Executive Scrutiny Board

Recommendations from the meeting held on 9 October 2023

Council Cabinet Agenda – 11 October 2023

Item 2 Late Items – 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 on Compliance with Contract and Financial Procedure Rules.

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

 Acceptance of the new funding of £0.584m from DLUHC via Nottingham City Council for alleviation of fuel poverty.

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved:

- to recommend to Council Cabinet that the Green Board consider match funding the Government funding to increase the scope of the benefits of insulation across the city and that this be taken to the Green Board in due course; and
- 2. to recommend to Council Cabinet that every reasonable effort is made to ensure that residential properties in all wards benefit from this scheme, and that Derby City Council develops ways to improve energy efficiency, in residential properties, in all wards, on a long-term basis."

Item 8

Minute Extract from the Communities, Public Protection and Housing Scrutiny Board - Total number of people sleeping rough on a single night – including veterans and those with mental health problems

The Board received a Minute Extract from the Communities, Public Protection and Housing Scrutiny Board - Total number of people sleeping rough on a single night – including veterans and those with mental health problems.

It was noted that Communities, Public Protection and Housing Scrutiny Board had agreed that the following resolutions should progress to Council Cabinet for its consideration:

- to recommend to Council Cabinet that there should be a social media campaign/press promotion that demonstrates what the Council is doing in relation to rough sleeping and that this should include recognition that there is an offer for every rough sleeper and the importance of using Diverted Giving; and
- to recommend to Council Cabinet that the services of a designated mental health/substance misuse officer be secured at the earliest opportunity, to work within Housing Options.

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to ask Council Cabinet, alongside the asks in the minute extract, to further raise the need to get empty homes back in use. To this end for the public to be encouraged to report to the Council properties they know of which have been long-term empty to help get these back into use.

Item 9

Minute Extract from the Regeneration, Vibrancy and Climate Change Scrutiny Board – Asset Management Overview Highways Maintenance

The Board received a Minute Extract from the Regeneration, Vibrancy and Climate Change Scrutiny Board – Asset Management Overview Highways Maintenance.

It was noted that Regeneration, Vibrancy and Climate Change Scrutiny Board had agreed that the following resolution should progress to Council Cabinet for its consideration:

To recommended that Council Cabinet prioritise funding for Highways Maintenance and add enough funding each year to make improvements year on year to the roads to reduce deterioration.

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to note the report.

Item 10

Single Homeless Accommodation Programme (SHAP) Bid – Children and Young People at Risk of Rough Sleeping

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director of Place and Cabinet Member for Housing, Property and Regulatory Services on Single Homeless Accommodation Programme (SHAP) Bid – Children and Young People at Risk of Rough Sleeping.

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to note the report.

Item 11

Medium Term Financial Strategy Summary

The Board received a report of the Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Strategy, Governance and Finance and the Director of Finance on Medium Term Financial Strategy Summary.

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved:

- 1. to recommend to Council Cabinet that it tasks the relevant Cabinet Member/s to review Section 106 within the Council's capital funding, to ensure that local improvements and schemes are both allocated and spent, to avoid it being handed back, unspent, to a developer, and that Council Cabinet reports back to Executive Scrutiny Board on any Section 106 funding that has been returned unspent to developers in 2023; and
- 2. to ask Council Cabinet to continue to share with people of Derby the challenges of setting a balanced budget and the implications of not being able to do so. Alongside this, to publicise ways that people can help the Council to provide services, or reduce the need for services, for example by not littering or dumping, sorting waste correctly, becoming a foster carer or volunteering with Friends of the local park.