

Communities Scrutiny Review and Scrutiny Board 11 September 2017

Present: Councillor Pegg (Chair)
Councillors Anderson, Hassall, Hudson, Sandhu, Skelton and Smale

Officers Jayne Sowerby-Warrington – Head of Strategic Asset Management
Andy Thomas – Head of Service – Partnership and Communities
Michael Kay – Head of Environmental Health and Licensing
Simon Aitken – Streetpride Area Manager
Wayne Hobbs – Senior Community Protection Officer
Jordan Stephenson – Public Protection Officer
Councillor Paul Bayliss

08/17 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Nawaz

09/17 Late items introduced by the Chair

The Chair invited Councillor Paul Bayliss to provide an oral and written report which provided the Board with additional information on Closed Circuit Television in Derby City.

10/17 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

11/17 Minutes of the meeting held on 10 July 2017

These were agreed as a true and accurate record

12/17 Grass Cutting – Sports Pitches, Open Spaces and Verges

The Board received a report of the Acting Director, Partnerships, Planning, Transportation and Streetpride which was presented by the Streetpride Manager; the report, which updated the Board on the grass cutting arrangements and targeted frequencies for sports pitches, open spaces and verges during 2017.

Councillors discussed the frequency of cutting football pitches and grass verges in their constituencies and congratulated the Streetpride on the condition of the football pitches at the Racecourse Playing Fields off ST Marks Road, Derby and Alvaston Park, Meadow Lane, Alvaston, Derby. Councillors were also concerned with the confusion relating to Derby Homes' areas of responsibilities of grass cutting and Derby City Council's.

The Streetpride Manager informed the Board that there were three vacancies within the Streetpride team which were advertised and hoped to be filled in the near future and that apprenticeships were being looked as an option.

Resolved to:

- a) **note the report**
- b) **request that Streetpride investigate the feasibility of Derby Homes and Derby City Council collaboratively working together to structure the grass cutting schedules to prevent overlaps and omissions of areas.**

13/17 Replacement and Renewal of Wheely Bins

The Board received a report of the Acting Director, Partnerships, Planning, Transportation and Streetpride which was presented by the Streetpride Manager.

The report provided the Board with information relating to procedure of the replacement and renewal of wheely bins that were provided to households in the city of Derby.

The Board heard that during 2016-17 the Council spent £127,748 on wheely bins which included replacement and new wheely bins.

Resolved to note the report.

14/17 Additional Resource on Waste Management Update

A Report of the Strategic Director of Communities and Place was presented to the Board by the Head of Environmental Health and Licensing which was titled Additional Resource on Waste Enforcement Update. The report detailed information which related to fly-tipping, littering and bins-on-streets, particularly within inner-city wards, which had been a regular source of complaint to the Council. In response, the Council had taken action to address this. Waste enforcement had been made a priority and was included as one of the Council Leadership's 50 Pledges and also supported the Pledge to make Derby one of the country's cleanest cities. Waste enforcement was a key part of the Neighbourhood Charter, which was due to be published shortly and the work supported the principles of working together also set out in the recently-launched Metro Strategy.

The Board heard a small team of Public Protection Officers had been seconded from Nottingham City Council to deal with fly-tipping, littering and other waste enforcement issues in Derby. Given the size of the team, the most effective approach would be a targeted, intelligence-led one, which focused on 'hot spot'

areas. A pilot project using this approach was nearing completion and a statistical summary of the successful actions achieved to date and an example of a direct impact of these actions was included in the report. Approval was sought to extend this approach to further hot spot areas.

Discussion was held by Members relating to the strategies used to target areas and engage residents, they were informed that action taken by Enforcement Officers was intelligence lead and success was dependent on community interaction and building relationships with people from the community. Members also highlighted possible resentment from other neighbourhoods across the city who are not benefitting from the presence of Enforcement Officers.

Councillors congratulated officers on the work being done and the results this was yielding so far and discussed the future possibility of having a dedicated Enforcement Officer in each neighbourhood area.

Resolved to:

- a) **note the report**
- b) **receive an update on the progress made in other areas of the city at the Communities Scrutiny Review Board meeting on 26 March 2018**

15/17 Closed Circuit Television Locations

A report of the Strategic Director of Communities and Place was presented to the Board by the Head of Service - Partnerships and Communities which supplied the Board with Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) provision both inside and outside the city of Derby and their locations. Councillor Bayliss at the invitation of the Chair presented a supplementary report on City Centre CCTV to accompany this agenda item.

CCTV camera locations were listed at Appendix 2.

