



Council Cabinet Response to Scrutiny Recommendations

SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report outlines the recommendations made by the Executive Scrutiny Board to Council Cabinet and Council Cabinet's responses to these recommendations. The relevant responses have been extracted (and condensed where appropriate) from the Council Cabinet Minutes and included in Section 4 of this report.

RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 To note the responses from Council Cabinet recorded in the Council Cabinet Minutes.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 To ensure that the Executive Scrutiny Board receives a response from Council Cabinet to the recommendations made.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Council Cabinet Meeting of 8 August 2018

4.1 40/18 Recommendations from the Executive Scrutiny Board

The Council Cabinet considered a report on Recommendations from the Executive Scrutiny Board. The Board met and discussed items contained within the Council Cabinet Agenda. The report enabled the views and recommendations resulting from these discussions to be formally shared with Council Cabinet. These were submitted to Council Cabinet as Appendix 2, prior to commencement of the meeting.

Council Cabinet Decision

1. To receive the report and consider the recommendations alongside the relevant report.

Key Decisions

4.2 41/18 Bold Lane Office Accommodation – Delivery Model

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to welcome the proposal and note the report.

4.3 42/18 Children's Residential Homes – Proposed Reconfiguration of Service Provision

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved:

- To recommend that Council Cabinet defer the decision on the reconfiguration of Children's Homes until such time as a formal consultation has been carried out with relevant stakeholders; an Equalities Impact Assessment has been completed and their results presented to Council Cabinet for further consideration.
- To recommend to Council Cabinet that the Capital Programme was reviewed, with the intention of ensuring no overall reduction in the number of bed spaces available; assessing the optimum configuration of existing homes and identifying opportunities for sold services, where capacity exists.
- To recommend that no decision is taken in relation to the closure of any children's home without further approval being sought from Council Cabinet.

Council Cabinet Decision

1. Taking account of 3(1) below, to agree in principle to the two phased approach to reconfiguration of children's in-house residential services and to the two hub establishment which will allow development of a complex needs provision, subject to a formal consultation being carried out with relevant stakeholders and children and young people, an Equalities Impact Assessment being completed and their results presented to Council Cabinet for further consideration.
2. To agree to ceasing progression of the scheduled refurbishment to the six bedded home and reinvest part of the capital budget into the refurbishment of a smaller 2 bedded home to be part of Hub 1, subject to the formal consultation referred to in decision 1 above.
3. *To accept the recommendations from the Executive Scrutiny Board that:*
 1. *Council Cabinet defer the decision on the reconfiguration of Children's Homes until such time as a formal consultation has been carried out with relevant stakeholders; an Equalities Impact Assessment has been completed and their results presented to Council Cabinet for further consideration;*
 2. *the Capital Programme be reviewed, with the intention of ensuring no overall reduction in the number of bed spaces available; assessing the optimum configuration of existing homes and identifying opportunities for sold services, where capacity exists; and*

3. *no decision be taken in relation to the closure of any children's home without further approval being sought from Council Cabinet.*

4.4 **43/18 Changes to the Council Tax Support Scheme 2019/20**

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved:

- To welcome the report
- To recommend that Council Cabinet incorporate greater flexibility into the proposals to allow the backdating period to be extended if necessary following the consultation process.

Council Cabinet Decision

1. To approve a consultation on the specified proposed change to the Council Tax Support Scheme as set out in paragraph 4.6.
2. To delegate approval to the Strategic Director of Corporate Resources in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance and Procurement to finalise and approve the arrangements to manage the consultation process.
3. To agree to bring a report back to a future Cabinet with final proposals for a CTS Scheme for 2019/20, before the deadline of 11 March 2019.
4. *To note the recommendation from the Executive Scrutiny Board that Council Cabinet incorporate greater flexibility into the proposals to allow the backdating period to be extended if necessary following the consultation process.*

Budget and Policy Framework

4.5 **44/18 2018/19 Quarter 1 Forecast of Outturn for General Fund, Housing Revenue Account, Revenue and Capital Budgets, Dedicated Schools Grant and Collection Fund**

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to note the report.

Performance

4.6 **45/18 Annual Report and Review of Performance 2017/18**

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to note the report.

4.7 **46/18 Council Delivery Plan 2018/19**

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to recommend that Council Cabinet consider the Council Delivery Plan 2018/19 alongside the Council Scorecard.

Council Cabinet Decision

1. To approve the Council Delivery Plan for 2018/19.
2. To delegate authority to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of

the Council, to publish and maintain the Council Delivery Plan as a dynamic document.

3. To receive monitoring reports on the progress of the Council Delivery Plan at end of September 2018 and March 2019.
4. *To accept the recommendation from the Executive Scrutiny Board that Council Cabinet consider the Council Delivery Plan 2018/19 alongside the Council Scorecard.*

Contract and Financial Procedure Matters

4.8 47/18 Compliance with Contract and Financial Procedure Rules

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to note the report.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

5.1 None.

This report has been approved by the following officers:

Legal officer	N/A
Financial officer	N/A
Human Resources officer	N/A
Service Director(s)	N/A
Other(s)	David Walsh – Head of Democracy

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Background papers:	Council Cabinet Minutes and Reports 8 August 2018.
List of appendices:	Appendix 1 – Implications

IMPLICATIONS

Financial and Value for Money

- 1.1 Costs associated with implementing the recommendations associated with this report would need to be determined by relevant officers following decisions made by Council Cabinet.

Legal

- 2.1 Rule OS23 of the Council's Constitution relate are relevant to this report in its final submissions to Council Cabinet. Rule OS23 states that the Council or Council Cabinet shall consider the report of the overview and scrutiny board within one month of it being submitted to the proper officer.
- 2.2 Legal implications associated with implementing the recommendations associated with this report would need to be determined by relevant officers following decisions made by Council Cabinet.

Personnel

- 3.1 Personnel implications associated with implementing the recommendations associated with this report would need to be determined by relevant officers following decisions made by Council Cabinet.

IT

- 4.1 IT implications associated with implementing the recommendations associated with this report would need to be determined by relevant officers following decisions made by Council Cabinet.

Equalities Impact

- 5.1 Effective scrutiny benefits all Derby people and the very nature of the Scrutiny Board's work means that equality issues are addressed.

Health and Safety

- 6.1 None directly arising from this report.

Environmental Sustainability

- 7.1 None directly arising from this report.

Property and Asset Management

- 8.1 Asset management and acquisition implications associated with implementing the recommendations associated with this report would need to be determined by relevant officers following decisions made by Council Cabinet.

Risk Management

- 9.1 Risks management implications associated with implementing the recommendations associated with this report would need to be determined by relevant officers following decisions made by Council Cabinet.

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

- 10.1 Our aim is to work together so that Derby and its people will enjoy a thriving sustainable economy, good health and well-being and an active cultural life.