

# ITEM 5

Time Commenced – 6.00pm  
Time Finished – 7.37pm

## **Corporate Scrutiny and Climate Change Overview and Scrutiny Board 16 September 2013**

Present: Councillor Redfern (Chair)  
Councillors Carr, Holmes, MacDonald, Pegg and Whitby

### **15/13 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Dhindsa, Hickson and Ingall.

### **16/13 Late Items**

There were no late items.

### **17/13 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **18/13 Call-in**

There were no items.

### **19/13 Minutes of the Meeting held on 1 July 2013**

The minutes of the meeting held on 1 July 2013 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

### **20/13 Forward Plan**

It was noted that in respect of Forward Plan reference 02/12 – Citywide highspeed data network a report would be submitted to the next meeting of the Board.

It was reported that in respect of Forward Plan reference 17/13 – Our City Our River a special meeting of the Board would be arranged for Friday 25 October 2013 at 3pm to enable to Board to consider the report prior to it being submitted to Council Cabinet.

**Resolved to arrange a special meeting of the Board for Friday 25 October 2013 at 3pm to consider a report on our city our river.**

### **21/13 Regeneration Fund Review**

The Board considered a report which stated that Council Cabinet at its meeting on 12 June 2013 approved a report on the Regeneration Fund. Officers were now working

on the detail of the priorities and measures to be used. Members had undertaken a city centre tour prior to the meeting of the Board.

Officers updated the Board on what was being done to make the city more vibrant. The vision for the city was being considered as part of the local plan. Consideration was being given to the types of use that were wanted and needed in the city.

The Board were updated on the use of the Regeneration Fund so far and how it was to be used in the future.

Consideration was given to undertaking a topic review on the shaping of the city centre so that outcomes could be influenced.

**Resolved to request the Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordination Officer to prepare a scoping report for a topic review on shaping the city centre for consideration at the special meeting in October 2013.**

## 22/13 Derby City Council Annual Report

The Board considered a report which stated that the Council produced an Annual Report each year to publicise its achievements and progress made in delivering its Council Plan priorities.

This year the Annual Report had been produced in two parts. Firstly a summary document which provided highlights from each Cabinet Portfolio, which would be printed and distributed to key stakeholders. Secondly, a consolidated online version of the Annual Report which included the Statement of Accounts, Annual Governance Statement and performance outturn data.

The report presented the draft Summary Annual Report 2012/13 for scrutiny to review prior to it being considered by Audit and Accounts Committee on 24 September 2013 and Council Cabinet on 16 October 2013. The draft Annual Report would be disseminated to members prior to the meeting.

**Resolved to note and support the draft version of the Annual Report 2012/13.**

## 23/13 Derby Plan Refresh

The Board considered a report which set out the refreshed Derby Plan 2013-2015 for review and comment. The Derby Plan (formerly the Sustainable Community Strategy) sets the Partnership vision and outcomes for the whole city. The Council Plan would support this by describing the Council's contribution to the outcomes as it was refreshed over the coming months.

**Resolved**

- 1. To note and support the draft Derby Plan.**
- 2. To request an update report in six months on the projects.**

## 24/13      Complaints / Customer Feedback

The Board considered a report which provided an update on current work being undertaken to improve the Council's approach to managing and learning from customer feedback and complaints. A more detailed report including a new Customer Feedback Policy would be brought to the next meeting.

### **Resolved**

- 1. To note the current work being undertaken to improve the Council's management of and learning from customer feedback and complaints.**
- 2. To receive a further report at the next meeting of the Board.**

## 25/13      Climate Change Strategy

The Board considered a report which stated that throughout the development of the draft city-wide Climate Change Strategy internal and external stakeholders, including organisations represented on the City's Climate Change Alliance had been involved and consulted. A further formal consultation on the draft of Derby's Climate Change Strategy was launched in May 2013. The report summarised the feedback received from the public consultation on the draft city wide Climate Change Strategy which was carried out in May 2013.

The consultation received limited responses from members of the public and was supported by a number of direct responses from members of organisations such as Derby Climate Coalition, Derby Carbon Initiative and the Climate Change Alliance. The responses to the consultation had been collated and were being taken into consideration in the review and revision of the draft strategy.

It was noted that Derby City Council could not doing everything on its own but needed help to manage expectations. The revised strategy was being worked up but needed to be balanced within resources available.

### **Resolved**

- 1. To acknowledge the feedback received during the consultation and approve the proposed response that would be incorporated into the revision of the city wide Climate Change Strategy.**
- 2. To encourage cross party support for the Climate Change Strategy.**

## 26/13      Scrutiny Board Recommendations

The Board considered a report which outlined the recommendations which resulted from the last round of scrutiny board meetings.

Where the overview and scrutiny board made recommendations in a formal report for consideration by Council Cabinet, rules OS23 and OS 24 of the Council's Constitution (Rules of Procedure) Overview and Scrutiny Procedure rules applied. Rule OS 23 required the Council or Council Cabinet to consider the report of the overview and scrutiny board within one month of it being submitted to the proper officer and rule OS 24 required Council Cabinet to respond to the board indicating what if any action the Council Cabinet proposed to take.

### **Resolved**

- 1. To note the recommendations and requests made to officers, Cabinet Members and Council Cabinet by the scrutiny boards and any decisions made by Council Cabinet.**
- 2. To add any subsequent items into the scrutiny board work programme to enable the scrutiny boards to monitor the implementation and progress of agreed recommendations.**
- 3. To call-in the Cabinet Member, if Council Cabinet only note reports to explain their reasons for doing so.**

### **27/13 Council Cabinet Decisions**

The Board considered a report which outlined the decisions made by Council Cabinet on items relating to the Corporate Scrutiny and Climate Change Board. The report aimed to keep members informed of decisions made on items relevant to the board and to highlight the development of items that were on going and that members may wish to be included in the future work programme of the board.

**Resolved to note the decisions made by Council Cabinet but to request more detailed information in future reports.**

### **28/13 Work Programme and Topic Reviews**

The Board considered a report which 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 remit of the board and could include internal as well as external facing services.

The overview and scrutiny officer had also met with senior officers to determine key work areas within the board's remit for the following year which the Chair highlighted to members.

**Resolved to agree the work programme set out in appendix 2 of the report subject to minor amendments to timing if it becomes necessary.**

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