

Time began: 4.00pm  
Time ended:4.44pm

## **COUNCIL CABINET**

### **18 May 2022**

Present                      Councillor Poulter (Chair)  
                                    Councillors Barker, Eyre, Hassall, J Pearce, Smale Webb and  
                                    Williams

In attendance              Councillors Prosser, Shanker and Skelton  
                                    Paul Simpson – Chief Executive  
                                    Simon Riley – Strategic Director of Corporate Resources  
                                    Emily Feenan – Director of Legal, Procurement and  
                                    Democratic Services  
                                    Verna Bayliss – Director of Planning Transport and  
                                    Engineering  
                                    Richard Carruthers – Senior Planning Officer  
                                    Charlotte Ward Webster – Communications and Marketing  
                                    Manager

This record of decisions was published on 20 May 2022. The key decisions set out in this record will come into force and may be implemented on the expiry of five clear days unless a key decision is called in.

### **205/21      Apologies**

There were no apologies for absence.

### **206/21      Late Items**

There were no late items.

### **207/21      Receipt of Petitions**

There were no petitions.

### **208/21      Identification of Urgent Items to which Call In will not                                     apply**

There were no items.

### **209/21      Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

## 210/21 Minutes of the meeting held on 13 April 2022

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 April 2022 were agreed as a correct record.

### Matters Referred

#### 211/21 Recommendations from the Executive Scrutiny Board

The Council Cabinet considered a report on Recommendations from the Executive Scrutiny Board. The Executive Scrutiny 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 1, prior to commencement of the meeting.

#### Decision

To receive the report and note that the Executive Scrutiny Board made no recommendations.

### Key Decisions

#### 212/21 Towards a New Vision for Derby City Centre - Ambition

The Council Cabinet considered a report which stated that Derby city centre, like many in the UK, was trying to deal with significant change exacerbated by the Covid 19 pandemic. How to respond and adapt would be key to its success into the 21<sup>st</sup> century and beyond. To help guide us, we needed a clear, bold vision to tackle the challenges head on and take advantage of new opportunities.

The report sought approval to consult on the attached draft document which was the first step towards creating a Derby City Centre Vision and strategy for the radical transformation of the city centre to restore its position as the heart and soul of Derby. This would replace the current City Centre Masterplan 2030.

The process had three components:

1. **AMBITION:** (Appendix 1) which sets out ideas and seeks to establish the level of ambition in the city for transformation. It would go out for consultation for at least 12 weeks starting at the end of May. It also identified further studies to understand some areas in more depth to then be able to draw up specific proposals.
2. **VISION:** the final document should be completed by mid-2023.

3. **DELIVERY:** A separate document would be created which would set out a shorter-term programme of projects and interventions to move towards our agreed Vision.

The Leader explained that this was the start of a conversation with a wide range of stakeholders, including those already engaged, along with residents, communities, organisations, businesses, partners and representative bodies about the ambition to deliver for the city which everyone needed to commit to.

The Executive Scrutiny Board noted the report.

### **Options Considered**

The Council could choose not to prepare a Vision. This would mean there would be no articulation of how the city intended to address the identified challenges or develop a unified ambition on what the city centre should look and feel like in the future. This could limit future investment as many Governmental organisations and other investors wanted to see inspiring and aspirational strategies as demonstrating understanding, ambition and credibility.

### **Decision**

1. To approve the document 'Towards A New Vision for Derby City Centre – Ambition' as a draft and to undertake consultation on it from May 2022 for 12 weeks set out in appendix 1 of the report.
2. To authorise the Strategic Director of Communities and Place, following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Decarbonisation and Strategic Planning and Transport, to finalise the consultation document, including any minor amendments.

### **Reasons**

1. To enable a consultation of the emerging Vision to be undertaken.
2. To enable the text and graphics of the draft document to be finalised.

**MINUTES END**