

Time Commenced – 5.00pm
Time Finished – 5.50pm

Executive Scrutiny Board

17 May 2022

Present: Councillor Repton (Chair)
Councillors Care, Cooper, Dhindsa, Jennings, Prosser

In attendance: Richard Carruthers – Senior Planning Officer
David Fletcher – Director of City Development and Growth
Steven Mason – Democratic Services Officer

92/21 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors Evans, Martin and T Pearce.

93/21 Late Items

There were none.

94/21 Declarations of Interest

There were none.

95/21 Minutes of the meeting held on 12 April 2022

The minutes of the meeting held on 12 April 2022 were agreed as a correct record.

96/21 Forward Plan

The Board considered the contents of the Forward Plan published on 15 March 2022 and 17 May 2022.

No items were added to the future work programme.

Resolved to note the Forward Plan.

97/21 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 12 April 2022.

The Board resolved to note the report.

98/21 Performance Plan 2021/22

The Board considered a report of the Director of Policy, Insight and Communications on Performance Plan 2021/22.

It was reported that the Executive Scrutiny Board had responsibility for monitoring corporate performance, to support the delivery of improved outcomes for the city.

The report provided the Board with an opportunity to review and agree the Performance Plan 2021/22.

The Board resolved:

- 1. to agree the performance items identified for consideration by the Board as part of the Performance Plan 2021/22 as shown at Appendix 1; and**
- 2. to note the draft Overview and Scrutiny Review Boards work plans for 2021/22, as presented in Appendix 2.**

99/21 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 18 May 2022.

Key Decisions

Towards a New Vision for Derby City Centre - Ambition

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director of Communities and Place and a presentation on Towards a New Vision for Derby City Centre – Ambition.

It was reported that Derby city centre, like many in the UK, was trying to deal with significant change exacerbated by the Covid 19 pandemic. It was also reported that how to respond and adapt would be key to its success into the 21st century and beyond. Members noted that to help guide the council, it needed a clear, bold vision to tackle the challenges head on and take advantage of new opportunities.

It was noted that the report sought Council Cabinet approval to consult on the attached draft document which was the first step towards creating a Derby City Centre Vision and strategy for the radical transformation of the city centre to restore its position as the heart and soul of Derby. It was also noted that this would replace the current City Centre Masterplan 2030.

It was reported that the process would have three components:

- 1. AMBITION: (Appendix 1) which sets out ideas and seeks to establish the level of ambition in the city for transformation. It will go out for consultation**

for at least 12 weeks starting at the end of May. It also identifies further studies to understand some areas in more depth to then be able to draw up specific proposals.

2. VISION: the final document should be completed by mid-2023.
3. DELIVERY: A separate document will be created which will set out a shorter-term programme of projects and interventions to move towards our agreed Vision.

Members welcomed the report and presentation and made comments and asked questions, including in relation to the importance of securing funding, communicating the vision effectively to members of the public, accessing the city centre via other methods than the car, the use of the Assembly Rooms, the delivery of the current City Centre Masterplan and incorporating Derby Arboretum into the vision.

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to note the report, acknowledging that the council was at the start of the process of a new vision for Derby city centre.

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