

Time Commenced – 5.00pm  
Time Finished – 6.20pm

## **Executive Scrutiny Board**

**13 April 2021**

Present: Councillor Repton (Chair)  
Councillors Care, Cooper, Hudson, Hussain, Pattison, P Pegg,  
Testro, Willoughby

In attendance: Steven Mason – Democratic Services Officer  
Gurmail Nizzer - Director of Children's Integrated  
Commissioning  
Simon Riley – Strategic Director for Corporate Resources and  
S151 Officer

### **74/20 Apologies for Absence**

There were none.

### **75/20 Late Items**

There were none.

### **76/20 Declarations of Interest**

There were none.

### **77/20 Minutes of the meeting held on 16 March 2021**

The minutes of the meeting held on 16 March 2021 were agreed as a correct record.

### **78/20 Forward Plan**

The Board considered the contents of the Forward Plan published on 16 March 2021.

No items were added to the future work programme.

**Resolved to note the Forward Plan.**

### **79/20 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 9 March 2021.

**The Board resolved to note the report.**

## **80/20 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 14 April 2021.

### **Matters Referred**

#### **Recommendation from the Children and Young People Scrutiny Board**

The Board received a minute extract from the Children and Young People Board in relation to Education Otherwise than at School (EOTAS) Report.

It was noted that the Children and Young People Board had resolved:

To recommend to Cabinet that Council co-produces an Education Otherwise than at School (EOTAS) offer for Derby with parent carers and children and young people to ensure that Derby City Council are meeting their statutory duties to produce an offer that Derby can be proud of.

**The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to note the recommendation from the Children and Young People Board.**

### **Key Decisions**

#### **Schools Capital Programme 2021/22 – Phase 1 Schemes**

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director of People Services on Schools Capital Programme 2021/22 – Phase 1 Schemes.

**The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to recommend to Council Cabinet that it ensures that the investments that are being done are future proofed for a zero carbon future, such as higher than standard insulation levels, stronger roofs for PV readiness and options for air/ground-sourced heat as investment now will save in the future.**

#### **Ravensdale Infant and Nursery School – New School Project**

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director of People Services on Ravensdale Infant and Nursery School – New School Project.

**The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to recommend to Council Cabinet that it builds the new school to be "zero carbon ready". So, fabric such as insulation levels and roof strength for PVs are included at this stage, together with additional connections for mechanical and electrical services as appropriate.**

## **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:

- Public Health - Bid and acceptance of Section 31 grant to help reduce crime and death associated with drug misuse
- Communities and Place - Bid for and acceptance of the new Levelling Up Fund released by the Government in March 2021 for infrastructure
- Peoples Services - Acceptance of funding from the National Health Service – NHS Council Wide - Update on acceptance of COVID grants for 2021/22

### **The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved, in relation to the Levelling Up Fund:**

1. to recommend to Council Cabinet that the Levelling up " lottery Bid " is welcome but it is totally insufficient to tackle the real problems facing derby and Cities up and down this country. We need a fully funded National Recovery Plan on a scale similar to the New Deal in the USA after World War 2. We therefore call on Council Cabinet to write to the Relevant Government Ministers and the LGA to ask for such a plan to be urgently formulated;
2. to recommend to Council Cabinet that it ensures that there is engagement and consultation with ALL elected Councillors as well as MPs on suitable schemes that could be delivered through this funding in the spirit of openness and transparency;
3. to recommend to Council Cabinet that it asks for suggestions from the wider public that might be appropriate for inclusion in the Levelling Up Fund;
4. to recommend to Council Cabinet that all parties are to be consulted on the proposed final bid to the Levelling Up Fund, giving the fund timetable up to 18 June; and
5. to recommend to Council Cabinet that we liaise with neighbouring Councils to ensure that a bid is also submitted on behalf of Mid Derbyshire.

### **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 Decision**

**Ravensdale Infant and Nursery School – New School Project**

The Board considered exempt detail in the report of the Strategic Director of People Services on Ravensdale Infant and Nursery School – New School Project.

**The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to make a recommendation to Council Cabinet, in relation to exempt detail in the report.**

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