

Time Commenced – 18:01

Time Finished – 20:05

Corporate Scrutiny and Governance Overview and Scrutiny Board

12 April 2016

Present: Councillor Stanton (Chair)
Councillors Carr, Jackson, J Khan, Poulter, Webb, Whitby

In Attendance: Janie Berry, Christine Durrant, Kevin Finn (Derbyshire County Council), Martyn Marples, Gordon Stirling, Andy Waterhouse.

107/15 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bayliss, Dhindsa, Williams and Wright.

108/15 Late Items

There were no late items.

109/15 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Webb declared a non-pecuniary interest as the Council-appointed Chair of the Derby Homes Board.

110/15 Minutes of the meeting held on 9 March 2016 and 15 March 2016

Councillor J Khan raised that his presence was omitted from the minutes of 15 March 2016 and requested that the minutes be amended to reflect his presence at the meeting. It was also raised that Councillor Bayliss was minuted as being both present and as giving apologies, but was absent from the meeting. The minutes of 15 March 2016 were agreed as a correct version as amended.

The Board resolved to agree that both public and exempt versions of the minutes of the meetings held on 9 March 2016 and 15 March 2016 were agreed as an accurate record (as amended).

111/15 Forward Plan

The Board considered the Forward Plan which was published on 1 March 2016. The marketing of shared ownership units at Parklands View Extra Care Development was raised by members.

The Strategic Director for Communities and Place stated that either a report to Council Cabinet or a report providing more information on the item report would be presented at the next meeting.

The Board resolved to note the Forward Plan and add the Parklands View Extra Care Development on to the work programme for the following municipal year.

112/15 Performance Updates / Issues

The Board considered a report of the Chief Executive which allowed Members to discuss any performance issues arising and decide on any further action that should be taken to resolve them. No particular performance issues were raised.

The Board resolved to note the report.

113/15 Joint Minerals Local Plan Consultation – Hydraulic Fracturing

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director of Communities and Place on the Derby and Derbyshire Joint Minerals Local Plan Consultation – Hydraulic Fracturing (Fracking).

It was reported that the City Council is working jointly with Derbyshire County Council to prepare a Joint Minerals Local Plan, which will replace the existing Minerals Local Plan adopted in 2000 and will guide minerals-related development in the City and County (excluding the Peak District National Park) to 2030.. It will set out where quarrying and mining will take place and the principles to guide the determination of applications for planning permission. A 'Joint Advisory Committee' of City and County Members has been established to oversee preparation of this joint plan.

It was further reported that the 'Joint Advisory Committee' (JAC) of City and County Members has been established to oversee the preparation of this joint plan. Members of the Board were informed that the former 'Regeneration and Culture' Overview and Scrutiny Board had been asked by Council to undertake a review of fracking generally. At a meeting of the Board in 2015 it was agreed that engaging with consultation on the Minerals Local Plan would provide the most appropriate basis for considering this issue and any comments would be passed through the JAC.

The Board discussed a number of issues in relation to the transparency of information available to the public. The Board recommended that the Council should be as clear as possible in the provision of information and that the fullest view as possible of the potential sites being looked at should be conveyed in the plan. Members also discussed concerns over the potential environmental risks associated with hydraulic fracturing and exploratory drilling, such as groundwater contamination and seismic activity.

The Board resolved to recommend that:

- 1) the Draft Minerals Plan to come back to the Board from the JAC for consultation when completed;**
- 2) the highest possible level of assessment criteria is applied planning applications coming forward in relation to hydrocarbon extraction (and in particular for hydraulic fracturing) for all stages of the process from exploration to extraction;**
- 3) a full map of possible shale deposits to be included in the local plan; and**
- 4) mandatory consultation and response from all relevant regulatory bodies becomes a prerequisite prior to being able to consider an application.**

114/15 Council Cabinet Response to Scrutiny Recommendations

The Board considered a report of the Chief Executive which allowed the scrutiny board to receive responses from Council Cabinet on recommendations made at the meetings held on 9 March 2016 and 15 March 2016 which considered at Council Cabinet on 9 March 2016 and 16 March 2016. Members were informed that Council Cabinet received the report on Recommendations from the Corporate Scrutiny and Governance Board and accept all the recommendations.

The Board resolved to note the report.

115/15 Council Cabinet Agenda

The Board considered a report from the Chief Executive on the Council Cabinet Agenda. Members considered the Council Cabinet Agenda in its entirety for the meeting scheduled for Wednesday 16 March 2016 and made a number of comments and recommendations to Council Cabinet.

Item 9 - Use of Agency Workers and Consultants

Members considered a report of the Supporting Derby's Workforce Overview and Scrutiny Board on the final version of the Use of Agency Workers and Consultants Topic Review Report, including a list of recommendations and reasons for recommendations, which was approved by members at the meeting of 07 March 2016.

The Board resolved to agree the Topic Review recommendations to be presented to Council Cabinet for consideration.

Item 10 - Adult Learning Service Course Fees 2016/17

Members considered a report of the Cabinet Member for Education and Skills to approve an amended fee structure for the 2016/17 academic year from 1st August 2016 to 31st July 2017.

The Board resolved to support the recommendations to Council Cabinet outlined in the report and commend the work of the Adult Learning Service.

Item 11

Delivering Differently

The Board considered a report of the Report of the Cabinet Member for Policy and Strategy on the Council's new 'Delivering Differently' programme.

The Board resolved to support the recommendations to Council Cabinet outlined in the report and request a further report on the whole range of projects to be presented to a future Overview and Scrutiny Board meeting.

Item 12

Contract and Financial Procedure Matters

The Board considered a report of the Report of the Leader of the Council on items that require reporting to and approval by Council Cabinet under Contract and Financial Procedure rules. Members discussed the project costs and timescales and requested that this be scrutinised further throughout the project.

The Board resolved:

- 1) to support the recommendations to Council Cabinet outlined in the report; and**
- 2) requested a further report on the range of projects and costs associated with the programme be added to the future work programme .**

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