

Time Commenced – 6:00 pm
Time Finished – 7:00 pm

Regenerating Our City Overview and Scrutiny Board

20 September 2016

Present: Councillor Bayliss (Chair)
Councillors Grimadell, Marshall, Naitta, Stanton and West
Councillor Hussain

Officers Present: Tim Clegg, Verna Bayliss, Clare Harrison

06/16 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors Dhindsa and Hassall.

07/16 Late Items

There were no late items.

08/16 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

09/16 Minutes of the meeting held on 26 July 2016

The minutes from the previous meeting were agreed as an accurate record.

10/16 Update on Strategic Partnerships

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director of Communities and Place to update members on the progress of the North Midlands devolution agreement and the Metropolitan Strategy 2030, developed with Nottingham City Council, which had been released for consultation.

The Board were asked to consider the Metropolitan Strategy, which comprises a vision statement and action plan, and agree feedback from the Board as part of the consultation process.

The Strategic Director of Strategic Partnerships, Planning and Streetpride and Strategic Partnership Manager gave a presentation to the Board on the Derby and Nottingham Metropolitan (Metro) Strategy.

Members were informed that the Metro Strategy is largely focussed on economic growth and is split into the following sections:

1. Metro Enterprise – challenging ourselves
2. Metro Talent

3. Connected Metro
4. Metro Living

The Board queried the lack of data included in the strategy which would enable the Council to monitor its effectiveness over the coming years to 2030. It was reported that the strategy broadly follows the European Smart City model which is very dynamic and has a large number of indicators associated with its effectiveness. Officers are currently looking at this and where we should be going in relation to the Metro Strategy.

Members sought clarification on the people that have leading this and driving it forward and were informed that key people included the two Council's Leaders and Chief Executive officers as well as relevant Service Directors. Members were also informed that both Councils have sought to engage China in trade deals because of China's position in the global market. Members also suggested alternative markets, such as India, could be options. It was clarified that making specific links with China is not part of the strategy and is not exclusive, but is more of an indication of the economic links that could be made.

The Board also queried difficulties in transport logistics between Derby and Nottingham and made suggestions that a tram link would improve this, however officers clarified that there are no firm proposals to achieve this at present.

Members questioned how the delivery of the Strategy will be scrutinised and whether or not there would be a joint Board that would deal with this or whether it would be done between authorities. It was suggested that any scrutiny should be carried out either jointly or collaboratively.

The Board resolved that they are supportive of the Metro Strategy but agreed to receive a further report at a future meeting to include:

- **Results and feedback from the new Metropolitan Strategy 2030 and draft Action Plan Consultation;**
- **Plans for potential transport links between Derby and Nottingham, including the potential for a tram link; and**
- **Details of the governance, scrutiny and performance monitoring arrangements over the course of the Strategy and Action Plan period.**

11/16 Remit, Work Programme and Topic Reviews

The Board considered a report of the Chief Executive which allowed the Board to consider any new key work areas, issues or potential topic review subjects for discussion or inclusion in the future work programme.

The Board resolved to note the report.

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