Executive Scrutiny Board

Recommendations from the meeting held on 13 September 2022

Council Cabinet Agenda – 14 September 2022

Item 2

Late items – D2N2 Joint Contracting Arrangement – D2N2 Supported Accommodation Framework for 16/17 year olds (Housing Framework) – Amendment

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director of Peoples Services on D2N2 Joint Contracting Arrangement – D2N2 Supported Accommodation Framework for 16/17-year-olds (Housing Framework) – Amendment.

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to note the report.

Item 8 Recommendation from the Communities Board – National Bus Strategy – Derby Update

The Board received a minute extract of the Communities Board in relation to National Bus Strategy – Derby Update.

It was noted that the Communities Board had agreed that the following resolution should progress to Council Cabinet for its consideration:

To encourage the Cabinet to hold a full bus network review as soon as possible so that a better service is provided to Derby's communities.

The Executive Scrutiny Board feels words are not enough and that Council Cabinet fully acts on the motion passed at the last Council meeting regarding bus services in the city.

Item 9 Recommendation from the Communities Board – Bereavement Services Plan

The Board received a minute extract of the Communities Board in relation to Bereavement Services Plan.

It was noted that the Communities Board had agreed that the following resolution should progress to Council Cabinet for its consideration:

To strongly encourage Council Cabinet to build a modern crematorium to provide the best service to the people of Derby and beyond.

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to note the report

Item 10 | Topic Review – Protecting Care Home Residents and Staff

The Board received a report of the Head of Democracy and Statutory Scrutiny Officer on Topic Review – Protecting Care Home Residents and Staff

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to note the report.

Item 11 | Family Hubs and Start of Life Programme

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director of Peoples Services on Family Hubs and Start of Life Programme

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to note the report.

Item 12 | Eastern Gateway Funding Arrangements

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director of Communities and Place on Eastern Gateway Funding Arrangements.

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to note the report.

Item 13 | Compulsory Purchase of Empty Homes

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director of Communities and Place on Compulsory Purchase of Empty Homes.

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to note the report.

Item 14 Draft – 2022/23 Quarter 1 Financial Monitoring

The Board received a report of the Director of Financial Services on Draft – 2022/23 Quarter 1 Financial Monitoring.

Whilst acknowledging the following requests that the council has made to Simon Clarke and the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities:

- (a) Supporting Councils in funding high inflationary pressures such as pay and energy for 2022/23 and 2023/24. This is essential for our financial sustainability and ability to plan our Medium-Term Financial Strategy. There are distributional impacts across the local government sector and therefore we would suggest using the formula utilized in awarding COVID grants would allow quick distribution of any additional funds;
- (b) Ensuring that the indicative spending control totals for 2023/24 and 2024/25 are not negatively impacted by inflation on the GDP Deflator. Given, the macroeconomic climate we request the Resources DEL to be increased to ensure real term increases in Government funding;
- (c) Smoothing the impact of likely shortfalls in respect of collection funds over a few years, utilizing the methodology implemented in response to the Covid pandemic. Without this flexibility Councils will need to account for deficits in the

following year widening and exacerbating forecast budget gaps for 2023/24 and beyond;

- (d) Target additional grant allocations to support the most vulnerable who are suffering increased hardship linked to cost of living. This could be allocated through the existing frameworks and reporting mechanisms for the Household Support Fund;
- (e) The national representations made by the LGA in response to the spending review process which is forecasting a multi-billion-pound gap; and
- (f) Ensuring that new burdens, for example Adult Social Care reforms are fully funded and do not lead to increased financial pressures at this time;

the Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to agree that Council Cabinet should urgently meet with senior Government ministers and officials regarding the severe financial situation Derby is experiencing and the help required to address the shortfall and balance the budget in order to protect vital services and jobs this city values and relies upon.

Item 15 Flexible Use of Capital Receipts Strategy – Update and Further Allocation

The Board received a report of the Director of Financial Services on Flexible Use of Capital Receipts Strategy – Update and Further Allocation.

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to note the report.

Item 16 Compliance with Contract and Financial Procedure Rules

The Board received a report of 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:

- Public Health to approve acceptance of funding for Derby City to implement the Individual Placement and Support (IPS) employment support in community drug and alcohol treatment services programme
- Public Health to delegate authority to enter into all necessary contracts and agreements associated with this additional ring-fenced funding
- Contract Waiver extension of a contract with Water Plus Group Ltd to continue their provision of water, wastewater and ancillary services to the Council's property portfolio
- Smartparc capital grant to increase the total grant award to up to £17.31m with future grant award agreements to be entered into with SmartParc SEGRO Spondon Ltd

 Capital programme - addition of £0.148m to the capital programme for the City Living Fund and the use of the fund to award grants to Inventure Properties Ltd and Sadler Gate Co Ltd.

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to note the report.

Item 17 | 2022/23 – Quarter 1 Performance Update

The Board received a report of the Director of Policy, Insight and Communications on 2022/23 – Quarter 1 Performance Update.

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to note the report.

Item 18 Mental Health, Neurodiversity and Learning Disability Alliance Partnership Agreement

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director of Peoples Services on Mental Health, Neurodiversity and Learning Disability Alliance Partnership Agreement.

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to note the report.

Item 19 | 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 20 Compulsory Purchase of Empty Homes

The Board received exempt detail in the report of the Strategic Director of Communities and Place on Compulsory Purchase of Empty Homes.

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to note the report.

Item 21 Eastern Gateway Funding arrangements

The Board received exempt detail in the report of the Strategic Director of Communities and Place on Eastern Gateway Funding arrangements.

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to note the report.

Item 22 Special Education Needs and Disabilities (SEND) – High Needs Transformation Programme

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director of Corporate Resources on Special Education Needs and Disabilities (SEND) – High Needs Transformation Programme.

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to note the report.

Item 23 Compliance with Contract and Financial Procedure Rules

The Board received exempt detail in the report of the Strategic Director of Corporate Resources on Compliance with Contract and Financial Procedure Rules.

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to note the report.