

Time Commenced – 6.00 pm
Time Finished – 7.50 pm

Corporate Scrutiny and Climate Change Overview and Scrutiny Board

27 January 2014

Present: Councillor Redfern (Chair)
Councillors Carr, Dhindsa, Hickson, Holmes, MacDonald, Whitby

50/13 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Ingall

51/13 Late Items

There were no late items.

52/13 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

53/13 Call-in

There were no items.

54/13 Minutes of the meeting held on 9 December 2013

The minutes of the meeting held on 9 December 2013 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair

55/13 Forward Plan

The board requested the following items from the January 2014 Forward Plan:

- Item 87/12 – Purchase of a share of Rosehill Business Centre and Refurbishment Works of Shot Tower and Rosehill Business Centre
- Item 48/13 – Osmaston Vision – Osmaston Regeneration Partnership

56/13 Multi –Use Sports Arena – Customer Experience

A report was received on behalf of the Chief Executive containing proposals for the Customer Services document, which was a live document and would be updated to reflect the activities available for users of the Arena as decisions are finalised. It was anticipated the document would be completed and published on iDerby in mid 2014.

The report provided Members with the opportunity to understand how the Arena would operate and comment on the proposed Arena operating practices and procedures. The board were invited to review the attached Customer Experience document and provide any comments, guidance or recommendations to be considered by the Leisure Board and the Project Delivery Team.

The board questioned the officer at length over the seating arrangements and capacity of the venue. The figures given were a capacity of 5000 in total, which comprised of 1500 fixed seating, 2500 temporary seating and 1000 standing. The cycle track would never be covered with seating. Members expressed concern that the venue would not be large enough to attract high profile events. However, officers informed the board that the venue capacity had been agreed at this number so that it would not be in direct competition with other larger venues in neighbouring cities and that there was a niche in the market for a venue of this size.

The board enquired about the facilities which would be available at the Multi Use Sports Arena, they were informed there would be a fully licensed bar and that the Council is applying for a 24/7 license to cater for all events. The gym would have 125 stations providing exercises for all muscle groups and contain Disability Discrimination Act compliant equipment.

Members of the board asked how the Multi Use Sports Arena would be marketed, officers responded by saying the existing Derby City Council, Derby Live website would be used. Members were assured that all possibilities for marketing the venue would be researched with the officer agreeing that it warranted it having its own independent website.

The board resolved to:

- 1. note the Board expressed concerns regarding the capacity at The Derby Arena and requested that officers look at options around the flexibility of service provision to extend/maximise the overall capacity of the development if possible**
- 2. request that The Derby Arena has its own website and online identity.**

57/13 Our City Our River progress update

A report was presented to the board on behalf of the Strategic Director of Neighbourhoods which updated the board on the Our City Our River regeneration/flood defence scheme. The board learned that the administration had successfully secured £36.6 million of indicative funding to start and complete the first package of works from Darley Abbey Mills to the City centre. This funding would effectively be allocated on the approval of a business case which was submitted to the Environment Agency's Large Project Review Group on 8th November following Council Cabinet approval. This funding was made up of Growth funding and traditional flood defence funding – Flood Defence Grant in Aid (FDGiA).

Our City Our River was a flood risk management and regeneration scheme through the City of Derby in the East Midlands. The core objectives of the scheme were set out in the master plan which was approved by Council Cabinet in July 2012 included:

- Reduce flood risk to protect people, property (1,450 homes and 800 businesses) and jobs.
- Maximise regeneration and sustainable development opportunities along the river frontage.
- Release economic potential of brownfield sites currently at significant risk of flooding.
- Enhance the significant heritage assets of the city, which include the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site, to promote tourism to the city.
- Enhance ecology, wildlife and biodiversity along the river and deliver the objectives of the Water Framework Directive.

The Board was also invited to consider what role members would like to play in adding value to Our City Our River project once the whole business case had been approved and further funding secured.

