

Time Commenced – 6.24pm
Time Finished – 7.55pm

Executive Scrutiny Board

10 July 2023

Present: Councillor Poulter (Chair)
Councillors Amin, Bolton, Care, Eyre, M Holmes, J Khan,
Lindsey, Mulhall, Rawson

In attendance: Emily Feenan – Director of Corporate Governance, Property
and Procurement and Monitoring Officer
Alex Hough – Head of Democracy
Kara Macfadyan – Head of Communications and Marketing
Steven Mason – Democratic Services Officer
Gurmail Nizzer – Director of Integrated CYP Commissioning
Alison Parkin – Director of Finance and Section 151 Officer
Sarah Walker – Head of Strategy, Performance and
Partnerships

07/23 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors Ingall and C Wright.

08/23 Late Items

There were none.

09/23 Declarations of Interest

There were none.

10/23 Minutes of the meetings held on 13 June 2023

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 June 2023 were agreed, subject to the following amendment.

That at 02/23 – Late Items, Members had agreed that the day and time of future meetings of Executive Scrutiny Board be changed. Democratic Services Officer to consult with Members outside of the meeting.

11/23 Forward Plan

The Board considered the contents of the Forward Plan published on 13 June 2023 and 4 July 2023.

No items were added to the future work programme.

Resolved to note the Forward Plan.

12/23 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 12 July 2023.

Matters Referred

Recommendations from Children and Young People Board

The Board received minute extracts of Children and Young People Board in relation to Educational Health Care Plans (EHCPs) Quality and Timeliness.

At its meeting on 27 March, it was noted that Children and Young People Board had agreed that the following resolution should progress to Council Cabinet for its consideration:

The Board resolved to note the report and requested that Council Cabinet ask for a review of Tribunals to be undertaken to understand common themes and reasons for going to Tribunal, and the main reasons for children and young people being placed out of area.

At its meeting on 19 June, at 04/23 – Minutes of the Meeting on 27 March 2023, it was noted that Children and Young People Board had agreed that the following resolution should progress to Council Cabinet for its consideration:

The Board agreed to recommend that Council Cabinet be asked to undertake a review of Tribunals as detailed in the recommendation (from the meeting held on 27 March 2023).

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to note the minute extracts.

Key Decisions

Proposal to Extend the Age Range and Size of Kingsmead Special School

The Board received a report of the Cabinet Member for Children's Social Care, Learning and Skills and the Strategic Director of People Services on Proposal to Extend the Age Range and Size of Kingsmead Special School.

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to note the report.

Statutory Consultation Outcome on the Viability of Ashgate Nursery School

The Board received a report of the Cabinet Member for Children's Social Care, Learning and Skills and the Strategic Director of People Services on Statutory Consultation Outcome on the Viability of Ashgate Nursey School.

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved:

- 1. to recommend to Council Cabinet that no cuts or closures be made to Central Nursery School, or any other Nursery School or educational establishment, to secure funding for Ashgate Nursery School; and**
- 2. to recommend that Council Cabinet be provided with details and then considers the financial impact on all other nurseries, and on every Early Years pupil, of keeping the Ashgate Nursery open.**

Food Safety, Food Standards, Animal Feed and Health & Safety Service Plan

The Board received a report of the Director of Public Protection and Streetpride on Food Safety, Food Standards, Animal Feed and Health and Safety Service Plan.

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to note the report.

Derby City Youth Justice Plan 2023/24

The Board received a report of the Cabinet Member for Children's Social Care, Learning and Skills and the Director of Early Help and Children's Social Care on Derby City Youth Justice Plan 2023/24.

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to note the report.

Contract and Financial Procedure Matters

Compliance with Contract and Financial Procedure Rules

The Board received a report of the Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Strategy, Governance and Finance and the Director of Financial Services on Compliance with Contract and Financial Procedure Rules.

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

- Acceptance of funding of £0.270m from the Department for Education (DfE) to Derby City Council for financial years 2023/24 and 2024/25 to implement a Staying Close offer for care experienced young people
- Approval of a licenced deficit for Harrington Nursery School
- Addition of two new schemes to the 2023/24 Parks and Open Spaces Capital Programme
- Loan proposal to Quad of £0.150m

In relation to the addition of two new schemes to the 2023/24 Parks and Open Spaces Capital Programme, the Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to ask Council Cabinet to welcome the contributions of Friends of Parks Groups to the city, of which these two projects are excellent examples.

Performance

Annual Report and Review of Performance 2022/23

The Board received a report of the Cabinet Member for Strategy, Governance and Finance and Chief Executive on Annual Report and Review of Performance 2022/23.

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to note the report.

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 paragraphs 3 and 5 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 Decision

Long Term Waste Contract

The Board received an exempt report of the Director of Corporate Governance, Property and Procurement and Monitoring Officer and the Director of Finance and Section 151 Officer on Long Term Waste Contract.

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to make a number of recommendations to Council Cabinet.

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