## Executive Scrutiny Board

# **Recommendations from the meeting held on 12 February 2024**

#### Council Cabinet Agenda – 14 February 2024

Item 8 Determined School Admission Arrangements for Derby City Maintained and Voluntary Controlled Schools 2025-2026

The Board received a report of the Cabinet Member for Children's Social Care, Learning and Skills and the Strategic Director of People Services on Determined School Admission Arrangements for Derby City Maintained and Voluntary Controlled Schools 2025-2026.

#### The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved:

- to ask Council Cabinet to give permission to the relevant Director make technical changes to the wording of the School Admission documents in Appendices 1 – 4 to improve readability; and
- 2. to recommend that the council recognises the transport impact of journeys by car to and from schools in relation to its commitment on climate change and sustainable travel, and that this should be noted in the report at 9.2.

#### Item 9 Corporate Debt Management Policy

The Board received a report of the Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Strategy, Governance and Finance and the Director of Financial Services and Section 151 Officer on Corporate Debt Management Policy.

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to ask Council Cabinet to also give permission to the relevant Director to make technical changes to the wording of the policy on Debt Collection.

#### Item 10 | Derby Libraries – delivering a sustainable model

The Board received a report of the Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Strategy, Governance and Finance and the Strategic Director of Place on Derby Libraries – delivering a sustainable model.

#### The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved:

- 1. to ask Council Cabinet to request a clear and fact-based report of the reasons why the last transfer proved to be unsuccessful and for this to be used as part of the development of the new transfer;
- 2. to recommend that despite the comments made at 4.6 of the Appendix that the "financial sustainability of community managed libraries will be dependent upon the continued support from the council and/any other third parties and the community's effectiveness in fundraising" the council will commit to ensuring that community fundraising is only for additions to the libraries offer, and that the continued support provided by the council and

any other third parties is sufficient to ensure the financial sustainability of the ten Community Managed Libraries; and

# 3. to ask Council Cabinet to reconsider and revisit the hub model to increase the footfall of the 10 Community Managed Libraries.

# Item 11 Future High Street Fund (FHSF) Programme Update

The Board received a report of the Cabinet Member for City Centre, Regeneration, Culture and Tourism and the Head of Regeneration and Major Projects on Future High Street Fund (FHSF) Programme Update.

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to ask Council Cabinet to seek to establish a 'Friends of City Centre green spaces' to include the Parklets, as part of the policy supporting city centre living, and to help ensure that this aspect of the High Street investment is a long-term success.

#### Item 12 Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) 2024/25 – 2026/27

The Board received a report of the Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Strategy, Governance and Finance and the Director of Financial Services on Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) 2024/25 – 2026/27.

### The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to note the report.

### Item 13 2023/24 Quarter 3 Financial Monitoring

The Board received a report of the Leader of the Council and the Cabinet Member for Strategy, Governance and Finance and the Director of Financial Services on 2023/24 Quarter 3 Financial Monitoring.

#### The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to note the report.

### Item 14 Housing Revenue Account Business Plan 2024 to 2053

The Board received a report of the Cabinet Member for Housing, Property and Regulatory Services and the Director of Financial Services on Housing Revenue Account Business Plan 2024 to 2053.

#### The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to note the report.

### Item 15 Compliance with Contract and Financial Procedure Rules

The Board received a report of the Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Strategy, Governance and Finance and the Director of Financial Services on Compliance with Contract and Financial Procedure Rules.

Members noted that the report sought Council Cabinet approval for the following:

• Bid for and acceptance of new funding £0.510m from the Football Foundation to develop a 3G Artificial Turf Pitch (ATP) at Moorways Stadium

- Addition of a new scheme to the 2024/25 Property Capital Programme of £0.825m to develop a 3G ATP at Moorways Stadium
- Acceptance of £0.500m from the 2023-2025 Department for Education Local Skills Improvement Fund – LSIF and delegated authority to spend/delivery within the scope of the bid

# The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to note the report and welcomed the two projects.

# Item 16 2023/24 Q3 Performance Monitoring

The Board received a report of the Leader of the Council and the Cabinet Member for Strategy, Governance and Finance and the Director of Corporate Management on 2023/24 Q3 Performance Monitoring.

#### The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to note the report.

Item 17 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.

Item 18 Future High Street Fund (FHSF) Programme Update

The Board received exempt detail in the report of the Cabinet Member for City Centre Regeneration, Culture and Tourism and the Head of Regeneration and Major Projects on Future High Street Fund (FHSF) Programme Update.

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to note the report.