Board members questioned the officer about how information would be presented to residents in the areas pertaining to the Our City Our River project. They were concerned that residents needed to be kept informed of progress, therefore Ward Councillors needed to see this information before it had been distributed to residents in order for Councillors to be adequately prepared to answer constituent's questions.

Resolved to:

- 1. request regular updates of project timescales for Package One**
- 2. request the Board the opportunity to scrutinise any literature on behalf of the Council before it is distributed to residents**
- 3. request the Board is involved regarding the development of sites and the wider strategy for opening up the river.**

The board received a report on behalf of the Strategic Director of Neighbourhoods titled Energy Management Strategy and Policy which had been prepared to help staff, managers and members of Derby City Council to understand and implement the Council's ambitions and objectives as regards reducing the Council's consumption of scarce and costly energy resources.

Through the application of the Policy the Council's staff, managers and members could contribute toward the reducing the consumption of scarce energy resources, minimising the Council's environmental impact and the release of energy budgets for use in the delivery of direct services.

The board members discussed the policy and agreed target setting needed to be robust and the strategy of how 150 buildings over 30 sites and variables such as the weather had to be taken into account.

Resolved to:

- 1. endorse the policy**
- 2. recommend that challenging stretch targets were introduced by the Council as proposed within the draft Energy Management Strategy and Policy.**

59/13 Proposed Response to HS2 consultation

A report from the Chief Executive was presented to the board which stated the Government had published a report which proposed the route for a high speed railway (HS2) linking London, the East and West Midlands, and the north of England. The proposals for Phase 2, which proposed the East Midlands station hub at Toton, were currently the subject of public consultation, the line does would not come to Derby.

The council had already drafted a response to the Government's HS2 Phase 2 route consultation. This report aimed to update the board on the Council's current position on High Speed Rail (HS2) in relation to Derby and requested the board consider, make any comments or recommendations in relation to the Council's draft consultation response which had a deadline of 31 January 2014.

The report was discussed by the board who noted that the line on accompanying map in Appendix 3 just indicted the route and had not generated a great deal of detail. They compared the advantages of the HS2 station being based in Derby rather than the proposed site at Toton in Nottinghamshire and the majority of the board members concluded that Derby already had a thriving railway link with the rest of the country and it was a commercially viable option.

Resolved to:

- 1. support in principal the Derby City Council's approach to the HS2 Consultation Strategy,**

2. **note Councillor Holmes raised concerns regarding the viability of the Derby option, he expressed concerns relating to traffic congestion and accessibility.**

60/13 “Superfast Broadband” January Project Update

The Corporate Scrutiny and Climate Change Board requested an update on the developments surrounding “superfast broadband” in the city.

The report presented on behalf of the Strategic Director summarised the main schemes relating to “superfast broadband” developments and the progress that had been made to date. This was outlined in section 4 of the report and the most recent project overview presentation which was found at Appendix 2.

The presenting officer reported that the project was ahead of programme schedule, on target regarding budget and it was geared around Small and Medium Sized Enterprises.

Resolved to note the report

61/13 Council Cabinet Decisions 130/13 Food Banks in Derby

The report outlined the decisions made by Council Cabinet on items relating to the Corporate Scrutiny and Climate Change Board, it aimed to keep members informed on decisions made on items relevant to the board and to highlight the development of items that were on-going and members may wish to include in the programme for future scrutiny.

The Food Bank report which had been considered by Council Cabinet outlined the increased pressure on Food Banks due to the economic recession and changes in welfare policy. There was limited data to quantify the pressure on food bank services but the report had indicated a significant increase in the demand for Food Bank services.

It was reported that there had been a successful expansion of the donation network in the city of Derby to ease the pressure food bank stocks which had been overseen by the Chair of Derby Child and Family Poverty Commission.

Resolved to note the report.

62/13 Outline Work Programme and Topic Reviews

This item gave members an opportunity to discuss potential work plans and topic reviews for the forthcoming municipal year, and develop the basis for a work programme. The reviews may cover anything within the Board’s remit and could include internal as well as external facing services.

Resolved to accept the additions as discussed in the Forward Plan, Item 6 on this meeting’s agenda.

MINUTES END