The report stated in March 2015 the Council confirmed the reduction of the £200k reduction of the CCTV budget. As a result all six CCTV Monitoring Officer posts were deleted. The control room equipment continued to operate but full-time active monitoring of the system ended on 31st May 2015.

In July 2015 partial active monitoring was re-established at weekends and other dates of heightened risk of crime and disorder. This was jointly funded by Derby City Council and both Business Improvement Districts at a cost of £25k a year. A small budget of approximately £70k, provided by the Council covered the cost of basic maintenance of the CCTV cameras and control room equipment.

Access to images collected was strictly prohibited in accordance with primary legislation such as the Data Protection Act 1998 and the Surveillance Camera Code of Practice 2013.

The control room and image accessing equipment was subject to strict controls via access keys and logons. Derbyshire Police Constabulary could access images with prior approval and scrutiny via Information Governance within the Council. Contingencies were in place for emergency access to the control room and images should it being required. Work was currently underway which provided a direct link between the Council control room and Police control room to enable shared monitoring in emergency and high risk circumstances

Active monitoring routinely takes place on Friday and Saturday evenings generally between 6.00pm and 5.00am. This is focussed in the city centre in support of the early evening and night time economy. Active monitoring also takes place on an intelligence led basis when a particular risk is identified or at other peak times such as Bank Holidays.

Resolved to:

- a) **Note the report**
- b) **Recommend that the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Public Protection communicate with the Police and Crime Commissioner regarding linking Derby City CCTV to the CCTV monitoring system at Derbyshire Constabulary Headquarters at Ripley.**

16/17 Council Owned Community Buildings- Update

The Head of Strategic Asset Management presented a report to the Board on behalf of Strategic Director of Communities and Place and Deputy Chief Executive which updated them with information relating to Council Owned Community Buildings. The Chair of the Communities Scrutiny Board at the meeting held in June 2017 requested data and information regarding a number of issues relating to *Community Buildings*. A verbal update was therefore provided by the Head of Strategic Asset Management & Estates (SAM&E) on 10th July and further queries were subsequently raised. The report looked at queries, with specific reference to:-

- Responsibility of the day to day running of the community buildings
- Responsibility regarding paying the utility bills for the premises

The Hire Pricing structure for each of the buildings (and the contact details information for the public to be able to contact each venue)

The Strategic Asset Management & Estates Team (SAMT) had investigated the queries and the answer to these queries were

- Responsibility for the day to day running of the buildings is with the Community organisations who lease the buildings from the Council.
- The Community organisations are responsible for paying the utility bills.

The Council does not subsidise these outgoings

The hire pricing structure for each of the buildings, which met the criteria defined by the SAMT & E, was set out in Appendix 2

Resolved to note the report.

17/17 Large Capacity Events at Derby Arena

A report was presented on behalf of the Strategic Director of Communities and Place by the Head of Culture and Business Development which provided the Board with information on Large Capacity Events at Derby Arena for 2016-17. Details of the report included the revenue generated from the events which were defined as any event with a capacity of 1000 and above, this included track and infield sporting events and conferences/trade shows as well as cultural performances.

The report stated the Derby Arena in 2016-17 hosted 32 events of which 13 were classed as large capacity events which produced a net income of £253,830. In the current financial year 2017-18 Derby Arena was forecast to host 32 events of which 11 were classed as large capacity events and were estimated to provide a net income of £265,000.

A breakdown of large capacity events at Derby Arena for 2016-17 and 2017-18 were included in the report at Appendix 2.

The Derby Arena opened in March 2015 as an iconic regional facility, its multi purpose design with its range of auditorium formats enabled the venue to host a diverse programme of sporting events, as well as cultural and commercial events such as rock, pop, comedy, conferences, exhibitions and award ceremonies. Unique in its design the venue boasts a 250m cycle velodrome, 13 badminton courts, cafe and bar, 150 station gym facilities, studio and other ancillary facilities.

Members discussed the primary purpose of the velodrome, it was concluded it was primarily a sporting venue, it wasn't a major concert or entertainment venue; a balance has to be kept to accommodate a commercial and cultural complementary programme but one which would not impinge on the use of the cycle track too greatly.

Resolved to:

- a) **note the report**
- b) **request an update to be reported to the 26 March 2018 meeting of the Community Scrutiny Review Board which would include a detailed breakdown of revenue.**

18/17 Remit Work Programme and Topic Review

The Board received a report of the Chief Executive which set out the Communities Scrutiny Review Board's remit and invited Members to discuss and agree the future work programme and topic reviews for the forthcoming municipal year.

Resolved to:

- 1) Note the report**
- 2) Agree topics for the work programme for the 2017-18 municipal year**
- 3) Receive regular updates on this programme.**

MINUTES END