

Scrutiny recommendations and Council Cabinet responses

SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report outlines the recommendations which resulted from the last round of scrutiny board meetings.
- 1.2 Where the overview and scrutiny board makes recommendations in a formal report for consideration by Council Cabinet, rules OS23 and OS24 of the Council's Constitution (Rules of Procedure) Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules apply. Rule OS23 requires 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 OS24 requires the Council Cabinet to respond to the board indicating what, if any, action the Council Cabinet proposes to take.

RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 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.
- 2.2 To add any subsequent items into the scrutiny board work programmes to enable the scrutiny boards to monitor the implementation and progress of agreed recommendations.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 To ensure that board members are aware of recommendations made to Council Cabinet, Cabinet Members and significant requests to council officers over and above preparing reports for the scrutiny board to consider.
- 3.2 To ensure that board members can monitor the responses of recommendations made to Council Cabinet, Cabinet Members and officers.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Council Cabinet responses to scrutiny recommendations

4.1 **PM10 Air Quality Consultation**

The Council Cabinet considered a report on the Revocation of the Victory Road PM10 Air Quality Management Area alongside the recommendations of the Planning Housing and Leisure Overview and Scrutiny Board.

4.2 The minute extract detailed that the board had recommended that Council Cabinet support the revocation of the PM10 Air Quality Management Area on the basis that any future operations on the site would be subject to self-monitoring and regular reporting to the Environment Agency.

4.3 Decisions:

- To note the minute extract of the Planning, Housing and Leisure Overview and Scrutiny Board, including its recommendation to Council Cabinet, and to take the board's views fully into account in consideration of the reports of the Cabinet Member for Planning, Environment and Public Protection and the Strategic Director for Neighbourhoods relating to the proposed revocation of the Victory Road PM10 Air Quality Management Area.
- To revoke the Victory Road Air Quality Management Area for PM10.

4.4 **Contract Housing Related Support**

The Council Cabinet considered a report on Contract Housing Related Support. This report sought approval to award the contract for the provision of housing related support services from 1 October 2013.

4.5 It was highlighted that the Adults and Public Health Overview and Scrutiny had considered the tendering process at its meeting on 12 August 2013 in the context of questions raised by members at the Council meeting on 17 July 2013. The board had found that the process followed during the procurement was appropriate and consistent with the council's decision making principles.

4.6 Decision:

To approve the award of the contract for the provision of housing related support to the following organisations:

Lot 1: Emergency Crisis Interventions Young People – award to go to the Riverside Group

Lot 2: Emergency Crisis Interventions Domestic Abuse – award to go to Refuge

Lot 3: Recovery and Re-ablement Medium Intensity – award to go to Action Housing and Support

Lot 4: Recovery and Re-ablement High Intensity – award to go to the Riverside Group.

The total cost to the Council for all four bids was £795,000 per annum and an initial contract would be offered from 1 October 2013 to end of March 2016, with an option to extend subject to satisfactory performance.

Corporate Parenting Sub-Board Recommendations – 09 July 2013

4.7 Independent Reviewing Officers

A report of the Strategic Director of Children and Young People was considered. Members were introduced to the Annual Report of Independent Reviewing Officers.

- 4.8 It was resolved to recommend that the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People require officers to conduct a review the allocation of Independent Reviewing Officers and consider whether a temporary increase in posts would be appropriate.

Neighbourhoods Board Recommendations – 16 July 2013

4.9 Remit and Work Programme – Topic Review

The board resolved to undertake a topic review on the impact of changes to waste collections.

Resources and Governance Board Recommendations – 19 August 2013

4.10 Review of Call-in Procedure

The Board received a report from the Monitoring Officer on Amendments to the Call-in Procedure.

- 4.11 It was resolved:

- to consider the revised Call-in procedure as prepared by the Monitoring Officer in terms of its fitness for purpose;
- to agree minor amendments to the procedure as outlined by the Board; and
- to recommend to Council that consideration is given to supporting the amendment to the Call-in procedure.

Planning, Housing and Leisure Board Recommendations – 30 July 2013

4.12 Planning Process Review – Update

Members considered a report of the Strategic Director of Neighbourhoods providing an update on how the Development Control team and partners had progress with the planning process review and service implementation.

- 4.13 It was resolved to request that officers:

- examine whether neighbourhood officers could be suitably resourced and empowered to support the work of the Planning Enforcement team.
- investigate alternative options in relation to the statutory advertising of planning applications in the press;

- review the processes relating to planning application objections to better define unique and valid objections, and prepare a report for the scrutiny board on any proposed changes to this process; and
- examine how progress on Section 106 agreements and reasons for delays to developments that have been approved could be better reported to members.

