

Time Commenced – 5.01pm
Time Finished – 6.21pm

Executive Scrutiny Board

8 June 2021

Present: Councillor Repton (Chair)
Councillors Care, Cooper, Dhindsa, Evans, Eyre, Grimadell,
Martin, Pattison, A Pegg, Prosser

In attendance: Pauline Anderson - Director of Learning, Inclusion and Skills
Verna Bayliss – Director of Planning, Transportation and
Engineering
Iain Fullagar – Head of Strategic Housing
Steven Mason – Democratic Services Officer
Rachel North - Strategic Director of Communities and Place
Simon Riley – Strategic Director for Corporate Resources and
S151 Officer

01/21 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor Carr.

02/21 Late Items

- Implementation of the Holiday Activity and Food Programme

This was considered as part of 07/21 – Council Cabinet Agenda.

03/21 Declarations of Interest

There were none.

04/21 Minutes of the meeting held on 13 April 2021

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 April 2021 were noted.

05/21 Forward Plan

The Board considered the contents of the Forward Plan published on 11 May 2021.

No items were added to the future work programme.

Resolved to note the Forward Plan.

06/21 Council Cabinet Responses to Scrutiny Recommendations

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director of Corporate Resources which allowed the Scrutiny Board to receive responses from Council Cabinet on recommendations made at the previous Board meeting on 14 April 2021.

The Board resolved to note the report.

07/21 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 9 June 2021.

Late Items

Implementation of the Holiday Activity and Food Programme

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director of People Services on Implementation of the Holiday Activity and Food Programme.

It was reported that in January 2021 Council Cabinet agreed to implement a support package to ensure access to food support for children at risk of food poverty. It was also reported that the Department for Education Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) programme was at the centre of the approach, with the design of the programme ensuring that a meal a day is provided for children eligible for free school meals and who attend provision on designated days over the Easter, summer and Christmas school holidays.

Members noted that the first element of the HAF programme was delivered over Easter 2021, which was a combination of virtual and direct activities and was deemed to be a great success. It was also noted that planning was now underway for the summer programme and the Council was notified on 2 June 2021 of an additional £1.195m allocated for 2021/22. It was noted that the report sought Council Cabinet approval for the Council to accept this funding.

It was reported that there had been a multi-agency steering group in the design and implementation of the HAF programme, and the plan was to use Community Action Derby (CAD) to administer, fund and liaise with delivery partners to ensure access to holiday activities and food support for children who were eligible for free school meals across the summer holidays. Members noted that the report sought Council Cabinet approval to allow the Council to award a grant of up to £0.700m of HAF monies to CAD.

The Holiday Activity and Food Programme whilst welcome, will only reach those children attending activity. Therefore, the Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to recommend to Council Cabinet that it

implements in full the previously agreed Council motion to supply free meals throughout the whole of this year's holidays.

Key Decisions

The National Bus Strategy – Commitment to a Derby Enhanced Partnership

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director of Communities and Place on The National Bus Strategy - Commitment to a Derby Enhanced Partnership.

It was reported that Government published a new National Bus Strategy in March 2021 and that this required all local authorities to commit to developing an Enhanced Partnership with local bus service operators by the end of June 2021.

Members noted that the strategy document was clear that current and future discretionary payments to local authorities from 1 July 2021, would only be available to those who had committed to enhanced partnership development and that similar provisions applied to local bus operators.

It was reported that once committed to the process, Local Authorities would need to develop a 'Bus Service Improvement Plan' in partnership with local bus operators, which would need to include cross-boundary routes and that this was required by the end of October 2021.

It was noted that the Enhanced Partnerships were expected to be fully functioning by April 2022.

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to recommend to Council Cabinet to start working to engage with bus companies, passengers and major employers now to start raising awareness of desires and needs, as consultation takes times to get up to speed and we don't have long.

Tenancy Strategy 2021

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director of Communities and Place on Tenancy Strategy 2021.

Members noted that the report sought Council cabinet approval for the adoption of the new Tenancy Strategy.

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 Strategic Director of Corporate Resources on Compliance with Contract and Financial Procedure Rules.

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

- Capital grant award agreement of £17.25m – SmartParc Spondon Ltd.
- Approval of a loan of £0.025m – Ascend Scale Up.
- Bid for and acceptance of funding of Section 31 revenue grant of between £0.250m and £0.400m from Public Health England (PHE) and award this grant to Derby City Mission.

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 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.

Contract and Financial Procedure Matters

Compliance with Contract and Financial Procedure Rules

The Board considered exempt detail in the report of the Strategic Director of Corporate Resources on Compliance with Contract and Financial Procedure Rules, in relation to:

- Capital grant award agreement of £17.25m – SmartParc Spondon Ltd.

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to note the report.

MINUTES END