

Time Commenced – 5.00pm  
Time Finished – 7.20pm

## **Executive Scrutiny Board**

**10 November 2020**

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

In attendance: Pauline Anderson - Service Director - Learning, Inclusion and Skills  
Steve Caplan – Director of Property Services  
Henry Ciper – Housing Renewal Manager  
Gerry Dawson – Interim Director of Economic Growth and Development  
Emily Feenan – Director of Legal, Procurement and Democratic Services and Monitoring Officer  
Iain Fullagar – Head of Strategic Housing  
Heather Greenan – Director of Policy, Insight and Communications  
Steven Mason – Democratic Services Officer  
Rachel North – Strategic Director for Communities and Place  
Alison Parkin – Director of Financial Services  
Simon Riley – Director of Financial Services  
Sarah Walker – Policy and Improvement Manager  
Councillor Williams – Cabinet Member for Children and Young People

### **30/20 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Councillors Evans and P Pegg.

### **31/20 Late Items**

- Green Homes Grant – Authority to Bid for Funding
- minute extract from Audit and Accounts Committee in relation to the same report

These were considered as part of 36/20 – Council Cabinet Agenda.

### **32/20 Declarations of Interest**

There were none

### **33/20 Minutes of the meetings held on 6 October 2020**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 6 October 2020 were agreed as a correct record.

## 34/20 Forward Plan

The Board considered the contents of the Forward Plans published on 13 October 2020 and 10 November 2020.

No items were added to the future work programme.

**Resolved to note the Forward Plans.**

## 35/20 Council Cabinet Responses to Scrutiny Recommendations

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director or Corporate Resources which allowed the Scrutiny Board to receive responses from Council Cabinet on recommendations made at the previous Board meeting held on 6 October 2020.

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

## 36/20 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 11 November 2020.

### **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.**

### **Key Decisions**

#### **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.**

#### **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.**

#### **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.**

#### **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.**

#### **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.**

#### **Creation of a 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.**

#### **Budget and Policy Framework**

#### **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.**

#### **2020/21 Quarter 2 Financial Monitoring for General Fund, Capital Budgets, Dedicated School Grant, Collection Fund and Housing Revenue Account**

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:**

- 1. 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.**

#### **Contract and Financial Procedure Matters**

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

Members noted that the report sought Council Cabinet approval for the following:

- Approve the use of reserve – Priority Families earmarked reserve of £0.050m
- Approve a grant – Community Action Derby £0.050m

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

## **Performance**

### **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.**

### **Exclusion of 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.**

## **Key Decisions**

### **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.**

### **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.**

### **Creation of a Manufacturing Research Centre (MRC) Midlands at 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.**

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