

Time Commenced – 5.00pm
Time Finished – 6.55pm

Executive Scrutiny Board

14 June 2022

Present: Councillor Repton (Chair)
Councillors Care, Dhindsa, M Holmes, Jennings, Roulstone,
Whitby

In attendance: Tim Bagshaw – Head of Economic Growth
Verna Bayliss – Director of Planning, Transport and
Engineering
Steve Caplan – Director of Property
David Fletcher – Director of City Development and Growth
Andy Hills – Climate Change Manager
Steven Mason – Democratic Services Officer
Rachel North – Strategic Director of Communities and Place
Alison Parkin – Director of Financial Services

01/22 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors Carr and Martin

02/22 Late Items

There were none.

03/22 Declarations of Interest

There were none.

04/22 Minutes of the meeting held on 17 May 2022

The minutes of the meeting held on 17 May 2022 were noted.

05/22 Forward Plan

The Board considered the contents of the Forward Plan published on 17 May 2022 and 14 June 2022.

No items were added to the future work programme.

Resolved to note the Forward Plan.

06/22 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 17 May 2022.

The Board resolved to note the report.

07/22 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 15 June 2022.

Key Decisions

Approval of the Single Discretionary Award Policy

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director of Corporate Resources on Approval of the Single Discretionary Award Policy.

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to note the report.

Council Tax Energy Rebate – Discretionary Scheme

The Board received a report of the Director of Financial Services on Council Tax Energy Rebate – Discretionary Scheme.

The Executive Scrutiny Board welcomes this report and the help on offer but also urges Council Cabinet to write to Government urging it to refund all or part of the additional revenue to those hard-pressed families facing staggering increases in petrol and energy prices.

Climate Change Action Plan

The Board received a report of the Chief Executive on Climate Change Action Plan 2022 – 2024.

Executive Scrutiny welcomes the Climate Change Action Plan in general and asks that as part of final editorial changes to be agreed there is greater clarity about the separation of climate and biodiversity actions, which are both important but different, and to give more emphasis to actions that the Council needs to take to enable everyone in the city to reduce their carbon footprints, including within Planning and Transport.

Humber River Basin Flood Risk Management Plan

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director of Communities and Place on Humber River Basin Flood Risk Management Plan.

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to note the report.

Former Aida Bliss Site, City Road

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director of Communities and Place on Former Aida Bliss Site, City Road.

The Executive Scrutiny Board welcomes these exciting proposals and hopes they can if possible be fast-tracked through the system so that the company can get on site and create these facilities as soon as is possible which is what local people wish to occur.

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:

- Acceptance and use an initial allocation of £1.3m of funding from the UK Spatial Development Framework - UKSDF for the government Maths Multiplier funding over the 3 year lifespan of the project
- A flexible procurement approach to implementation of large format digital advertising in Derby
- Acceptance of the Arts Council MEND Bid grant for the Museums and Arts Gallery Project allocation of £0.750m
- Kingsway Roundabout - Addition to the capital programme and note acceptance and use associated funding

In relation to Kingsway Roundabout, the Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to recommend to Council Cabinet that it gives a public update when discussions regarding the Kingsway Island will take place and what action we hope to see following such a meeting.

In relation to large format digital advertising, Executive Scrutiny is disappointed in the narrow Climate Change Implications comments related to the Large Format Digital Advertising Boards, for which the contract would extend to when the Council intends to be Zero Carbon. It asks for the contract period to be limited to end in 2035 unless there is assurance that the operation of the boards will be zero carbon.

Other

Derby Nuclear Skills Academy, Infinity Park

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director of Communities and Place on Derby Nuclear Skills Academy, Infinity Park.

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to welcome these proposals.

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.

Key Decisions

Former Aida Bliss Site, City Road

The Board received exempt detail in the report of the Strategic Director of Communities and Place on Former Aida Bliss Site, City Road.

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to note the report.

MINUTES END