

Time Commenced – 5.00pm
Time Finished – 5.57pm

Executive Scrutiny Board

15 December 2020

Present: Councillor Repton (Chair)
Councillors Care, Hudson, Hussain, Pattison, P Pegg, Testro,
Willoughby

In attendance: Amanda Fletcher – Head of Finance for Communities and Place
Heather Greenan – Director of Policy, Insight and Communications
Janice Hadfield – Head of Finance for Corporate Resources
Steven Mason – Democratic Services Officer
Toni Nash – Head of Finance for Organisation and Governance
Rachel North – Strategic Director for Communities and Place
Alison Parkin – Director of Financial Services
Simon Riley – Strategic Director of Corporate Resources
Paul Simpson – Chief Executive
Elly Tomlinson – Principal Accountant

44/20 Apologies for Absence

There were none.

45/20 Late Items

There were none.

46/20 Declarations of Interest

There were none

47/20 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 16 December 2020.

Budget and Policy Framework

Medium Term Financial Plan 2021/22 – 2023/24 and Draft Derby Recovery Plan 2021/22.

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director of Corporate Resources and S151 Officer on Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) 2021/22 – 2023/24

and a report of the Director of Policy, Insight and Communications on Draft Derby Recovery Plan 2021/22.

The MTFP report outlined proposals for the Council's new three-year MTFP including detailed plans for a balanced budget for 2021/22 and also set out additional savings and themes identified as part of the financial plans across the next three years - 2021/22 to 2023/24

Members noted that Council Cabinet approval would be sought to start appropriate consultation to deliver these savings.

It was reported that the MTFP was shaped by the national and local context at the end of 2020 but needed to be viewed as a strategic financial framework linked to the Derby Recovery Plan 2021/22. It was also reported that the MTFP would continue to flex during the MTFP period to ensure that the Council continued to work with partners, communities, individuals and businesses to ensure that Derby 'builds back better'.

Members noted that the report should be read in conjunction with the Derby Recovery Plan 2021/22 that detailed the Council focus of Improving Lives Together and that the MTFP set out the strategic financial framework to deliver on this ambition.

It was also noted that the MTFP report included a section on risks which outlined the implications of the Covid pandemic on the MTFP model and uncertainty around associated funding and forecasts.

Members noted that the Derby Recovery Plan 2021/22 report presented a short and targeted draft Recovery Plan, which would be the focus of the improvement activity to the end of March 2022 and would form the foundation of the Council's work, with partners, beyond this.

It was reported that Council Cabinet approval would be sought to start appropriate consultation to deliver the plan.

It was also reported although the Derby Recovery Plan 2021/22 was a council action plan, it appropriately reflected the Council's partnership ambitions and commitments to support recovery for the city and set the scene for achieving its long-term goals for Derby.

Members noted that the Derby Recovery Plan 2021/22 underpinned the Council Plan 2019 – 2023 and would form the basis of the Council's performance reporting framework from April 2021 to the end of March 2022.

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to recommend to Council Cabinet that they, with the Corporate Leadership Team, engage more actively with all councillors to explore how all councillors, as elected representatives, are involved in the on-going development and delivery of the Recovery Plan to maximise the engagement of communities and individuals.

MINUTES END