

Time commenced 6.00pm
Time finished 8.13pm

CORPORATE SCRUTINY AND CLIMATE CHANGE BOARD 17 SEPTEMBER 2012

Present: Councillor Tittley (Chair)
Councillors Afzal, Hillier, Holmes, Jones, Redfern, Whitby and Wood

12/12 Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Hickson.

13/12 Late Items Introduced by the Chair

There were no late items.

14/12 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Tittley declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in item 10 because he was an employee of Rolls Royce.

15/12 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 2 July 2012 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

16/12 Council Cabinet Forward Plan

The Board requested the following items

- 02/12 - Citywide Highspeed Data Network
- 19/12 - Magistrates Court

17/12 Scrutiny of the Forward Plan

The Board consider a report which provided details of three items considered by Council Cabinet between June and August 2012 which had not appeared in the Forward Plan. The Board were informed that in response to a recent Statutory Instrument there was no longer a requirement to produce a Forward Plan. It had been replaced by a requirement to give 28 days notice of key decisions to be taken by Council Cabinet. It had been agreed to continue with the Forward Plan but to only include key decisions and not budget and policy framework items.

The Board asked how they would get to know about proposed Council Cabinet decisions on budget and policy framework items if they were not included in the Forward Plan. They suggested that a mechanism be established by which they

could get to know about them in advance of the Council Cabinet so they could scrutinise relevant items.

Resolved

- 1. To note the report.**
- 2. To continue to monitor items considered by Council Cabinet which were not included in the Forward Plan.**
- 3. To request that a mechanism be established by which Overview and Scrutiny Board Members could request reports and scrutinise proposed decisions.**

18/12 Call-in

There were no call-ins received for the Board to consider.

19/12 Council Cabinet Responses to Scrutiny Reports and Recommendations

The Board considered a report which stated that in January 2012 the Council made a series of recommendations to strengthen the overview and scrutiny process. This included asking for regular reports to be presented to the then Scrutiny Management Commission on the actions taken by the Council Cabinet in response to overview and scrutiny reports and recommendations. The report set out responses received up to August 2012.

Resolved

- 1. To note the responses of Council Cabinet to scrutiny reports and recommendations.**
- 2. To request Council Cabinet to give reasons for their response to Scrutiny recommendations including when they noted items with no further action.**

20/12 Development of Some of the Most Challenging Sites in the City Centre

The Board received a presentation on the development of some of the most challenging sites in the city centre. The Board was informed that a variety of measures were being taken to progress some of the difficult to develop sites including using the £10m regeneration fund.

The Board requested a list of difficult to develop sites which could be updated on a quarterly basis. The list could be presented in a matrix which provided, addresses, ownership (if not owned by the Council) current status (such as agreed planning use) and some of the difficulties in bringing the site into use.

The Board also suggested that tangible assets be considered to see if they could be put on the open market to realise liquidity with the receipts being reinvested into regeneration.

Resolved

- 1. To note the presentation.**
- 2. To request a report on the Asset Management Plan.**
- 3. To request the Overview and Scrutiny Manager to set up an investigation to help with the development of these sites. This would look at common generic problems and could receive evidence from a range of individuals including regeneration officers and major businesses. The scoping report could be circulated via e mail and approved by Members in advance of the next meeting.**

At this point Councillor Holmes took the Chair

21/12 Global Technology Cluster and Innovation Campus

The Board received a presentation on the Global Technology Cluster and the Innovation Campus.

The presentation on the Global Technology Cluster included a history of how the council had got to the point they were at today, including economic context, vision and offer, site issues, commercial issues, costs and funding and success factors.

The presentation on the Innovation Campus included the need for a national centre for supply chain innovation in transport engineering. It also included technology development and application, strategic supply chain management, enterprise creation, workforce development and partnerships.

Resolved to note the presentation.

Having declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in the above item Councillor Tittley left the meeting during the discussion and voting thereon.

At this point Councillor Tittley retook the Chair.

22/12 Quarter One Performance Monitoring 2012/13 Council Cabinet Report

The Board considered a report which had been considered by Council Cabinet relating to quarter one performance monitoring 2012/13. The report highlighted key performance measures included in the Council Plan 2011-14 and departmental business plans. These priority measures formed the Council Scorecard for 2012/13. at the end of quarter one 67% of measures achieved their quarterly target and 89%

of performance measures were forecast to meet or exceed their year end target. 67% of measures were forecast to improve compared to last year.

Results were assessed using traffic light criteria, according to their performance against improvement targets. A dashboard which summarised performance for the Council Scorecard was shown in Appendix 2 of the report. Areas for performance were shown in Appendix 3 of the report. Accountable officers had provided commentary to put performance into context and identify actions that they were taking to address poor performance.

Resolved to note the performance results for quarter one 2012/13.

MINUTES END