

Time Commenced – 6.00 pm  
Time Finished – 6:22 pm

## **Regenerating Our City Overview and Scrutiny Board**

**29 March 2016**

Present: Councillor Dhindsa (Chair)  
Councillors A Holmes, Keith & West

Councillor Hussain

Officers Present: Tim Clegg, Gemma Sylva

### **21/15 Apologies for Absence**

No apologies were received

### **22/15 Late Items**

There were no late items.

### **23/15 Declarations of Interest**

Cllr West declared that she works for the University of Derby

### **24/15 Minutes of the meeting held on 1 December 2015**

Agreed

### **25/15 Presenting the successes of the BESPOKE project; Introducing the D2EE project**

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director of Communities and Place which summarised the achievements of the BESPOKE project. This was a three year energy efficiency project, part funded by the European Regional Development Fund. The project ended in December 2015.

The Board were briefed on the project's key achievements, supported with some case studies and lessons learnt. The BESPOKE project looked at making energy efficiencies, savings on carbon and giving advice to other agencies. BESPOKE proved to be a success, but unfortunately, due to budget cuts, was unable to continue.

Discussion was held over the new collaborative project, between Derby City Council, Derbyshire County Council and the University of Derby which would allow this work to continue building on the success of the BESPOKE project. Then new

collaboration would be called Derby and Derbyshire Energy Efficiency (D2EE) and would be partly funded by then European Regional Development Fund. It was anticipated that funding for this project would be confirmed in April/May 2016.

**The Board resolved to:**

- 1. Note the achievements made through the BESPOKE project**
- 2. Note the contribution made to the Council's Climate Change Strategy in lowering energy costs and carbon emissions of small and medium sized businesses across Derby and Derbyshire**
- 3. To support the D2EE project, by promoting it to business and partners across Derby and Derbyshire once the funding had been confirmed.**

## **26/15      Energy Security Strategy**

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director of Communities and Place which had been prepared in response to a Motion which was approved by Cabinet on 25 November 2015. The report summarised energy efficiency schemes which exist within Derby and detailed the future potential savings and renewal energy generation opportunities for the city.

It was noted that Derby City Council's Climate Team would not exist after 1 April 2016 and other resources would have to be considered to implement the Energy Strategy work.

**The Board resolved to:**

- 1. Receive further update on how this may be progressed with no council officers specifically dedicated to this task**
- 2. Commission an in-depth study and produce an Energy Strategy similar to the one produced for Nottingham.**
- 3. To factor energy security into future development and regeneration plans for the city.**

## **27/15      Work Programme and Topic Review**

The Board received a report from the Chief Executive on the review of the Board's work programme and topic review for the last municipal year. The Chair confirmed that all the recommendations the Board made at their last meeting, relating to the regeneration of Normanton had been taken to Corporate Scrutiny asking that they be made to Cabinet. The Board discussed issues that were still on-going and that should be carried over to the work programme for 2016-17.

**The Board resolved to recommend that further updates on the following matters are included on the 2016-2017 work programme for this board (or its successor body):**

- **Regeneration of Normanton;**
- **Issues around affordable housing and development of brownfield land;**
- **Developments around the provision of leisure facilities within the city;**  
**and**
- **The council's property rationalisation programme, including updates on savings that are achieved.**

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