

Time Commenced – 5.00pm
Time Finished – 7.40pm

Executive Scrutiny Board

7 September 2021

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

In attendance: Pauline Anderson – Director of Learning, Inclusion and Skills
Nigel Brien - Head of Traffic & Transportation
Karen Brierley – Principal Housing Development Manager
Ian Fullagar - Head of Traffic & Transportation
Steven Mason – Democratic Services Officer
Gurmail Nizzer – Director of Children’s Integrated
Commissioning
Alison Parkin – Director of Financial Services
Sarah Walker - Head of Strategy and Performance

23/21 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors Carr and Repton

24/21 Late Items

- Acquisition of Property for Child X

This was considered as part of 30/21 – Council Cabinet Agenda.

25/21 Declarations of Interest

There were none.

26/21 Minutes of the meeting held on 3 August 2021

The minutes of the meeting held on 3 August 2021 were agreed.

27/21 Forward Plan

The Board considered the contents of the Forward Plans published on 10 August 2021 and 7 September 2021.

No items were added to the future work programme.

Resolved to note the Forward Plans.

28/21 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 3 August 2021.

In relation to 45/21 – Minute Extract from Council – Motion: Allestree Golf Course and Hall, Members agreed that a report on the processes involved in determining its future be brought to a meeting of the most appropriate committee. It was agreed that Democratic Services would seek to identify the most appropriate committee to consider this matter.

The Board resolved:

- 1. to note the report; and**
- 2. to agree that a report on the processes involved in determining the future of Allestree Golf Course and Hall be taken to a meeting of the most appropriate committee.**

29/21 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.

It was noted that at its meeting in August 2021, the Executive Scrutiny Board agreed actions to strengthen performance review activity alongside the Overview and Scrutiny Review Boards. It was also noted that the Board resolved to adopt a Performance Plan for 2021/22 based on items identified within the Quarter One Performance Report.

Members considered Performance Monitoring Quarter 1 – 2021/22, due to be considered by Council Cabinet on 8 September 2021 and agreed the draft Performance Plan 2021/22.

The Board resolved to agree the performance items as part of the Performance Plan 2021/22, as shown at Appendix 1 of the report.

30/21 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 8 September 2021.

Late Items

Acquisition of Property for Child X

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director of Communities and Place on Acquisition of a property for Child X.

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to note the report.

Key Decisions

Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) 'Living My Best Life' Capital Programme in Derby

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.

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved:

- 1. to recommend to Council Cabinet to include in the Consultation clear information on the numbers and types of educational needs and disabilities that are not currently being met in the city, based both on children sent to provision outside the city and those currently out of school, that these proposals are seeking to meet; and**
- 2. to recommend to Council Cabinet that if the decision is to rebuild St Clare's School then it should be designed and constructed to be 'zero carbon' in operation, if practicable.**

Private Sector Empty Homes Strategy 2021-2026

The Board received a report of the Deputy Chief Executive (Communities and Place) on Private Sector Empty Homes Strategy 2021–2026.

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to recommend to Council Cabinet that the Empty Homes Policy should make clear that Council grants or loans would not routinely be provided to support the creation of more Houses in Multiple Occupation.

Compulsory Acquisition of Empty Homes

The Board received a report of the Deputy Chief Executive (Communities and Place) on Compulsory Acquisition of Empty Homes.

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to note the report.

Mobility Information System Research and Development

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director of Communities and Place on Mobility Information System research and Development.

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to note the report.

Decriminalisation of Moving Traffic Offences

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director of Communities and Place on Decriminalisation of Moving Traffic Offences.

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to note the report.

Contracting Arrangements for Children's Accommodation and Support for 16/17 year olds (Housing Framework)

The Board received a report of the Service Director of Integrated Commissioning (CYP) on Contracting Arrangements for Children's Accommodation and Support for 16/17 year olds (Housing Framework).

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to note the report.

Budget and Policy Framework

2021/22 Quarter 1 Financial Monitoring & Medium Term Financial Strategy Update

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director of Corporate Resources on 2021/22 Quarter 1 Financial Monitoring and Medium Term Financial Strategy Update.

Given the 11.68M budget overspend at the end of quarter 1 and the weakness of the budget reserves, the Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to recommend to Council Cabinet that rather than continue to draw on reserves or rely on uncertain Government supplementary funding, the Council Cabinet should work cross-party and with the city, early on in the civic year, to establish a sustainable budgeting framework going forward.

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:

- Derby Adult Learning Service - acceptance of funding of £0.750m from Futures Nottingham and approval for negotiations with Futures for the acceptance of the National Careers Service contract.
- Derby Museum & Art Gallery – cabinet to note Expression of Interest and approve the full application for funding bid to the Museum Estate Development (**MEND**) of £0.750m and approval for a budget re-allocation of £0.200m to enable the project to reach RIBA stage 3 design.
- Derby Football Hub project – approval of changes to the scope and delivery method for the Derby Football Hub project and use of the Capital Feasibility reserve of £0.041m.
- Leisure & Culture Marketing Team – approval of budget transfer from Communities and Place to Corporate Resources directorate of £0.315m for staffing and marketing budgets.
- Traffic Signals Maintenance Grant - approval to accept a Traffic Signals Maintenance Specific Grant award from the Department for Transport and to add the grant to the Highways and Transportation Capital Programme based on the conditions of the grant.

It was reported that the following was no longer required:

- Safety of Women at Night Fund - approval to bid for up to £0.300m to tackle violence against women

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to note the report.

Performance

Performance Monitoring Quarter 1 – 2021/22

The Board received a report of the Director of Policy, Insight and Communications on Performance Monitoring Quarter 1 – 2021/22.

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to note the report.

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 paragraphs 3 and 5 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

Compulsory Acquisition of Empty Homes

The Board received exempt detail in the report of the Deputy Chief Executive (Communities and Place) on Compulsory Acquisition of Empty Homes.

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to note the report.

Budget and Policy Framework

2021/22 Quarter 1 Financial Monitoring & Medium Term Financial Strategy Update

The Board received exempt detail in the report of the Strategic Director of Corporate Resources on 2021/22 Quarter 1 Financial Monitoring & Medium Term Financial Strategy Update.

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to note the report.

Late Item – Acquisition of Property for Child X

The Board received exempt detail in the report of the Strategic Director of Communities and Place on Acquisition of a Property for Child X.

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to note the report.

MINUTES END