# **Integrating Communities Overview and Scrutiny Board 25 July 2016**

Present: Councillor Pegg (Chair)

Councillors Skelton, Bayliss, Hudson, Poulter and Nawaz

Officers Tim Clegg, Director of Strategic Partnerships, Planning and Streetpride

Pop Gill, Cohesion and Integration Manager

Andy Thomas, Head of Service - Partnerships and Communities

John Tomlinson, Service Director for Communities, Environmental and

Regulatory Services

# 01/16 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Marshall and Sandhu

# 02/16 Late items introduced by the Chair

There were no late items.

# 03/16 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

# 04/16 Minutes of the meeting held on 21 March 2016

The minutes of the meetings held on 21 March 2016 were confirmed as an accurate record by Councillor Bayliss

# 05/16 Report to Enable Board to Receive Verbal Updates

The Board received a report of the Chief Executive asking the Board to receive verbal updates on selected work and projects within the Board's remit. Jack Atwal, Chief Superintendent of the Derbyshire Police Force and Council Officers had been invited to attend the meeting.

Councillor Poulter raised concerns over having verbal updates and requested that in future written reports be submitted for the board members.

## Restructure of the Police Force and how the city will be policed in the future

Jack Atwal, Chief Superintendent attended the meeting and gave the Board a verbal update on how the policing area was split into North Division (High Peak, Derbyshire Dales and Bolsover) and the South

Division (previously 'D' Division). Posts were going to be lost in the North Division, but extra posts were going to be made in the South Division.

JA confirmed that more attention and resources were being given to new crimes (such as human trafficking, female genital mutilation, Child Sex Exploitation, cybercrimes and terrorism). While police offices were being closed as people now tend to phone or mail rather than visiting an office.

Discussion was held over the budget and JA confirmed that nearly  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the budget allocated had been spent but Treat and Risk work was being undertaken with their partners

It was also acknowledged that there would 3 policing centres within the City with the central hub being based at Cotton Lane.

The Police Force would be going live with the new model from 7 Nov 2016.

#### The Board resolved to:

- 1. Note the verbal update
- 2. Receive further documents to support the verbal presentation
- 3. Receive further reports and updates as necessary

## Restructure of Derby City Council's Neighbourhood's Division

Andy Thomas, Head of Service - Partnerships and Communities attended the meeting and updated the Board on the restructure in the Neighbourhood Directorate as per the report that went to Cabinet in April 2016.

AT confirmed that Neighbourhoods had suffered a significant reduction in it's budget and staffing reductions were having to be made. AT acknowledged that work was being done with both members and communities for more work to be undertaken in the communities. It had been agreed by Leadership that work needed to be concentrated on the deprived areas of the city.

Discussion was held on further member training as members will no longer be able to receive the level of officer support with their casework. AT confirmed a service menu was being drawn up in readiness for approval by Cabinet over the next few weeks before going live in Sept 2016.

It was challenged that the proposed restructure was actually going against what was written in the Council Constitution as Neighbourhood function. The Board asked that this be highlighted to Corporate Scrutiny for reviewing.

#### The Board resolved to:

- 1. Note the verbal update
- 2. Refer the proposed restructure and what was stated in the Council's Constitution to Corporate Scrutiny for them to investigate.
- 3. To receive the Cabinet report of April 16 from AT
- 4. Invite AT back to September's board meeting.

# Progress made with the Hate Crime Campaign

Pop Gill, Cohesion and Integration Manager, attended the meeting and addressed the Board. PG informed the Board that there had been a launch of hate crime awareness in June 2016 and the Cabinet Member for Cohesion and Integration had made 11 pledges which would increase reporting of hate crime particularly in relation to disability and homophobic hate crimes.

It was acknowledged that specialist resources were needed to support the victims and work specific to this area was being undertaken with taxi drivers, staff at Arriva Buses and staff in licenced premises whilst there was also a new online training portal for Derby City Council staff

PG informed the Board that there was event, to be held in the Market Place, to raise public awareness on this issue, being planned for next summer. The Board felt that this event should be held much sooner and wished to recommend that this date be brought forward enabling the event to happen as soon as possible

# The Board resolved to:

- 1. Note the verbal update
- 2. Recommend that the event to raise public awareness be held as soon as possible.

# 06/16 Derby Markets Transformation Programme - Update

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director of Communities and Place establishing the current position and further planned changes relating to Derby's markets. John Tomlinson, Service Director for Communities, Environmental and Regulatory Services attended the meeting to update the Board. It was confirmed that external consultants had been appointed to look at the two city centre markets.

#### **Eagle Centre Market**

It was acknowledged that discussions with Intu were at an advanced stage but no further details were available.

## **Market Hall**

Strategic Property Advisors (Cushman & Wakefield) had been appointed and a

draft report was being prepared for September's Council meeting. Options were being explored as to the future of the Market Hall and Property Services were undertaking a structural survey of the roof. Discussions were held over the amount of empty stalls in both venues.

#### **Cattle Market & Wholesale Market**

JT did not have much information on this issue as Estates were dealing with this matter. Discussion was held around the remaining two tenants and their lease conditions. It was acknowledged that Derby Live are looking to continue with the Car Boot market

## **Allenton Market**

An options appraisal was to be prepared to allow consideration of the market's future. Once this was available the Board were to have sight of the document.

## Resolved to:

- 1. Note the impact of the Property Rationalisation Programme on the Market Service.
- 2. Receive update from the Estate's Team at the next Board meeting

# Remit, Work Programme and Topic Reviews

## 07/16

The Board received a report of the Chief Executive. The Board were asked to discuss and agree the future work programme and topic review for the forthcoming municipal year.

#### Resolved to:

- 1) Note the presentation
- 2) Agree the draft work programme

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