

# Executive Scrutiny Board 13 March 2018

ITEM 9

Report of the Chief Executive

# **Council Cabinet Response to Scrutiny Recommendations**

# SUMMARY

1.1 This report outlines the recommendations made by the Executive Scrutiny Board to Council Cabinet and Council Cabinet's responses to these recommendations. The relevant responses have been extracted (and condensed where appropriate) from the Council Cabinet Minutes and included in Section 4 of this report.

# **RECOMMENDATION**

2.1 To note the responses from Council Cabinet recorded in the Council Cabinet Minutes.

#### REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

3.1 To ensure that the Executive Scrutiny Board receives a response from Council Cabinet to the recommendations made.

# **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

# **Council Cabinet Meeting of 14 February 2018**

4.1 115/17 Recommendations from Corporate Scrutiny and Governance Board

The Council Cabinet considered a report on Recommendations from the Executive Scrutiny Board. The Board met and discussed items contained within the Council Cabinet Agenda. The report enabled the views and recommendations resulting from these discussions to be formally shared with Council Cabinet. These were submitted to Council Cabinet as Appendix 2, prior to commencement of the meeting.

# **Council Cabinet Decision**

 To receive the report and consider the recommendations alongside the relevant report.

# **Key Decisions**

# 4.2 116/17 Determined School Admission Arrangements for Derby City Maintained and Voluntary Controlled Schools 2019 – 20-20

The Executive Scrutiny Board requested that Council Cabinet seek further clarification from the Strategic Director of People Services on the admission arrangements relating to the High Court ruling on admission arrangements for summer-born children.

#### **Council Cabinet Decision**

- To approve the proposed admission arrangements for Community and Voluntary Controlled infant, junior, primary and secondary schools as set out in Appendix 2 of the report as the determined (set) admission arrangements for the 2019-2020 academic year.
- 2. To approve the published admission numbers as set out in Appendix 3 of the report.
- 3. To accept the recommendation from Executive Scrutiny Board to seek further clarification from the Strategic Director of People Services on the admission arrangements relating to the High Court ruling on admission arrangements for summer born children.

# 4.3 117/17 East Midlands Regional Adoption Agency

The Executive Scrutiny Board requested that Council Cabinet note the Board's concerns and request that officers bring a report detailing the governance and corporate parenting frameworks to a future meeting of the Board prior to sign off and implementation.

#### **Council Cabinet Decision**

- 1. To agree in principle that a regional adoption agency for Derby, Derbyshire, Nottingham and Nottinghamshire councils operates a shared adoption service called D2N2 Regional Adoption Agency.
- To agree to delegate the subsequent decision for the ensuing model and business case to the Strategic Director of People following consultation with Cabinet Member for Children and Young People and Safeguarding following consideration of a further report prepared by the strategic leads from each local authority.
- 3. To agree the decision on which local authority hosts the regional adoption agency on behalf of the other local authority partners be delegated to the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People and Safeguarding on the basis of a full evaluation of the offer from each local authority which expresses an interest in so doing.
- 4. To note that it was the intention that staff from each of the four local authorities who were in scope for the regional adoption service are seconded to the host local authority, subject to the nature of the final model of the D2N2 RAA.

5. To accept the recommendation of the Executive Scrutiny Board that Council Cabinet note the Board's concerns and request that officers bring a report detailing the governance and corporate parenting frameworks to a future meeting of the Board prior to sign off and implementation

# 4.4 118/17 Council Tax Exemption for Care Leavers

The Executive Scrutiny Board requested that Council Cabinet seek assurances from the Strategic Director of People Services that the exception will not have an adverse impact on individuals in relation to future benefit claims. The Strategic Director of People Services confirmed that there were no implications for individuals in relation to future benefit claims.

#### **Council Cabinet Decision**

- To agree Council Tax exemption for all Former Relevant Care Leavers up to the age of 25 years as part of the 'local offer' to Care Leavers and pledge as their Corporate Parent.
- 2. To agree Relevant Care Leavers who live in the Derby City Council Boundary would be administered as a 100% Council Tax Discount.
- 3. To agree Relevant Care Leavers who live outside the Council Boundary their Council Tax would be paid up until the age of 25 upon presentation of a Council Tax Bill.
- 4. To accept the recommendation from the Executive Scrutiny Board that Council Cabinet note the Board's concerns and request that officers bring a report detailing the governance and corporate parenting frameworks to a future meeting of the Board prior to sign off and implementation.

# 4.5 119/17 Adult Social Care Fees and Charges

The Executive Scrutiny Board made no recommendations to Council Cabinet on this item.

# 4.6 120/17 Development of High Quality Office Complex (Bold Lane)

The Executive Scrutiny Board made no recommendations to Council Cabinet but requested that future business cases for this type of project include the likelihood and impact of risks as part of the risk register.

# 4.7 121/17 Social Impact Bonds for Children in Care and on the Edge of Care

The Executive Scrutiny Board requested that the report due to be submitted to Council Cabinet in Summer to approve the award of the contract includes some case studies to enable better understanding of the service delivery model prior to approval.

# **Council Cabinet Decision**

- 1. To approve proceeding with the development of a final social investment proposal to the Life Chances Fund.
- 2. To approve entering into a tri-partite agreement with Nottingham City Council and Nottinghamshire County Council to govern the inter-authority arrangements in respect of the proposals set out in the report.
- 3. To approve being party to a procurement with Nottingham City Council and Nottinghamshire County Council (lead) to secure an investor(s) and/or provider(s) to deliver services/outcomes for children and young people in line with the requirements of the Life Chances Fund.
- 4. To note a further detailed report would be presented to Council Cabinet to consider approval for Derby City Council to establish a Social Impact Bond with Nottingham City Council and Nottinghamshire County Council.
- 5. To accept the recommendation of the Executive Scrutiny Board that the report due to be submitted to Council Cabinet in Summer to approve the award of the contract includes some case studies to enable better understanding of the service delivery model prior to approval.

