

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

Executive Scrutiny Board

11 March 2024

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

In attendance: Simon Aitken – Head of Streetpride
Verna Bayliss – Director of City Sustainability
Nigel Brien – Head of Traffic and Transport
Charles Edwards – Director of Communities
Steven Mason – Democratic Services Officer
Toni Nash – Head of Finance
Gurmail Nizzer – Director of Commissioning and Delivery
Catherine Williams – Head of Regeneration and Economic
Growth

72/23 Apologies for Absence

There were none.

73/23 Late Items

- Food Waste – Weekly Collection Service

This was considered as part of 78/23 – Council Cabinet Agenda.

74/23 Declarations of Interest

There were none.

75/23 Minutes of the meeting held on 12 February 2024.

The minutes of the meetings held on 12 February 2024 were agreed as a correct record.

76/23 Forward Plan

The Board considered the contents of the Forward Plan published on 13 February 2024.

No items were added to the future work programme.

Resolved to note the Forward Plan.

77/23 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 12 February 2024.

The Board resolved to note the report.

78/23 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 13 March 2024.

Late Items - Food Waste – Weekly Collection Service.

The Board received a report of the Cabinet Member for Communities and Streetpride and the Director of Communities on Food Waste – Weekly Collection Service.

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to recommend to Council Cabinet that it writes to Defra to seek assurances that all capital and revenue costs will be met without shortfall.

Matters Referred

Recommendation from the Adults and Health Scrutiny Board

The Board received a minute extract of Adults and Health Scrutiny Board in relation to Dentistry Update.

At its meeting on 30 January 2024, the board agreed that the following resolution should progress to Council Cabinet for its consideration:

To recommend that Council Cabinet fully supports the call for major reform and investment in Dentistry in this area and throughout the country. That Council Cabinet support the aspiration to achieve 700,000 more urgent appointments and that incentives are put in place for new dentists to work in areas with the greatest need. Council Cabinet support supervised toothbrushing in schools for three to five year-olds, targeted at areas with the most childhood tooth decay. Council Cabinet support reform of the dental contract to rebuild the service in Derby and throughout the rest of the country so that NHS dentistry is available for all throughout Derby and the country.

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to ask the Adults and Health Scrutiny Board and the Health and Wellbeing Board to consider what further preventative initiatives the Council, and/or local NHS, might be able to do to reduce the prevalence of dental problems so that there are fewer acute problems to require dental attention.

Recommendation from Children, Young People and Skills Scrutiny Board

The Board received a minute extract of Children, Young People and Skills Scrutiny Board in relation to Youth Alliance Annual Evaluation 2022-23. At its meeting on 5 February 2024, the board agreed that the following resolutions should progress to Council Cabinet for its consideration:

- Resolved that Cabinet support the Youth Alliance with their mapping exercise and potential future workshops across agencies within the Council and beyond.
- Resolved that when funding opportunities are available Cabinet should consider a tender process for local service providers in the city before tendering to service providers outside of the city.

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to note the minute extract.

Key Decisions

Adult Social Care Fees and Charges 2024/25

The Board received a report of the Cabinet Member for Integrated Health and Adult Care and the Strategic Director of People Services on Adult Social Care Fees and Charges 2024/25.

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to note the report.

Proposal for Infinity Park Derby (IPD) to be part of a bid for an East Midlands County Combined Authority (EMCCA) Investment Zone (IZ)

The Board received a report of the Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for City Centre, Regeneration, Culture and Tourism on Proposal for Infinity Park Derby (IPD) to be part of a bid for an East Midlands County Combined Authority (EMCCA) Investment Zone (IZ).

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to recommend to Council Cabinet that manufacturing and high-tech industries be the aspiration for the IPD and to ask Council Cabinet and the EMCCA to ensure that full consideration is given to the impacts of businesses and staff relocating to Derby, including on housing and school place pressures, alongside the economic, skills and innovation benefits to the area.

Infrastructure Programme Board Capital Programme 2024/25

The Board received a report of the Cabinet Member for Climate Change, Transport and Sustainability and the Strategic Director of Place on Infrastructure Programme Board Capital Programmes 2024/25.

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved:

- 1. to agree that Council Cabinet agree that the Parks and Open Spaces funding will be allocated based on the condition of a park, its facilities/play equipment and a list of all proposed projects be relayed to councillors via locality meetings in due course alongside any report taken to overview and scrutiny;**
- 2. to agree that Council Cabinet review the resources required to deliver parks improvements where funding has already been identified (for example S106) to ensure they are brought forward promptly; and**
- 3. to acknowledge the current challenges in respect of the limitations in resources and the deliverability of the Local Transport Priorities but feels that neighbourhood and ward input to the program is invaluable in supporting the local communities needs. Will Cabinet give reassurance that Ward Councillors and localities teams will continue to be consulted on their LTP priorities, annually?**

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:

- Addition of a new scheme to the 2023/24 & 2024/25 capital programme for the Safer Streets Phase 5 – SSR5, City Centre CCTV scheme
- Acceptance of a grant from the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities – DLUHC of up to £0.615m for Domestic Abuse and Safe Accommodation
- A procurement exercise For Domestic Abuse and Safe Accommodation for up to a maximum of £2.4m equating to £0.600m a year, for a maximum of four years, subject to funding, to contract for providers, for victims of domestic abuse and their families in refuge and other safe accommodation.
- Bid for and acceptance of £0.348m of funding from National Trading Standards

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to note the recommendations and welcome the extra funding.

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