

Council Cabinet Response to Scrutiny Recommendations

SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report outlines the recommendations made by the Corporate Scrutiny and Governance Board to Council Cabinet and Council Cabinet's responses to these recommendations. The relevant responses have been extracted (and condensed where appropriate) from the Council Cabinet Minutes and included in Section 4 of this report.

RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 To note the responses from Council Cabinet recorded in the Council Cabinet Minutes.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 To ensure that the Corporate Scrutiny and Governance Board receives a response from Council Cabinet to the recommendations made.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Council Cabinet Meeting of 09 November 2016- Non-Key decisions

- 4.1 **84/16 Recommendations from Corporate Scrutiny and Governance Board - Homelessness Performance Update**

Council Cabinet Decision

To accept the recommendations of the Corporate Scrutiny and Governance Board that:

- a. Further commitment is given to increasing the number of empty homes acquisitions to provide temporary homelessness accommodation;
- b. Consideration is given to increase the number of properties available for temporary accommodation through the existing Derby Homes housing stock;
- c. Further work is done to discharge some of the Council's commitment providing temporary accommodation to private sector lettings; and
- d. A Cost Benefit Analysis exercise is completed to consider the benefits of taking a more proactive approach to prevent homelessness rather than a reactive approach to dealing with increased homelessness approaches and acceptances, including the reintroduction of floating support.

4.2 85/16 Recruitment and Retention of Foster Carers Topic Review

Council Cabinet Decision

To agree to report back to the Board with a response to the review recommendations and inform the Board of any actions the Council Cabinet proposes to take in relation to the Board's recommendations.

Council Cabinet Meeting of 09 November 2016- Key decisions

4.3 86/16 Communities, Environment and Regulatory Services Revised Enforcement Policy

The Corporate Scrutiny and Governance Board made no recommendations to Council Cabinet on this report.

4.4 87/16 Review of School Crossing Patrol Budget Savings

The Corporate Scrutiny and Governance Board were in support of the proposals to maintain school crossing patrols to ensure child safety and recommended to Council Cabinet that the possibility of further savings be looked at through the concessionary fares scheme.

Council Cabinet Decision

1. To authorise officers to undertake consultation with the public about potential changes to the concessionary fares scheme. The consultation would make it clear that it was the intention that any savings agreed would be used to support the retention of the SCP service.
2. To note that, following the completion of the consultation set out above, a further report would be presented to Council Cabinet, setting out the implications of changes to the concessionary fares scheme and seeking a decision on any budget savings that were likely to arise.
3. *To accept the recommendation from Corporate Scrutiny and Governance Board that the possibility of further savings be looked at through the concessionary fares scheme.*

4.5 88/16 Infinity Park Derby – Future Development

The Corporate Scrutiny and Governance Board made no recommendations to Council Cabinet on this report.

4.6 89/16 Housing Related Support – Consultation on Savings

The Corporate Scrutiny and Governance Board made no recommendations to Council Cabinet on this report.

Council Cabinet Meeting of 09 November 2016- Budget and Policy Framework

4.7 90/16 Quarter 2 Revenue Budget Monitoring

The Corporate Scrutiny and Governance Board made no recommendations to Council Cabinet on this report.

4.8 91/16 Quarter 2 Capital Budget Monitoring 2016/17 - 2018/19

The Corporate Scrutiny and Governance Board noted the current position of the Capital Programme to date.

4.9 92/16 Treasury Management Mid Year Report 2016/17

The Corporate Scrutiny and Governance Board made no recommendations to Council Cabinet on this report.

4.10 93/16 Medium Term Financial Strategy 2017/18 to 2019/20

The Corporate Scrutiny and Governance Board made no recommendations to Council Cabinet on this report.

Council Cabinet Meeting of 09 November 2016- Performance

4.11 94/16 Performance Monitoring 2016/17 – Quarter Two Results and Mid Year Target

The Corporate Scrutiny and Governance Board were informed that further information on the valuation of assets would be provided through a report to the next meeting of the Regenerating Our City Board. It was also reported that food safety would be the subject of the performance report to the next meeting of the Corporate Scrutiny and Governance Board in December.