# 4.8 122/17 The Payment of Annual Grant to Derbyshire Wildlife Trust for the Management of Land called Derwent Meadows at Derby Commercial Park, Raynesway, Derby

The Executive Scrutiny Board made no recommendations to Council Cabinet on this item.

# **Budget and Policy Framework**

# 4.9 **123/17 Budget Outturn Quarter 3 – 2017-18**

The Executive Scrutiny Board made no recommendations to Council Cabinet but requested that further thought is given to how progress against items in the Capital Programme can be better demonstrated.

# **Council Cabinet Decision**

# 1. To note:

- the revenue projected outturn and key budget variances set out in the report in section 4 and the savings to be delivered in the year in section 5.
- the capital programme forecast and actual capital expenditure incurred during the quarter summarised in section 6 of the report.
- the reserves position, as set out in section 7 and appendix 4 of the report.

- the Council's treasury position, and performance in the quarter, section 8 of the report.
- the forecast DSG position summarised in section 9 of the report.
- the Council Tax and Business Rates Performance as set out in section 10 of the report.
- the HRA Performance as set out in section 11 of the report.
- the changes already approved under scheme of delegation to the capital programme detailed in Appendix 2 of the report.

# 2. To approve the following:

- the changes and additions required to the 2017/18 capital programme as detailed in Appendix 3 of the report; together with corresponding amendments to 2018/19 – 2019/20 capital programme totalling £12.431m and £5.144m respectively. This included the addition of £75,000 for the Occupational Health IT software in 2018/19 detailed in Paragraph 6.15 of the report.
- to approve the housing benefit write off of £64,034 outlined in section 10, with details at Appendix 5 of the report.
- to approve the historic business rates write-off of £250,430 outlined in section 10, with details at Appendix 5 of the report.
- 3. To note that the Executive Scrutiny Board made no recommendations to Council Cabinet but resolved to request that further thought is given to how progress against items in the Capital Programme can be better demonstrated.

#### **Performance**

# 4.10 **124/17 Performance Monitoring 2017/18 – Future of Derby Pledges December 2017 and Quarter Three Results**

The Executive Scrutiny Board made no recommendation to Council Cabinet, however the Board requested that as part of the next year's target setting they would like to see a report presenting previous and future targets (in colour) together for comparison.

#### **Council Cabinet Decision**

- 1. To note the 2017/18 quarter three performance results and the December progress report on the Cabinet Member Pledges.
- 2. To note the indicators highlighted in the Improvement Report at Appendix 4 of the report.
- 3. To note that Executive Scrutiny Board review performance on a regular basis and may select indicators for Performance Surgery on the basis of this report.
- 4. To note that the Executive Scrutiny Board made no recommendation to Council Cabinet, however the Board requested that as part of the next year's target setting they would like to see a report presenting previous and future targets (in colour) together for comparison.

#### **Contract and Financial Procedure Matters**

# 4.11 125/17 Contract and Financial Procedure Matters

The Executive Scrutiny Board made no recommendations to Council Cabinet on this item.

# 4.12 **108/17 Award of Contract for Insurance Services**

The Executive Scrutiny Board made no recommendations to Council Cabinet on this item.

# **Exempt Items - Key Decisions**

# 4.13 **127/17 Development of High Quality Office Complex (Bold Lane)**

The Executive Scrutiny Board made no further recommendations on this item.

# 4.14 128/17 Review of the Council's Insurance Strategy

The Executive Scrutiny Board made no recommendations on this item.

# OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

5.1 None.

# This report has been approved by the following officers:

Legal officer	N/A
Financial officer	N/A
Human Resources officer	N/A
Service Director(s)	N/A
Other(s)	David Walsh – Democratic Services Manager

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# **IMPLICATIONS**

# **Financial and Value for Money**

1.1 Costs associated with implementing the recommendations associated with this report would need to be determined by relevant officers following decisions made by Council Cabinet.

# Legal

- 2.1 Rule OS23 of the Council's Constitution relate are relevant to this report in its final submissions to Council Cabinet. Rule OS23 states that the Council or Council Cabinet shall consider the report of the overview and scrutiny board within one month of it being submitted to the proper officer.
- 2.2 Legal implications associated with implementing the recommendations associated with this report would need to be determined by relevant officers following decisions made by Council Cabinet.

#### Personnel

3.1 Personnel implications associated with implementing the recommendations associated with this report would need to be determined by relevant officers following decisions made by Council Cabinet.

#### IT

4.1 IT implications associated with implementing the recommendations associated with this report would need to be determined by relevant officers following decisions made by Council Cabinet.

# **Equalities Impact**

5.1 Effective scrutiny benefits all Derby people and the very nature of the Scrutiny Board's work means that equality issues are addressed.

# **Health and Safety**

6.1 None directly arising from this report.

# **Environmental Sustainability**

7.1 None directly arising from this report.

#### **Property and Asset Management**

8.1 Asset management and acquisition implications associated with implementing the recommendations associated with this report would need to be determined by relevant officers following decisions made by Council Cabinet.

# **Risk Management**

9.1 Risks management implications associated with implementing the recommendations associated with this report would need to be determined by relevant officers following decisions made by Council Cabinet.

# Corporate objectives and priorities for change

10.1 Our aim is to work together so that Derby and its people will enjoy a thriving sustainable economy, good health and well-being and an active cultural life.