Executive Scrutiny Board

Recommendations from the meeting held on 10 November 2020

Council Cabinet Agenda – 11 November 2020

Item 2 Late Item – Green Homes Grant – Authority to Bid for Funding

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director of Communities and Place on Green Homes Grant – Authority to Bid for Funding.

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to recommend to Council Cabinet that if this bid is successful, they make full opportunity of the works to publicise the value of external insulation for solid wall properties to home owners.

Item 8 Draft Air Quality Action Plan

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director of Communities and Place on Draft Air Quality Action Plan.

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to note the report

Item 9 Extension of the Private Sector Housing Renewal Policy 2015-2020

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director of Communities and Place on Extension of the Private Sector Housing Renewal Policy 2015-2020.

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to note the report.

Item 10 Purchase of a Residential Development to Provide 3 New Affordable Homes

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director of Communities and Place on Purchase of a Residential Development to Provide 3 New Affordable Homes.

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to note the report.

Item 11 Derby City Local Area SEND Strategy

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director of People Services on Derby City Local Area SEND Strategy.

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to note the report.

Item 12 | Market Hall Transformation

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director of Communities and Place and the Strategic Director of Corporate Resources and Section 151 Officer on Market Hall Transformation.

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to recommend to Council Cabinet to explore the potential for the Market Hall roof to include solar voltaic panels, sheets or similar as part of the reroofing. These now come in many forms and one might be acceptable in heritage terms. It might be that this could be funded from the underspend in the Climate Emergency dedicated budget.

Item 13 Creation of the Manufacturing Research Centre (MRC) Midlands at Infinity Park Derby

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director of Communities and Place on Creation of the Manufacturing Research Centre (MRC) Midlands at Infinity Park Derby.

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to recommend to Council Cabinet that the building reflects the ambition of what it wants to deliver from the businesses within it in terms of decarbonisation, by designing it for Bream Excellent or Outstanding, not just Good.

Item 14 Treasury Management Mid-Year Progress 2020-21

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director of Corporate Resources on Treasury Management Mid-Year Progress 2020-21 and the late item - minute extract from Audit and Accounts Committee in relation to the same report.

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to endorse the following extra resolution from the meeting of the Audit and Accounts Committee held on 4 November 2020:

Resolved to agree that in the light of on-going low interest rates, growing social need within the city and urgency of climate action, the Audit and Accounts Committee supports the council exploring the potential for commercial investment in areas like housing, energy efficiency and renewable energy, potentially with additional resource so that work on this can be taken forward soonest but with the necessary safeguards.

Item 15 2020/21 Quarter 2 Financial Monitoring for General Fund, Capital Budgets, Dedicated Schools Grant, Collection Fund and Housing Revenue Fund

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director of Corporate Resources on 2020/21 Quarter 2 Financial Monitoring for General Fund, Capital Budgets, Dedicated Schools Grant, Collection Fund and Housing Revenue Fund.

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved:

- to recommend to Council Cabinet that it writes to Government re the Budgetary problems and ask for a permanent uplift in the base grant we get from them. Failure to secure such an uplift will lead to job losses and Council Tax increases; and
- 2. to recommend to Council Cabinet that projects to spend S106 funding, in areas like public art and open space improvements, are publicised seeking private/voluntary sector partners to take these forward before funding deadlines are reached.

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director of Corporate Resources on Contract Financial Procedure Matters.

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to note the report.

Item 17 | Council Plan Monitoring – Quarter 2

The Board received a report of the Director of Policy, Insight and Communications on Council Plan Monitoring – Quarter 2.

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to recommend to Council Cabinet that the council plan monitoring includes a measure on the progress of processing and issuing updates to EHCPs as a result of the annual review.

Item 18 | Exclusion of the Press and Public

A resolution to exclude the press and public was put to the vote and carried.

The Board resolved that under Section 100(A) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting during discussion of the following item on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act and that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

Item 19 Purchase of a Residential Development to Provide 3 New Affordable Homes

The Board considered exempt detail in the report of the Strategic Director of Communities and Place on Purchase of a Residential Development to Provide 3 New Affordable Homes.

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to note the report.

Item 20 Market Hall Transformation

The Board considered exempt detail in the report of the Strategic Director of Communities and Place on Market Hall Transformation.

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to note the report.

Item 21 Creation of the Manufacturing Research Centre (MRC) Midlands at the Infinity Park Derby

The Board considered exempt detail in the report of the Strategic Director of Communities and Place on Creation of the Manufacturing Research Centre (MRC) Midlands at the Infinity Park Derby.

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to note the report.