4.14 **Multi-Use Sports Arena - Update**

The board received a report of the Strategic Director of Neighbourhoods providing an update on the development of a multi-use sports arena.

4.15 It was resolved to:

- request that officers report the draft proposals and options for pricing structures for the two new leisure facilities to the scrutiny board prior to making any final decisions;

4.16 **Work Programme – Homelessness Review**

The Chair reported back to the board on the final meeting relating to the topic review on homelessness that had been undertaken by the board in 2012-13. It was proposed that the Derbyshire NHS Healthcare Foundation Trust be asked to address the board to report on how it engages with homeless people in Derby.

4.17 It was resolved request that the Derbyshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust's Community Mental Health Services address the board to report on how it engages with homeless people in Derby.

Adults and Public Health Board Recommendations – 12 August 2013

4.18 **Tier 4 Psychological Therapies**

A report of Hardwick Clinical Commissioning Group, prepared on behalf of the Southern Derbyshire Clinical Commissioning Group, was considered by the board.

4.19 It was resolved to:

- Note the changes that had taken place resulting in the original proposals no longer being pursued;
- Reiterate the board's aspiration that Derby residents do not receive a depletion in service; and
- Request that the board's concerns detailed in the original consultation response be taken into account in any future commissioning strategy.

4.20 **Housing Related Support Procurement**

A report of the Strategic Director of Resources was presented to the board, detailing

the procurement process that had been undertaken in relation to the provision of housing related support services.

- 4.21 It was resolved that the process used in the procurement of housing related support services had been conducted in a fair, open and transparent manner, was proportionate to meet desired outcomes, had taken into account due consultation including advice from officers, was clear in terms of the aims and desired outcomes, and demonstrated that all options had been considered.

4.22 **Adults Social Care Support Planning**

A report of the Strategic Director of Adults, Health and Housing was presented by the Director of Business Intelligence and Sector Development.

- 4.23 It was resolved to:

- Note and welcome the doubling of providers;
- Recommend the continuation of efforts to find more local providers;
- Note that outcomes would not be possible without the contribution of family members caring for their relatives;
- Note that such carers as referred to in point 3 may also be in need of care or support; and
- Request that the board be kept updated on challenges to the support planning process.

4.24 **Council Cabinet Forward Plan**

It was resolved to:

- Consider Item 05/13 'Funding for Carers' Service' retrospectively;
- Not consider Item 98/12 'Approval of Supplied for New Adults, Health and Housing ICT Systems' but request that any system procured be integrated to work alongside existing IT systems;
- Request that a report on Item 06/13 'Grant Aid Funding Levels for Voluntary and Community Sector Organisations' be prepared for the board meeting be prepared for the board meeting on 23 September 2013;
- In the event that resolution 3, above, prove not feasible, to consider the matter retrospectively.

4.25 **LINks Final Annual Report**

The final annual report of Derby LINks prior to its dissolution, and the subsequent creation of HealthWatch, was presented to the board.

Resolved to note the report.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

5.1 No other options have been considered.

This report has been approved by the following officers:

Legal officer Financial officer Human Resources officer Estates/Property officer Service Director(s) Other(s)	Mahroof Hussain, Scrutiny Manager
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IMPLICATIONS

Financial and Value for Money

- 1.1 Implementation of the recommendations outlined in this report may lead to financial implications, however these have not been determined at this stage.

Legal

- 2.1 Part 4 of the Council's Constitution (Rules of Procedure) set out a series of Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules. Rules OS23 and OS24 are particularly relevant to this report. Where recommendations are made by the overview and scrutiny board; rule OS23 requires 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 OS24 requires the Council Cabinet to respond to the board indicating what, if any, action the Council Cabinet proposes to take.

Personnel

- 3.1 The workload of Council personnel may increase, or priorities may be altered due to recommendations outlined in this report.

Equalities Impact

- 4.1 None directly arising from this report.

Health and Safety

- 5.1 None directly arising from this report.

Environmental Sustainability

- 6.1 None directly arising from this report.

Property and Asset Management

- 7.1 None directly arising from this report.

Risk Management

- 8.1 The proposals set out in this report would act to ensure that Chief Officers are aware of information being released into the public domain through scrutiny meetings, thereby reducing the risk of unforeseen media and public interest.

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

- 9.1 Scrutiny supports the improvement of services delivered across the Council (and by accountable external partners) to fulfil the corporate priorities and ensure the people

in Derby enjoy good quality services that meet local needs.