

Time Commenced 6.05 – pm  
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## **Executive Scrutiny Board**

**9 June 2020**

Present: Councillor Anderson (Chair)  
Councillors Ashburner, Care, Cooper, Evans, Hezelgrave,  
Hudson, Pattison, Peatfield, Shanker, Testro

In attendance: Verna Bayliss – Acting Director of Planning and Transportation  
Emily Feenan - Director of Legal, Procurement and  
Democratic Services and Monitoring Officer  
Ian Fullagar - Head of Strategic Housing| Communities and  
Place Directorate  
Heather Greenan – Director of Policy, Insight and  
Communications  
Suanne Lim - Director of Early Help and Children's Social Care  
Jeremy Mason – Principal Housing Strategy Officer  
Steven Mason – Democratic Services Officer  
Rachel North – Strategic Director for Communities and Place  
Simon Riley – Director of Financial Services

### **94/19 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Councillor Eldret.

### **95/19 Late Items**

Implications and Proposed Process for Implementation of the Children's  
Social Care Flexibilities

This was considered as part of 100/19 – Council Cabinet Agenda.

### **96/19 Declarations of Interest**

There were none.

### **97/19 Minutes of the meetings held on 10 March 2020 and 12 May 2020**

The Minutes of the meetings held on 10 March 2020 and 12 May 2020 were  
agreed as a correct record.

### **98/19 Forward Plan**

The Board considered the contents of the Forward Plan published on 12 May  
2020.

No items were added to the future work programme.

**Resolved to note the Forward Plans.**

## **99/19 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 meetings held on 10 March 2020 and 12 May 2020.

**The Board resolved to note the report.**

## **100/19 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 10 June 2020.

### **Late Item – Implications and Proposed Process for Implementation of the Children’s Social Care Flexibilities**

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director for People Services on – Implications and Proposed Process for Implementation of the Children’s Social Care Flexibilities.

The report sought Council Cabinet approval:

1. to agree to implement the flexibilities as set out in the report and subject to recommendation 2.2; and
2. to delegate authority to the Strategic Director for People Services, to make decisions when appropriate to implement the flexibilities if required as set out in appendix 1.

**The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to recommend to Council Cabinet that it agrees a mechanism to ensure that if any flexibilities are introduced that this is reported to Council Cabinet or another public Council meeting in a timely manner.**

### **Key Decisions**

#### **Housing Strategy 2020-2029**

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director for Communities and Place on Housing Strategy 2020-2029.

The report sought to obtain Council Cabinet approval for the adoption of the new Housing Strategy 2020-2029.

**The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved:**

- 1. to recommend to Council Cabinet that more detail be included in the Housing Strategy on the Climate Change Strategy;**
- 2. to recommend to Council Cabinet that a meeting of the Climate Change Steering Group be convened at the soonest possible date with a view to forming the sub groups in order to produce actions for this Housing Strategy Document; and**
- 3. to recommend to Council Cabinet that a comms strategy be established to really broadcast the benefits of the accredited landlords' scheme and to encourage tenants to seek it out.**

**Budget and Policy Framework**

**Derby Recovery Plan**

The Board received a report of the Chief Executive on Derby Recovery Plan.

The report sought Council Cabinet approval for the approach to developing the Derby Recovery Plan.

**The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved:**

- 1. to recommend to Council Cabinet that the Council needs to be ambitious in its leadership of the City's recovery from the Pandemic and must increase its own focus on key strategic projects such as the New Performance Venue and the Guildhall but also City Centre Living Projects bringing forward decisions without further delay;**
- 2. to recommend to Council Cabinet that opportunities be enabled for people from across all communities and sectors to be heard in the development of the way forward, starting from now;**
- 3. to recommend to Council Cabinet that health thinking be embedded clearly within the strategy, so that we end up with a city with fewer health inequalities;**
- 4. to recommend to Council Cabinet that work be carried out in parallel on both immediate and longer term strands of the Derby Recovery Plan; and**
- 5. to recommend to Council Cabinet that in relation to community recovery, we should not only look to the usual partners to collaborate with, but also invite the volunteers who have contributed during the Covid emergency to be involved from the beginning, not as an after thought.**

## **Contract and Financial Procedure Matters**

### **Compliance with Contract and Financial Procedure Rules**

The Board received a report of the Director of Financial Services on Compliance with Contract and Financial Procedure Rules.

The report sought approval by Council Cabinet under Contract and Financial Procedure rules for the following:

- Approval to write off three irrecoverable debts
- Approval to bid of up to £0.500m Garden Communities Capacity Funding - Homes England, for South Derby Growth Zone (SDGZ) and Infinity Garden Village (IGV)
- Approvals for the Transforming Cities Fund Programme with Nottingham City Council
- Delegate approval to enter into contractual arrangements for the delivery of the Local Air Quality Plan (Roadside NO<sub>2</sub> Project) ('the Plan') and to agree any further variation to the plan.

**The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to recommend to Council Cabinet that in relation to the Transforming Cities Fund Programme, it ensures that appropriate reviews take place on the plans, post Covid, and that councillors, stakeholders and the wider public have opportunities to input into the more detailed schemes before approval as in 2.9 of the report.**

## **Performance**

### **Council Response to Covid 19 Pandemic**

The Board received a report of the Director of Financial Services on Council Response to Covid 19 Pandemic.

**The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved:**

- 1. to recommend to Council Cabinet that it notes the Executive Scrutiny Board's strong endorsement of recommendation 2.2; and**
- 2. to recommend to Council Cabinet that it recognises that we are not yet at the end of this Covid-19 pandemic, and to share our successes with, and to learn from, other councils to enable the Council to do the best for our citizens in the coming weeks and months.**

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