

Time Commenced – 18:00  
Time Finished – 20:05

## **Executive Scrutiny Board**

**20 November 2023**

Present: Councillor Poulter (Chair)  
Councillors Bolton, Care, Eyre, M Holmes, Mulhall, Rawson,  
C Wright

In attendance: Ian Fullagar – Head of Housing  
Steven Mason – Democratic Services Officer  
Toni Nash – Head of Finance  
Sarah Walker – Head of Strategy, Performance and  
Partnerships  
Catherine Williams – Acting Director of Vibrancy and Growth

### **34/23 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Councillors Amin, J Khan, Lindsey

### **35/23 Late Items**

There were none.

### **36/23 Declarations of Interest**

There were none.

### **37/23 Minutes of the meetings held on 9 October 2023**

The minutes of the meeting held on 9 October 2023 were agreed.

### **38/23 Forward Plan**

The Board considered the contents of the Forward Plan published on 7 November 2023.

Members discussed the following items on the Forward Plan:

- 27/23 - Award of a Contract to Enable Derby City Council and Derby Homes to Continue Their AI Journey Following the Introduction of Darcie and Ali
- 03/21 - Project Assemble

Members agreed that Council Cabinet should be urged to bring both of these Key Decisions forward on the Forward Plan to allow for earlier scrutiny by Executive Scrutiny Board. It was also agreed that Key Decision 27/23 be referred to the Corporate Services and Cost of Living Board for possible inclusion on its work programme and that Key Decision 03/21 be referred to

the Regeneration, Vibrancy and Climate Change Board for possible inclusion on its work programme.

It was reported by the Democratic Services Officer that a minute extract would go to the next meeting of Council Cabinet and the next meeting of the two scrutiny boards.

**Resolved:**

1. **to note the Forward Plan;**
2. **to agree that Council Cabinet should be urged to bring Key Decisions 27/23 and 03/21 forward on the Forward Plan to allow for earlier scrutiny by Executive Scrutiny Board;**
3. **to refer Key Decision 27/23 to the Corporate Services and Cost of Living Board for possible inclusion on its work programme; and**
4. **to refer Key Decision 03/21 to the Regeneration, Vibrancy and Climate Change Board for possible inclusion on its work programme.**

## 39/23 Council Cabinet Responses to Scrutiny Recommendations

The Board considered a report which allowed the Scrutiny Board to receive responses from Council Cabinet on recommendations made at the previous Board meeting on 9 October 2023.

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

## 40/23 Council Cabinet Agenda

The Board considered a report the Council Cabinet Agenda. Members considered the Council Cabinet agenda in its entirety for the meeting scheduled for Tuesday 21 November 2023.

### **Key Decisions**

#### **Castleward Urban Village: Acquisitions and Budget Update**

The Board received a report of the Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Decarbonisation and Strategic Planning and Transport and the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) on Castleward Urban Village: Acquisitions and Budget Update.

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

#### **Compulsory Acquisition of Empty Homes**

The Board received a report of the Cabinet Member for Housing, Property and Regulatory Services and the Director of Communities on Compulsory Acquisition of Empty Homes.

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

## **Budget and Policy Framework**

### **2023/24 – Q2 Financial Monitoring**

The Board received a report of the Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Strategy, Governance and Finance and the Director of Finance on 2023/24 – Q2 Financial Monitoring.

**The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to recommend to Council Cabinet that in the interest of accountability and good governance, a paper documenting the decisions made in the review of the 2023/2024 Budget, as was set in February/March 2023, is brought before the Executive Scrutiny Board, ahead of the 2024/2025 Budget. This paper is to comprise of all the decisions and changes that were made as part of the review and what the financial implications of these were, including the allocation of any additional funding and re-allocation of any savings.**

### **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 Finance on Compliance with Contract and Financial Procedure Rules.

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

- A bid for and acceptance of £1.626m to the Department for Education funded Recruitment and Retention programme and associated delegations
- Acceptance of a revised repayment plan for an existing Derby Enterprise Growth Fund (DEGF) loan (**confidential part of the agenda**)

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

### **Performance**

#### **2023/24 – Q2 Performance Monitoring**

The Board received a report of the Cabinet Member for Strategy, Governance and Finance and the Director of Corporate Management on 2023/24 – Q2 Performance Monitoring.

**The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved:**

1. **to recommend to Council Cabinet that it offers an Update on local plan progress, confirms the commitment to a cross party working group and urges officers to convene a meeting of that group as a matter of urgency; and**

- 2. to recommend to Council Cabinet that it asks the Scrutiny Review Boards to receive and consider, including on their work plans, a presentation and discussion on the Quarterly Performance Monitoring covering their areas of interest.**

### **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**

#### **Castleward Urban Village – Acquisitions and Budget Update**

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

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

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

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