

Time Commenced – 18:00
Time Finished – 20:32

Executive Scrutiny Board

8 April 2024

Present: Councillor Poulter (Chair)
Councillors Amin, Bolton, Care, Eyre, M Holmes, J Khan,
Lindsey, Mulhall, Rawson, C Wright

In attendance: Mazer Hussain – Housing Revenue Account Business
Manager
Karen Brierley – Development & PFI Team Leader
Ian Fullagar – Head of Strategic Housing
Emily Feenan - Director Corporate Governance Procurement
& Property
Dominic Monahan – Democratic Services Officer
Toni Nash – Head of Finance
Gurmail Nizzer – Director of Commissioning and Delivery
Tammy Whitaker - Director City Growth & Vibrancy
Duncan Cowie - Head of Climate and Environment

79/23 Apologies for Absence

There were none.

80/23 Late Items

- Derby's Levelling-Up Fund Award Next Steps

This was considered as part of 85/23 – Council Cabinet Agenda.

81/23 Declarations of Interest

There were none.

82/23 Minutes of the meeting held on 11 March 2024

The minutes of the meetings held on 11 March 2024 were agreed as a correct record.

83/23 Forward Plan

The Board considered the contents of the Forward Plan published on 12 March 2024.

No items were added to the future work programme.

Resolved to note the Forward Plan.

84/23 Council Cabinet Responses to Scrutiny Recommendations

The Board considered a report which allowed the Scrutiny Board to receive responses from Council Cabinet on recommendations made at the previous Board meeting on 11 March 2024.

The Board resolved to note the report.

85/23 Council Cabinet Agenda

The Board considered a report of the Director of Corporate Governance, Property and Procurement and Monitoring Officer on the Council Cabinet Agenda. Members considered the Council Cabinet agenda in its entirety for the meeting scheduled for Wednesday 10 April 2024.

Key Decisions

Derby Schools Capital Programme Priority Schemes for 2024/25

The Board received a report of the Cabinet Member for Children's Social Care, Learning and Skills and the Strategic Director for People Services on Derby Schools Capital Programme Priority Schemes for 2024/25.

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to note the report.

Sinfin Golf Course – Update and Next Steps

The Board received a report of the Cabinet Member for City Centre, Regeneration, Culture and Tourism and the Director of Corporate Governance Property and Procurement on Sinfin Golf Course – Update and Next Steps.

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to welcome the proposal and recommend that the details of the new partners and lease arrangements are reported to the Communities, Public Protection and Housing Scrutiny Review Board.

Proposed Purchase and Redevelopment of a Site in Derby to Provide Affordable Homes

The Board received a report of the Cabinet Member for Housing, Property and Regulatory Services and the Strategic Director for Place on Proposed Purchase and Redevelopment of a Site in Derby to Provide Affordable Homes.

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved:

- 1. to welcome the proposal and to recommend to Cabinet that families with children are prioritised for the allocation the new accommodation.**

- 2. to recommend that further details on the criteria and process used for non-home-finder allocations of social housing, are brought back to the Executive Scrutiny Board and to the appropriate scrutiny review board.**

Contract and Financial Procedure Matters

Compliance with Contract and Financial Procedure Rules

The Board received a report of the Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Strategy, Governance and Finance and the Director of Financial Services on Compliance with Contract and Financial Procedure Rules.

Members noted that the report sought Council Cabinet approval for the following:

- Bid for and acceptance of new funding of £0.344m from the Football Foundation to develop a PlayZone facility in Alvaston Park.
- Acceptance of the Section 31 Local Stop Smoking Services and Support Grant of £0.375m from the Department of Health and Social Care -DHSC
- Acceptance of Department of Levelling Up Housing and Communities (DLUHC), Homelessness Prevention Grant of £1.111m in 2024/25.
- Acceptance of DLUHC, Homelessness Prevention Grant - Top Up Grant of £0.312m in 2024/25.
- Acceptance of the Final 2024 Household Support Fund

In relation to the bid for and acceptance of new funding of £0.344m from the Football Foundation to develop a PlayZone facility in Alvaston Park. The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to recommend that Cabinet avoid match funding coming from general parks funding, and instead seek to use alternative funding pots and support from other interested parties, including the friends of parks groups.

In relation to the acceptance of the Final 2024 Household Support Fund, the Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to recommend that Cabinet consider how future funding for holiday activity programmes will be provided.

Late Item – Derby's Levelling-Up Fund Award: Next Steps

The Board received a report of the Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Strategy, Governance and Finance on Derby's Levelling-Up Fund Award: Next Steps.

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to note the public report and to consider any recommendations to Council Cabinet in the confidential part of the meeting.

Exclusion of Press and Public

A resolution to exclude the press and public was put to the vote and carried.

The Board resolved that under Section 100(A) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting during discussion of the following item on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act and that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

Key Decisions

Proposed Purchase and Redevelopment of a Site in Derby to Provide Affordable Homes

The Board received an exempt report of the Cabinet Member for Housing, Property and Regulatory Services and the Strategic Director for Place on Proposed Purchase and Redevelopment of a Site in Derby to Provide Affordable Homes.

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to note the report.

Late Item - Derby's Levelling-Up Fund Award: Next Steps

The Board received an exempt report of the Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Strategy, Governance and Finance on Derby's Levelling-Up Fund Award: Next Steps.

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to make a number of recommendations to Council Cabinet.

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