

ITEM 4

Commenced – 6.00 pm
Concluded – 8.10 pm

Neighbourhoods Overview and Scrutiny Board
11 March 2014

Present: Councillor Stanton (Chair)
Councillors Barker, Keith, Naitta, Nawaz, Pegg, Poulter, Redfern and
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55/13 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies

56/13 Late Items

There were no late items.

57/13 Declarations of Interest

There were none.

58/13 Minutes of the meeting held on 11 February 2014

The minutes of the meeting held on 11 February 2014 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

59/13 Streetpride Highways Maintenance In-House Service – Six Month Progress update

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director of Neighbourhoods on Streetpride Highways Maintenance In-House Service. The Director of Partnerships and Streetpride presented the report giving an update on the progress made in the first six months of this service being brought in-house.

The Director of Partnerships and Streetpride confirmed that for the first time in 16 years Derby's roads and pavements were now being maintained by the council's own work force. The Board was informed that by bringing this service back in-house the service would be able to offer better value for money, better quality, greater flexibility and would protect jobs whilst offering training to apprentices.

It was reported that half a million pounds worth of savings had been ploughed back into the service and that there was already £800,000 worth of work in line for 2014/15.

Members commended the in-house service for successfully bringing the highway maintenance service back in-house, to the note the report and the efficiencies made

to date and to return to commission after a year's operation and report a full years efficiencies. Also to be mindful of minimising disruption to road users as much as possible.

Members were asked to note the contents of the report, recognise the progress made to date and note the plans to increase productivity in future years.

Resolved to note the report and invite the service back to a future Board meeting in six month's time in order to give an update on the progress after 12 months.

60/13 Gangs Workshop Presentations

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director of Resources on Gangs Workshop Presentations. The Neighbourhoods Board invited representatives of some organisations working in this field to attend the meeting and for each group to give a short presentation to the Members outlining the work they do, how they are funded, success to date along with their plans and priorities for the future.

The board heard from the Multi Agency Gangs Team, which advised the board that a gang was defined not just by being a street-based gathering of individuals but also by involvement in organised crime. It was reported that there were three known gangs in the city. Other groups not involved in organised crime but perhaps in activities such as anti-social behaviour were defined as nuisance groups.

Presentations were also received from community-based groups that worked with the council, police and other partners on addressing gang activities. Impact Derby, formerly known as Gangs Advisory Group, was reported as a predominantly voluntary group which had been involved in engaging troubled young people through mentoring since 2008. Information was also received from Enthusiasm, a Derby-based organisation which was focused on youth work across three cities having been operating in Allenton for around 20 years.

Further information was received from Derbyshire police on Operation Redshank, which was also focused on addressing gang-based issues.

Members discussed at length the important work undertaken by both funded and voluntary partners. The board discussed the importance of ensuring these groups were supported to continue to work together rather than competing.

Members were asked to consider and comment on the work carried out by the local organisations trying to combat gang and youth violence in the city.

Resolved to:

- 1. Note the content of the reports**
- 2. Request that the Neighbourhoods O&S Board be kept up to date with future developments**

3. Endorse the partnership working between all groups to help realise the best outcomes for Derby.

Councillors Pegg and Poulter departed from the meeting during consideration of this item.

61/13 Scoping report on the review of road and street works taking place in the city

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director of Resources on the review of road and street works taking place in the city. Members were informed that Derby City Council was one of the few authorities in the country to be given powers to operate a road-works permit scheme aiming to minimise congestion.

Members were asked to consider and agree the draft scoping report on the review of road works taking place in the city

Resolved:

- 1. to note the report; and**
- 2. to request that the Overview and Scrutiny Manager convene and co-ordinate a meeting to progress a topic review into road and street works in Derby.**

62/13 Forward Plan Published 18 February 2014

The Board were asked to consider the Forward Plan published 18 February 2014 detailing the Cabinet Portfolio Area for Neighbourhoods and Streetpride. An updated edition of the Forward Plan, published on 4 March and outlining three reports due to go to Council Cabinet in March and April, was circulated to members.

Resolved to note the content of the plan and reports.

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