

Executive Scrutiny Board**Recommendations from the meeting held on 8 September 2020****Council Cabinet Agenda – 9 September 2020****Item 8 Adult Social Care “Your Life Your Choice” Strategy**

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director for People Services on Adult Social Care “Your Life Your Choice” Strategy.

It was reported that in October 2019, Cabinet agreed to engage in consultation to update the Adult Social Care “Your Life Your Choice” Strategy. It was also reported that the previous strategy was approved by Cabinet following a period of consultation and engagement, in April 2015.

Members noted that following consultation and an analysis of the feedback, a revised strategy for 2020 - 2025 had been produced to describe the key areas of focus for the Adult Social Care service in Derby over the coming years. It was also noted that if adopted, the strategy would be launched and communicated widely so that care providers, families, individuals and partners could understand how the Council would support them.

It was reported that the consultation around the draft strategy was conducted before the start of the coronavirus pandemic and therefore did not focus on the areas that the Council would need to consider in relation to supporting individuals, families and care providers during the ongoing pandemic, and also in the recovery phase. It was also reported that the strategy objectives were focused on areas that would remain important for individuals into the future notwithstanding the impact of the pandemic and that the specific actions for Adult Social Care that arose from the pandemic would be considered as part of the overall Council and NHS response to restoration and recovery.

It was noted that Council Cabinet would be asked to consider the consultation findings and approve the revised Your Life Your Choice Strategy for Adult Social Care in Derby.

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved:

- 1. to recommend to Council Cabinet that references to use of technology in the last bullet point on page 10 specifically includes the use of assistant communication devices for which early research is indicating that it can reduce loneliness for some older people; and**
- 2. to agree that a further paper on Adult Social Care “Your Life Your Choice” Strategy be provided to the Adults and Health Scrutiny Review Board on the proposed plans for the delivery of this vision.**

Item 9	Allocations Policy 2020-2025
<p>The Board received a report of the Strategic Director for Communities and Place on Allocations Policy 2020-2025.</p> <p>It was reported that each local authority was required to have an allocations scheme for determining priorities for the allocation of social housing. It was also reported that the existing Allocations Policy, approved in March 2013, required formally updating to reflect subsequent legislative changes and to respond to local authorities current and emerging strategic priorities.</p> <p>Members noted that Council Cabinet would be asked to approve the draft Allocations Policy 2020-2025.</p> <p>The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. to recommend to Council Cabinet that young people who were living in Derby under the care of another local authority should be given priority in terms of having a local connection as they leave care; 2. to recommend to Council Cabinet that the policy clarifies the difference between someone sharing facilities within a recognised house in multiple occupation and someone staying with friends on an ad hoc basis when assessing them for a priority need band; and 3. to recommend to Council Cabinet that the policy clarifies whether Age is or is not a fairness factor. 	
Item 10	Compulsory Acquisition of Empty Homes
<p>The Board received a report of the Strategic Director for Communities and Place on Compulsory acquisition of empty homes.</p> <p>It was noted that the report sought Council Cabinet approval to initiate compulsory purchase proceedings in relation to 5 long-term vacant properties and 1 uncompleted new-build, where the owners had not sufficiently demonstrated that they would be occupied in the near future.</p> <p>It was reported that the Council's Empty Homes Strategy aimed to facilitate the renovation and re-occupation of vacant dwellings; thereby contributing towards meeting local housing demand and that the actions would also help tackle any anti-social and environmental nuisance that neglected properties could present. It was also reported that the re-use of these homes would contribute towards the Council's New Homes Bonus income under the Government's current rules.</p> <p>Members noted that where owners could not be traced or were unwilling/unable to bring the property into use, there was a compelling case in the public interest for the Council to take enforcement action to achieve the aims of the strategy.</p> <p>The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. note the report; and 2. to agree that the empty homes team be thanked for the work that they are doing, and to expand this activity if possible. 	

Item 11	2020/21 Quarter 1 Financial Monitoring for General Fund, Capital Budgets, Dedicated Schools Grant, Collection Fund and Housing Revenue Account and Medium-Term Financial Strategy and Plan Update.
<p>The Board received a report of the Director of Financial Services on 2020/21 Quarter 1 Financial Monitoring for General Fund, Capital Budgets, Dedicated Schools Grant, Collection Fund and Housing Revenue Account and Medium-Term Financial Strategy and Plan Update.</p> <p>It was reported that Council Cabinet would be asked to note the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The revenue projected outturn and key budget variances set out in the report in section 4.2 and the savings to be delivered in the year in section 4.3 b) The current forecast Covid Pressures as set out in appendix 2 c) The capital programme forecast, and actual capital expenditure incurred during the quarter summarised in section 4.4 d) The changes already approved under scheme of delegation to the capital programme detailed in Appendix 3 e) The Council's reserves position, as set out in section 4.5 and Appendix 1 f) The Council's treasury position and performance in the quarter, as set out in section 4.6 g) The forecast Dedicated Schools Grant position summarised in section 4.7 h) The Council Tax and Business Rates Collection Performance as set out in section 4.8 i) The Housing Revenue Account Performance and projected outturn as set out in section 4.9 j) The latest MTFS and Plan outlined in section 4.10. <p>Members noted that Council Cabinet approval would be sought for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) To approve changes to the 2020/21 - 2022/23 capital programme outlined in section 4.4 and detailed in Appendix 4. b) To approve the creation of a revenue reserve for £2m for the City Growth fund and that delegated approval is given to the Director of Finance to utilise this reserve in line with its intended use as appropriate. <p>The Executive Scrutiny Board recommend to Council Cabinet that if lower waste levels mentioned in 4.2.25 reflects higher recycling performance, and noting the recent addition of aluminium foil and food trays to the blue bin collections, the Council uses these to encourage further recycling by citizens across the city.</p>	
Item 12	Exclusion of Press and Public
<p>A resolution to exclude the press and public was put to the vote and carried.</p> <p>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.</p>	

Item 13	Compulsory Acquisition of Empty Homes
<p>The Board considered exempt detail in the report of the Strategic Director for Communities and Place on Compulsory Acquisition of Empty Homes.</p> <p>The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to note the report.</p>	