

Time Commenced – 6.00pm

Time finished – 8.50pm

**Communities, Public Protection and Housing Scrutiny Review Board
5 September 2023**

Present: Councillor Eyre (Chair)
Councillors Chambers, Kaur, Onuoha

In Attendance: Councillor Dhindsa – Cabinet Member for Communities and Streetpride
Nigel Brien - Head of Traffic and Transportation
James Joyce – Head of Housing Options & Homelessness
Richard Keene – Rough Sleeper Response Manager
Steven Mason – Democratic Services Officer
Neil Woodhead – Service Manager – Locality Working

08/23 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor Fowke.

09/23 Late items introduced by the Chair

There were none.

10/23 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Eyre informed members of the Board that he had been the Cabinet Member for Place and Community Development from October 2021 to May 2022 and Cabinet Member for Community Development, Place and Tourism from May 2022 to May 2023 and that he would be leaving the room for the first part of item 13/23 – Localities Presentations.

11/23 Minutes of the meeting held on 3 July 2023

The minutes of the meeting held on 3 July 2023 were agreed as an accurate record, subject to the following amendment.

That at 05/23 – Footfall Figures at Derby’s Libraries, the second resolution should read “effectively monitored” and not “affectively monitored”.

**12/23 Total number of people sleeping rough on a single night
– including veterans and those with mental health
problems**

The Board received a report and presentation on Total number of people sleeping rough on a single night – including veterans and those with mental health problems.

The presentation was very detailed and included a rough sleeping snapshot, the challenges, what the Council is doing, data on monthly rough sleeping including year on year comparisons, data on new entrants to rough sleeping, data on people based in B&Bs, data on Derby's single night figures in 2023, data on mental health support needs and data on veterans and homelessness.

The presentation generated considerable discussion and two recommendations were proposed, for consideration by Council Cabinet.

Resolved:

- 1. to note the report;**
- 2. to recommend to Council Cabinet that there should be a social media campaign/press promotion that demonstrates what the Council is doing in relation to rough sleeping and that this should include recognition that there is an offer for every rough sleeper and the importance of using Diverted Giving; and**
- 3. to recommend to Council Cabinet that the services of a designated mental health/substance misuse officer be secured at the earliest opportunity, to work within Housing Options.**

13/23 Localities Presentations

The Board received a report of the Head of Democracy on Localities Presentations.

The presentation was in two parts. The first part dealt with the structure of localities working. As the Chair was party to the decision on the current structure, as a former Council Cabinet member, he left the room. Councillor Onuoha was appointed as Chair.

Members noted that there were five localities and that each contained a Locality Manager, Locality Officers, PPOs and Local Area Co-ordinators.

Members asked about current vacancies and there was agreement that these should be filled at the earliest opportunity.

Members noted that an update on Localities was due to be brought to the meeting in January 2024 and agreed that this should include city centre resources/funding across the two localities and the position, at that point, on vacancies.

The Chair returned to the room.

The second part of the presentation looked at the importance of People, Place and Partnerships, the shift in the approach to solving community

problems and reducing the pressure on Social Care, the five Locality areas, team roles, proposals for the future and actions to date.

The Chair proposed an addition to the earlier agreed recommendation. This related to the availability of Locality Officers within individual Wards.

The Board resolved:

- 1. to note the report; and**
- 2. to note that an update on Localities was due to be brought to the meeting in January 2024 and agreed that this should include city centre resources/funding across the two localities, the position, at that point, on vacancies and the availability of Locality Officers within individual Wards.**

14/23 National Bus Strategy Update

The Board received a report of the Director of Sustainability on National Bus Strategy Update.

Members received an update on developments locally on the National Bus Strategy. This included the Bus Service Improvement Plan and funding allocations, the Derby Enhanced Partnership and the comprehensive network review, current market conditions and public/stakeholder engagement.

There was considerable discussion and this included how to attract more people to use buses, the use of smaller buses at quieter times, electric vehicles and bus lanes.

The Board resolved to note the report.

15/23 Work Programme 2023/24

The Board considered a report setting out the Terms of Reference and Remit of the Board.

The report provided Members of the Board with the opportunity to consider its terms of reference and remit for the forthcoming municipal year, its work programme for 2023/24 and any topic reviews.

The Board resolved to note the information provided within the report.

Minutes End.