

## **Regenerating Our City Overview and Scrutiny Board**

**29 November 2016**

Present: Councillor Bayliss (Chair)  
Councillors Naitta, Dhindsa, Grimadell, Hassall, Stanton and West

Councillor Hussain

Officers Present: Catherine Williams, Greg Jennings, Jayne Sowerby-Warrington, Clare Harrison

### **12/16 Apologies for Absence**

No apologies were received.

### **13/16 Late Items**

There were no late items.

### **14/16 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **15/16 Minutes of the meeting held on 20 September 2016**

The minutes from the previous meeting were agreed as an accurate record.

### **16/16 Remit, Work Programme and Topic Reviews**

The Board considered a report of the Chief Executive which allowed the Board to consider any new key work areas, issues or potential topic review subjects for discussion or inclusion in the future work programme.

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

### **17/16 Derby City Centre Masterplan 2030**

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director for Communities and Place updating members on progress with projects in the Masterplan Delivery Plan, resources and funding, and governance arrangements.

It was reported that the Masterplan sets out the long-term 15 year vision for the City Centre, which is to create a city centre which is a:

- City of Choice - a leisure, cultural and retail destination
- Business City - a successful 'central business district'
- Living City - a lifestyle and housing choice
- Connected City- a well-connected smarter city

Members were informed that the key focus of the delivery plan is the creation of a new performance / event venue, and that the Council was currently considering options on how to take this forward.

It was reported that the first option was for a 3,000-seat efficient and flexible venue focusing on live music and comedy and the second option was for a highly configurable venue that could be arranged either as a 2,800-seat auditorium for music and entertainment event or converted to a 1,600-seater theatre. This would also have a 400 capacity flexible space that could be used as a VIP lounge or conference space. One of the main priorities with the scheme was to ensure that after its first year of operation the venue would need to become sustainable and require a nil subsidy from the Council.

It was further reported that a bid had been submitted to Round 3 of the Local Growth Fund to kick-start the project by enabling the current building to be demolished and to create a meanwhile use so that the site does not remain vacant and discussed in the time period between demolition and provision of a new facility. It was expected that planning consents to demolish the building could take up to a year, and due to the location and proximity of other buildings, demolition would take around a year to complete. Members were also informed that it was likely to take a further 1-2 years to complete a re-build depending on the structure, funding and any investors coming forward.

Members queried the demand for different types of venue and local competition and were reassured that this was being taken into consideration and that by working closely with D2N2 and the LEP, local support and guidance would be sought.

The Board heard that the Delivery Plan also outlines a number of priority projects under the four city visions and has an aspiration to achieve these by 2030. These are:

- Connected City: High quality public spaces, Highway linkages, Sustainable transport infrastructure
- City of Choice: Becketwell regeneration, Silk Mill, The Derby Story, The Market Place re-invented, Co-ordinated events programme, A Heritage Trust
- Business City: Car parking, Quality city centre offices, Ultra-fast digital connectivity
- Living City: Castleward urban village, City centre housing zone, Riverside Masterplan

Members were informed that the funding requirements to achieve renovations of the Silk Mill and Market Place, including the Market Hall, were currently

being looked at and that a lot of work was currently being done to try and achieve the development scheme proposed for Becketwell.

**The Board resolved to request that regular updates on the Delivery Plan developments be communicated through the new Derby News web site and through Councillor Newsletters.**

## **18/16 Strategic Asset Management – Property Rationalisation and Disposal Programme Update**

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director of Communities and Place to update members on the Property Rationalisation and Disposal programme.

It was reported that a five stage approach to the undertaking of strategic asset reviews to support the objectives of the programme was currently underway. An exercise was since carried out to gather and analyse information on 382 properties from within the Councils portfolio. This identified the requirement for a more detailed service review to be undertaken in order to provide a better understanding of how the properties were being used by services. Members were informed that the amalgamation of both property information and service review information is fundamental to establish whether there are opportunities to deliver services in different ways, which could subsequently lead to a more efficient and effective use of the Council's portfolio.

It was further reported that the service reviews are proving to be a complex and time consuming as the services themselves are influenced by the on-going budget setting process.

Members were informed however, that since March 2013, 25 properties have been disposed of, generating approximately £4.4 million in capital receipts and resulting in an annual revenue saving of £715,000.

**The Board resolved to:**

- 1. Note the progress of the Property Rationalisation and the Disposal Programme.**
- 2. Request further details be circulated to Members in relation to the Cattle Market consultation with existing tenants and reasons why none of the bids made were deemed acceptable.**

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