

Time Commenced – 5.00pm
Time Finished – 6.55pm

Executive Scrutiny Board

5 October 2021

Present: Councillor Repton (Chair)
Councillors Care, Dhindsa, Evans, Grimadell, Martin, Prosser

In attendance: Verna Bayliss – Director – Planning, Transportation and Engineering
Nigel Brien - Head of Traffic & Transportation
Ian Fullagar - Head of Traffic & Transportation
Steven Mason – Democratic Services Officer
Rachel North – Strategic Director of Communities and Place
Simon Riley – Strategic Director of Corporate Resources
Catherine Williams – Head of Service – City, Development and Growth

31/21 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors Cooper, Eyre, Pegg, Pattison

32/21 Late Items

There were none.

33/21 Declarations of Interest

There were none.

34/21 Minutes of the meeting held on 7 September 2021

The minutes of the meeting held on 7 September 2021 were agreed.

35/21 Forward Plan

The Board considered the contents of the Forward Plan published on 7 September 2021.

No items were added to the future work programme.

Resolved to note the Forward Plan.

36/21 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 7 September 2021.

The Board resolved to note the report.

37/21 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 report provided the Board with an opportunity to review and agree the Performance Plan 2021/22.

Members noted that the performance item scheduled for October on Demand and the impacts of COVID-19 on services had been deferred until the November meeting.

The Board resolved to agree the performance items identified for consideration by the Board as part of the Performance Plan for 2021/22 as shown at Appendix 1.

38/21 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 6 October 2021.

Key Decisions

Derby's Bus Service Improvement Plan Update

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director of Communities and Place on Derby's Bus Service Improvement Plan Update.

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved:

- 1. to recommend to Council Cabinet to urgently identify the communities in Derby negatively affected by the lack of a local bus service and to formulate plans to address this deficit. An example being Darley Village where many elderly, ill and those**

without a car now struggle to get to their G.P., the local shops and town, following the recent withdrawal of the 17A Darley Bus Service; and

2. to agree that it is disappointed that there hasn't been any meaningful consultation with the public or bus passengers even though this was a recommendation from June supported by Council Cabinet. The Executive Scrutiny Board therefore recommend to Council Cabinet that future consultation seeks to engage with people who are not yet bus passengers as well as those who are, and to consider the needs for enhancing routes along all corridors, not just those preferred by operators.

Supporting the Delivery of the Eastern Gateway Project

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director of Communities and Place on Supporting the Delivery of the Eastern Gateway Project.

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to call on Council Cabinet in a non party political manner to write to Government asking for a named senior Cabinet Member to be given specific responsibility for the revival of our high streets, helping local government fulfil what is currently a very challenging problem facing every city in this country.

Transforming Cities Update – Mobility Hub

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director of Communities and Place on Transforming Cities Update – Mobility Hub.

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to note the report.

Contract and Financial Procedure Matters

Bid to the Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund – Authorisation to Bid for Wave 1 Funding

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director of Communities and Place on Bid to the Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund – Authorisation to Bid for Wave 1 Funding.

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to welcome that the Council is already connecting with other social housing providers to help identify housing stock in need of energy improvement and recommend to Council Cabinet that we continue this work, and also that the Council engages with Derby College and elements in the building trade to improve sector skill levels for doing this work and availability of relevant materials.

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:

- South Derby Growth Zone (SDGZ) and Infinity Garden Village (IGV) – Approval of a contribution of £0.0375m to enable the next steps in the proposed IGV and SDGZ work.
- Project Assemble – Approval of up to £0.1425m to support the completion of the options appraisal and outline business case for Project Assemble.
- DFE Children's Home Capital Bid

In relation to Project Assemble:

1. the Executive Scrutiny Board seeks Council Cabinet reassurance that the options appraisal process is completed within a 12 month period. Council Cabinet is also asked that within this 12 month period it will provide the public with a fully costed, fully funded comprehensive business plan demonstrating that the £240,000 consultants fees were good value for money and a multi-million scheme is the best we can achieve for the city and the Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to recommend to Council Cabinet that no further tax payers money is spent on this particular scheme until commitment for capital investment has been obtained from Derby University or from other suitable sources;
2. the Executive Scrutiny Board remind Council Cabinet that approval for demolition of the Assembly Rooms has not yet been given and ask that options for use of the site, includes consideration of the reuse of the existing Assembly Rooms. Reuse might be for alternative purposes or even build on design work that was done around 2005 to improve the entrance area and increased functionality of the performance space. This might also be achievable in time for, and enhance our bid to be, City of Culture in 2025; and
3. the Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to ask Council Cabinet to explore if other financial and management structures for the Assembly Rooms might be a more effective way forward, such as a Trust, as for Derby Museums.

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 paragraph 3 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

Supporting the Delivery of the Eastern Gateway Project

The Board received exempt detail in the report of the Strategic Director of Communities and Place on Supporting the Delivery of the Eastern Gateway Project.

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to note the report.

Transforming Cities Update – Mobility Hub

The Board received exempt detail in the report of the Strategic Director of Communities and Place on Transforming Cities Update – Mobility Hub.

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to note the report.

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