

Council Cabinet Decisions made on 14 August 2013 relating to the Corporate Scrutiny and Climate Change Remit

SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report outlines the decisions made by Council Cabinet on items relating to the Corporate Scrutiny and Climate Change Board (CSCC). Its aim is to keep members informed on decisions made on items relevant to the board and to highlight the development of items that are on-going and that members may wish to include in the work programme for future scrutiny.

RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 To note decisions made by Council Cabinet.
- 2.2 To identify any future areas for scrutiny informed by decisions made by Council Cabinet.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 To ensure that the Board is aware of decisions made by Council Cabinet that are relevant to the portfolio of CSCC Board.
- 3.2 To ensure that the board is kept up to date with developments made in relevant on-going work areas that may merit future scrutiny.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 4.1 The following decisions relevant to the CSCC Board portfolio have been made by the Council Cabinet in August 2013:

49/13 Property Rationalisation Project

- 4.2 The Council Cabinet considered two reports relating to the Property Rationalisation Project, namely:
- Property Rationalisation Project – Approach to Strategic Asset Reviews; and
 - Property Rationalisation Project – Analysis Process for Strategic Asset Reviews

The reports explained that a main element of delivery of a property rationalisation was the undertaking of an asset challenge process which sought to challenge the council's use of a particular property or asset. A five-stage approach was detailed, including gathering information, analysis, considering options, making decisions and implementing.

4.3 Decision

1. To approve in principle the adoption of the analysis process covering:
 - a. Cost and income;
 - b. Suitability and sufficiency; and
 - c. The detailed criteria and scoring methodology set out in the report;
2. To delegate authority to the Chief Executive and Strategic Director of Resources, following consultation with the Leader, to agree amendments to the analysis process, following the initial reviews.
3. To approve the use of the process set out in the report for the undertaking of all Strategic Asset Reviews;
4. To approve the area groupings of the city as the basis for undertaking area reviews, as set out in the report; and
5. To approve that the first area review will be centred around Allenton/Alvaston/Pride Park.

50/13 Osmaston Vision – Delivery Partner Selection

- 4.4 The Council Cabinet considered a report on Osmaston Vision – Delivery Partner Selection.

The purpose of the report was to seek approval for the appointment of the preferred delivery partner for the regeneration of Osmaston, and to provide an update to members as approved on 22 November 2011.

4.5 Decision

1. To approve the appointment of Keepmoat Ltd as preferred delivery partner;
2. To delegate authority to the Chief Executive, following consultation with the Leader of the Council and the Strategic Director of Resources, to finalise details relating to the structure and operation of the Joint Venture Vehicle, and the associated legal documentation;
3. To approve in principle the approach to the first stage of residential development, on the Main Works Site, as outlined in the report;
4. To delegate authority to the Chief Executive, following consultation with the Leader of the Council, to progress the transfer of land from Rolls-Royce in line with the terms of the Collaboration Agreement approved by Council Cabinet on 19 July 2011, including finalising the remediation strategy for the Rolls-Royce sites; and

5. Subject to specific terms to be agreed in further reports to Council Cabinet, to approve in principle the use of funds identified through the Joint Venture Vehicle towards the refurbishment of school facilities at Osmaston Primary School.

51/13 Osmaston Vision: Elton Road Quadrant Community Led Housing Development

- 4.7 The Council Cabinet considered a report on Osmaston Vision: Elton Road Quadrant Community-led Housing Development.

The report stated that finance to support the development was to be made available via a loan from the council to OSCAR and grant funding from the Home and Communities Agency (HCA). In order to access the HCA funding, it was a requirement that OSCAR became an Investment Partner (IP) and a Registered Provider (RP), and that OSCAR own the properties and the land on which they stand.

In order to allow the development to commence, and to secure the funding, it was proposed that an interim solution be adopted, by which Derby Homes Ltd (DH) acted as the lead RP for the development, with a view to OSCAR taking on ownership of the properties in the future once they had obtained the necessary IP and RP status.

4.8 Decision

1. To support a new approach to delivering the Community-led Development at Elton Road Quadrant by agreeing to:
 - a) Grant a long lease at nil consideration to Derby Homes Ltd on land at Elton Road and Glossop Street, with Derby Homes being required to develop the site out for affordable housing; and
 - b) Provide development finance for DH of c£1.78m, terms to be agreed;
 - c) Contribute £100,000 towards the remediation costs of the Glossop Street site;
 - d) Approve the disposal of remaining land on the Elton Road and Glossop Street sites for the purposes of constructing homes for outright market sale by Strata Homes, with surpluses in excess of Developer Profit to be reinvested in the Osmaston Regeneration Area;
2. To delegate authority to the Chief Executive following consultation with the Strategic Director of Resources and the Leader of the Council to finalise the specific elements of the project as outlined in the report; and
3. To recommend to Council the approval of the additional borrowing to facilitate the loan agreement with Derby Homes.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

5.1 None.

This report has been approved by the following officers:

Legal officer	N/A
Financial officer	N/A
Human Resources officer	N/A
Service Director(s)	N/A
Other(s)	Mahroof Hussain - Scrutiny Officer

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Background papers:	Council Cabinet – Minutes and Reports 14 August 2013
List of appendices:	Appendix 1 – Implications

IMPLICATIONS

Financial and Value for Money

1.1 None arising directly from this report.

Legal

2.1 Section 21 (3) of the Local Government Act 2000 requires that the power of an overview and scrutiny committee to review or scrutinise a decision made but not implemented includes power to recommend that the decision be reconsidered by the person who made it.

Personnel

3.1 None arising directly from this report.

Equalities Impact

4.1 Effective scrutiny benefits all Derby people.

Health and Safety

5.1 None arising directly from this report.

Environmental Sustainability

6.1 None arising directly from this report.

Property and Asset Management

7.1 None arising directly from this report.

Risk Management

8.1 None arising directly from this report.

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

9.1 Our aim is to work together so that Derby and its people will enjoy a thriving sustainable economy, good health and well-being and an active cultural life.