive Scrutiny Board

The Board received a report of the Chair of the Executive Scrutiny Board on Recommendations from the Executive Scrutiny Board.

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to note the report.

Minute Extract from Council held on 21 July 2021

The Board received a minute extract from Council in relation to Motion: Allestree Golf Course and Hall.

It was noted that Council had resolved:

In January 2020 the Council advertised the opportunity to operate Allestree Golf Course via an online subscription-only magazine and some local publicity. The Hall was separately offered for sale via estate agents. No publicity was done in the specialist golfing media.

Since the announcement of the Council's preferred bidder, questions have been asked by the campaign group Save Allestree Golf Course (see their website www.saveallestreegolfcourse.co.uk) expressing concerns about various aspects of the process used to choose the successful bidder for the Hall and the knock-on effects of that choice on the process to find a private organisation to operate the course as a separate entity.

Council notes with concern the current situation regarding Allestree Park Golf Course and Allestree Hall. Of particular concern is the process used to identify potential bidders. Serious bidders have since come forward with credible plans. They were not reached by the Council's initial publicity.

The separating of the Hall from the Golf Course means facilities essential for running the Golf Course are not available e.g. the irrigation system controls and the water tank are within the curtilage of the Hall. In fact the preferred bidder's plans would see the water tank destroyed. This is despite it being covered by the Grade II* listing.

Basic research has revealed that the Golf Course was designed by the much-acclaimed golf course designer Harry S Colt, yet no mention was made of this in any of the publicity the Council did.

Council therefore requests that Cabinet and Council officers do not give a further time extension to the company that, although the preferred bidder, has been unable to finalise the deal.

Council also requests that Cabinet and Council officers ask Marketing Derby to identify suitable organisations who are interested in operating the Hall and Golf Course in an integrated manner or the golf course as a separate entity.

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to recommend to Council Cabinet that it commits to the will of Council in relation to this motion.

Minute Extract from Communities Board held on 5 July 2021

The Board received a minute extract from the Communities Board in relation to Financing of the Public Protection Officers Team.

It was noted that the Communities Board had resolved:

to recommend that Cabinet consider increasing the opening hours of the Raynesway HWRC site and removing the booking system.

The Strategic Director of Communities and Place agreed with the proposal that a report be taken to a future meeting of the Communities Board, detailing

the implications of changes at Raynesway HWRC and the current approach to fly tipping.

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to note the minute extract.

Key Decisions

Delegation of Authority to Approve Affordable Housing Schemes

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director of Communities and Place on Delegation of authority to approve affordable housing schemes.

Members noted that the report sought Council Cabinet approval to delegate authority to the Strategic Director of Communities and Place in consultation with the Strategic Director of Corporate Resources and S151 Officer and Cabinet Member for Adults, Health and Housing to approve expenditure up to a total cost of £2.5m for each new affordable acquisition or development, providing that they could be contained within the current approved 3 year Housing Revenue Account (HRA) capital programme and meet all necessary financial parameters.

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to recommend to Council Cabinet that it consider requesting the report on the uplift in delegation level to come to Council Cabinet two months before the approval for higher spending limit ends to enable the higher level of delegation to continue uninterrupted, if that is what Cabinet decides, and that during the trial period the Executive Scrutiny Board would expect quarterly reports to come to Council Cabinet.

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 & Safety Service Plan.

Members noted that the report sought Council Cabinet approval for the adoption of the Food Safety, Food Standards, Animal Feed and Health & Safety Service Plan 2021-22. It was also noted that this statutory plan set out the Councils regulatory function in these service areas.

It was reported that the Council was required prepare a documented plan for Food Safety, Food Standards, Animal Feed and Health & Safety that it had a duty to enforce and set out how the authority intended to deliver its official controls and enforcement responsibilities within the city.

It was noted that the plan combined previously separate plans for Food and Health & Safety.

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 Strategic Director of Corporate Resources on Compliance with Contract and Financial Procedure Rules.

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

- D2N2 Growth and Innovation Programme 3 (GIP3) - approval of the Council's capital match funding contribution
- D2N2 Growth and Innovation Programme 3 (GIP3) – approve delegated authority to the Strategic Director for Communities and Place following consultation with Strategic Director of Corporate Resources and Leader of the Council, to accept and enter into a variation to the Deed of Grant between East Midlands Business Limited and Derby City Council and approval of the subsequent addition of GIP3 to the capital programme
- Local Authority Delivery phase 3 (LAD 3) - Bid for and acceptance of the new funding announced by the Government in June 2021
- Public Health – approve delegated authority to award contracts for Local Enhanced Services and associated software
- Public Health – approve delegated authority to award a contract for point of care testing (within the drug treatment system)
- Public Health – approve delegated authority to award grants from Section 31 funding awarded to Public Health and COVID Contain Outbreak Management Fund during the financial year 2021/2022

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to note the report.

MINUTES END