Council Cabinet Decision

1. To note the 2016/17 quarter two performance results.
2. To give particular attention to the indicators highlighted in the Improvement Report at Appendix 3 of the report.
3. *To note the performance measures recommended for Corporate Scrutiny and Governance Board at paragraph 4.23 of the report. To also note that Corporate Scrutiny and Governance Board review performance on a regular basis and may select indicators for Performance Surgery on the basis of this report.*
4. To approve the proposed changes to targets set out in Appendix 4 of the report.
5. To approve the proposed addition to the scorecard at paragraph 4.13 of the report.

Council Cabinet Meeting of 09 November 2016- Contract and Financial Procedure Matters

4.12 95/16 Contract and Financial Procedure Matters

The Corporate Scrutiny and Governance Board recommended that:

- a) Further consideration should be given to the transfer and use of reserves to employ consultants given the current financial position of the Council; and
- b) That the decision to employ consultants to deliver work for the Council should be backed up by clear and transparent information on:
 - current levels of budget and staffing to deliver the existing service;
 - the outlining of issues and clear reasons for requiring a consultant to deliver services;
 - clear outcomes and key deliverables;
 - clear and defined timescales for delivery; and
 - details of how the outcomes and performance will be scrutinised and monitored.

Council Cabinet Decision

1. To approve the change of use for the Multi Use Arena reserve to support wider Leisure Strategy activities, as detailed in section 4 of the report.
2. To approve the change of use of £60,000 held in reserves from Category Management to Communications Consultancy, as detailed in section 5 of the report.
3. To approve the change of use of £400,000 funding held in the Adult Social Care Reserve to spend on Special Education Needs and Disability reforms, as detailed in section 6 of the report.
4. To allocate £93,000 external income and £95,000 from the VAT reserve to the Economic Partnership reserve, as detailed in section 7 of the report, and approve the allocation of £165,000 from this reserve to support Marketing Derby in 2017/18.
5. *To accept the recommendation of the Corporate Scrutiny and Governance Board that:*
 - a. *Further consideration should be given to the transfer and use of reserves to employ consultants given the current financial position of the Council; and*
 - b. *That the decision to employ consultants to deliver work for the Council should be backed up by clear and transparent information on:*
 - *current levels of budget and staffing to deliver the existing service;*
 - *the outlining of issues and clear reasons for requiring a consultant to deliver services;*
 - *clear outcomes and key deliverables*
 - *clear and defined timescales for delivery; and*
 - *details of how the outcomes and performance will be scrutinised and monitored.*

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

5.1 None.

This report has been approved by the following officers:

Legal officer	N/A
Financial officer	N/A
Human Resources officer	N/A
Service Director(s)	N/A
Other(s)	David Walsh – Democratic Services Manager

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Background papers:	Council Cabinet Minutes and Reports 05 October 2016.
List of appendices:	Appendix 1 – Implications

IMPLICATIONS

Financial and Value for Money

- 1.1 Costs associated with implementing the recommendations associated with this report would need to be determined by relevant officers following decisions made by Council Cabinet.

Legal

- 2.1 Rule OS23 of the Council's Constitution relate are relevant to this report in its final submissions to Council Cabinet. Rule OS23 states that the Council or Council Cabinet shall consider the report of the overview and scrutiny board within one month of it being submitted to the proper officer.
- 2.2 Legal implications associated with implementing the recommendations associated with this report would need to be determined by relevant officers following decisions made by Council Cabinet.

Personnel

- 3.1 Personnel implications associated with implementing the recommendations associated with this report would need to be determined by relevant officers following decisions made by Council Cabinet.

IT

- 4.1 IT implications associated with implementing the recommendations associated with this report would need to be determined by relevant officers following decisions made by Council Cabinet.

Equalities Impact

- 5.1 Effective scrutiny benefits all Derby people and the very nature of the Scrutiny Board's work means that equality issues are addressed.

Health and Safety

- 6.1 None directly arising from this report.

Environmental Sustainability

- 7.1 None directly arising from this report.

Property and Asset Management

- 8.1 Asset management and acquisition implications associated with implementing the recommendations associated with this report would need to be determined by relevant officers following decisions made by Council Cabinet.

Risk Management

- 9.1 Risks management implications associated with implementing the recommendations associated with this report would need to be determined by relevant officers following decisions made by Council Cabinet.

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

- 10.1 Our aim is to work together so that Derby and its people will enjoy a thriving sustainable economy, good health and well-being and an active cultural life.