

Time Commenced – 6.00 pm  
Time Finished – 8.12 pm

## **Planning, Housing and Leisure Overview and Scrutiny Board**

**12 November 2013**

Present: Councillor Pegg (Chair)  
Councillors Dhindsa, Holmes, Jackson, J Khan, MacDonald,  
Troup, and Wood

### **34/13 Apologies for Absence**

An apology for absence was received from Councillor F Winter.

### **35/13 Late Items**

There were no late items.

### **36/13 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **37/13 Call-in**

There were no items

### **38/13 Minutes of the meeting held on 10 September 2013**

The minutes were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

### **39/13 Forward Plan**

No items were requested.

### **40/13 Council Cabinet Decisions Relating to the Planning Housing and Leisure Board**

The Board considered a report which outlined the decisions made by Council Cabinet on items relating to the Board. It aimed to keep Members informed on decisions made on items relevant to the Board and to highlight the development of items that were on going and that Members may wish to include in the work programme for future scrutiny.

**Resolved to note the decisions made by Council Cabinet.**

## 41/13 Riverlights Pool and Fitness Centre - Update

The Board considered a report which gave an update on the Riverlights Pool and Fitness Centre and provided a summary of the key facilities that were contained in the building, the key milestones that had been completed to date and the next key steps of the project. Officers provided a summary of the current strategy and also reassured the Board that it was the current intention that there would be no gap in service provision between facilities closing at Queen's Leisure Centre and Moorways Sports Centre and the new Riverlights Pool and Fitness Centre opening.

Members of the Board raised concerns about the number of car parking spaces available at the site. It was reported that there would be an options appraisal carried out in respect of parking.

Members of the Board were also interested to hear more about the energy management proposals within the facility when these were available.

### **Resolved**

- 1. To request a report on the options appraisal relating to parking at the site.**
- 2. To request an update on the stage D design particularly relating to heating.**

## 42/13 Arrangements for Tenant Related Support Services

The Board considered a report which stated that in 2012/13 the Council took the decision to redirect the allocation of Supporting People funding. A consequence of this redirection had been the loss of funding for Derby Homes Supported Living Service (£870K as at 2011/12), which significantly funded support for older people living in designated council owned properties and our Tenancy Support Team.

The report outlined the detail of the newly introduced Intensive Housing Management Model which aimed to provide replacement support services for council tenants through a more targeted service for customers, based on need, which supported high levels of tenancy sustainability, and was financially viable. The remodelled service would harness a new partnership and deliver joint outcomes for the social care/health and housing agenda.

Members were reassured by officers that the Housing Revenue Account budget had sufficient funds to ensure adequate maintenance of the housing stock and fund the new service on a sustainable basis in the future.

**Resolved to note the work that Derby Homes was doing to support tenants through the Intensive Housing Management model.**

## 43/13 Rights of Way Improvement Plan for the City of Derby 2013-2107

The Board considered a report which stated that a draft revised version of the Rights of Way Improvement Plan for the City of Derby 2013 – 2017 was considered by the Board at its meeting in June 2013.

The revised plan took forward the actions and themes of the 2007-12 plan and updated them for the 2013-17 period. It also acted as a supporting document to the Local Transport Plan for Derby, LTP3. The Derby and Derbyshire Local Access Forum acted as the statutory adviser on the improvement plan. The 2013-2017 plan was the second part of a 10-year programme that began in 2007. It was proposed that a new plan, based on a full reassessment of the city's local rights of way network, would be published in 2017.

Taking up the recommendation of the Board for a longer consultation period, an 11-week public consultation exercise was carried out from 21 August 2013 to 8 November 2013. Four responses had been received. A summary of consultation responses and Council comments was included in Appendix 2 to the report. A list of those organisations which were consulted, was included in Appendix 3 to the report.

There had been minor amendments made to the draft plan as a result of the consultation exercise. The final version of the improvement plan to be put before Council Cabinet, subject to any late consultation responses, was available on CMIS.

Members raised various questions and anomalies on various routes which officers agreed to look into.

### **Resolved**

- 1. To note the results of the Rights of Way Improvement Plan 2013 – 2017 consultation exercise.**
- 2. To recommend that officers investigate the inclusion of walking and cycling links to the new Infinity Park development in the Rights of Way Improvement Plan.**

## 44/13 Overview of Affordable Housing in the City

The Board considered a report which provided background and context for the delivery of affordable housing as well as illustrating the current delivery programme in the city.

Members gave particular consideration to the amount of affordable housing needed and that which was being provided. Officers explained to the Board that future affordable housing needs were estimated in the 'Strategic Housing Market Assessment' or SHMA. This estimated a need of 4,650 affordable homes over the 5 year period 2012 – 2017 – about 930 per year and a need of some 10,000 affordable homes over the longer Core Strategy plan period from 2012 – 2028. Officers explained that only around 2-3,000 units were

likely to be provided through Section 106 agreements but more would be delivered through other mechanisms such as the Homes and Communities Agency, Private Finance Initiative schemes, Housing Revenue surplus and through the private rented sector. Officer also explained that it was difficult to quantify how much of the 10,000 need would be met through other mechanisms, but it was unlikely to be all of it. Members of the Board were keen to highlight this gap and explore how to close it as much as possible.

**Resolved to request the Cabinet Member for Housing and Advice to investigate bridging the gap between the amount of affordable housing needed and the amount which was being provided.**

## **45/13      Derby Core Strategy and Infrastructure Plan – Consultation on Full Draft Plan**

The Board considered a report which stated that work had progressed on the Core Strategy since last year's consultation on the 'Preferred Growth Strategy'. A draft plan had now been produced which sets out the detailed policy wording and infrastructure requirements for the sites consulted on last year. It also included detailed policy wording for a wide range of topic policies covering regeneration, the economy, affordable housing, the city centre, shopping, transport, the environment and the River Derwent, including the 'Our City Our River' project. The draft plan was available to view on CMIS with the 16 October Council Cabinet papers. The consultation documents were supported by a number of technical background papers, a draft Sustainability Appraisal and an up-date of the Infrastructure Delivery Plan which were also available to view on the website.

Members raised concerns about the location of land allocations for housing development sites close to but outside the city boundaries and the lack of benefit to the city. Officer reassured Members that in these cases it was likely that the city would benefit from Section 106 contributions through negotiations with developers and neighbouring authorities. Members also expressed concerns around infrastructure issues including pressures on the A38 and the provision of schools, particularly the need for further secondary schools in the city to meet the demands of growth.

Officers advised that it was considered that one or two new secondary schools would be needed, Members expressed support for this. The Board were informed that the Council had written to South Derbyshire District Council to inform them that the Council did not support either of the two options for a reserve site for housing on the edge of Derby. A question was raised on option 4 from an earlier consultation relating to a new settlement. It was noted that South Derbyshire District Council did not think that this would be a realistic option. It was also noted that South Derbyshire District Council had made significant additional housing allocations outside of the urban area of Derby.

## **Resolved**

- 1. To arrange a joint meeting with the Children and Young People Board in the new year to consider a way forward in relation to the provision of schools.**
- 2. To request the Cabinet Member for Planning, Environment and Public Protection to press for the grade separation scheme for the A38.**

## **46/13 Work Programme and Topic Reviews**

The Board considered a report to identify and agree items for the future work programme and identify any further topic reviews for the remainder of the municipal year.

**Resolved to agree the current work programme for the forthcoming year set out in appendix 2 of the report.**

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