

Time Commenced – 6:00pm
Time Finished – 7.06pm

Regeneration and Housing Scrutiny Review Board

15 March 2022

Present: Councillor Ingall (Chair)
Councillors Grimadell and S Khan

In Attendance: Verna Bayliss – Director of Planning and Transportation
Claire Davenport – Director of Leisure Culture and Tourism
Wayne Sills – Area Manager Leisure Centres
Clare Mehrbani – Director of Housing Services
Jim Joyce – Head of Housing Options and Homelessness

24/21 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Evans and West.

25/21 Late Items

There were no late items

26/21 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

27/21 Minutes of the meeting held on 18 January 2022

The minutes of the meeting held on 18 January 2022 were agreed as a correct record.

28/21 Update on Moorways Sports Village

The Board considered a presentation on the latest position with the Moorways Sports Village. The development had been handed over to the Council, it had been completed on time and on budget. The presentation outlined the various parts of the development and the facilities provided. Details of the management contract were outlined. This included an Active Communities Programme.

Working in close partnership with the Council's Move more Derby team, the Move More Derby Active Communities Programme would include innovative and non-traditional or specialist activities that appealed to a wider audience, particularly aimed at priority groups or those who were inactive or less active identified through local insight.

Members of the Communities Board had been invited to attend the meeting for this item.

A Member of the Board asked about which wards would be targeted for the Active Communities Programme. It was reported that the Sinfen, Allenton and Osmaston areas of the city were the focus of the programme. The programme included encouraging residents to do more, with the long term aim of getting people more active.

A Member of the Board asked about how ambassadors would be co-ordinated and if they included local councillors. It was reported that links were being made with local neighbourhood boards.

A Member of the Board asked about the cost of day passes for the sport village. It was reported that the pricing structure would be part of a press release due to be released in the very near future. The prices would be comparable with existing prices.

A Member of the Board stated that this was a fantastic facility which Derby should be proud of, particularly as it was provided on time and on budget. He congratulated the team involved in the project. He also stated that the Arena had won lots of award and he anticipated that Moorways Sports Village would win even more awards.

Resolved to note the presentation.

29/21 Homelessness and Rough Sleepers Pandemic Impacts, Trends and Challenges

The Board received a presentation which provided information on the pandemic impact on homelessness and rough sleeping. The presentation included homeless approaches, the housing register, temporary accommodation and bed and breakfast placements, prevention and relief from homelessness, comparisons locally and nationally, vulnerable adults, families, rough sleeping and challenges.

A Member of the Board asked about how many people were sleeping rough in Derby. It was reported that at the count in November 2021 there were 11 people sleeping rough. Around 50% of those had accommodation but were still rough sleeping outside in the city on that night. It was noted that there were places available at Safe Space and Milestone House to help people be able to not sleep rough. The age range of people sleeping rough was mixed. Most continuing to sleep rough had complex needs and/or had suffered trauma. Safe Space had 5 glass pods and 1 separate room available so could accommodate up to 6 people.

It was noted that 'MARSH' was a group comprising social care, social workers, housing and others which met fortnightly to consider individuals with complex issues to get a positive solution. The MARSH was chaired by a police inspector.

A Member of the Board asked the main reasons for people sleeping rough, it was reported that it was a variety of reasons including, trauma, abuse, care, mistreatment, alcohol and drug related issues.

A Member of the Board asked about begging and this being linked to people who were not homeless. It was reported that this was a difficult issue to address. Members of the public were encouraged to give in a manner more appropriate, for example to charities which supported rough sleepers.

Resolved to note the presentation.

30/21 Update on HS2

The Board received a presentation which gave an update on HS2. The Integrated Rail Plan was published in November 2021 which covered the north and the midlands.

The eastern leg would now only go to East Midlands Parkway rather than Toton as originally planned. Whilst this was disappointing there were some benefits from other proposals which included

- New HS2 line Birmingham to East Midlands Parkway (early 2040s)
- Electrification of the Midland Main Line (early 2030s)
- Upgrades to East Coast Main Line (subject to business case)

There was also provision for:

- Local station at Toton (subject to business case + 50% private sector contribution)
- Maid Marion Line and Robin Hood Line extension (subject to business case and funding)

Members of the Board referred to the cancellation of the electrification of the midland mainline some years ago but were encouraged that this would now take place.

Resolved to note the presentation.

31/21 Remit, Work Programme and Topic Reviews

The Board considered a report which allowed the Board to study its Terms of Reference and Remit for the remainder of the 2021/22 Municipal Year. The report also allowed officers to inform the Board of any key work areas, issues or potential topic review subjects within the service areas for discussion or inclusion in the work programme.

It was noted that at the last meeting it had been suggested that an additional meeting may be required to consider outstanding items on the work programme. Given that there was now only one outstanding item on the work programme the Board agreed to hold this item over to the next Municipal Year.

Resolved

- 1. To note the work programme for 2021/22.**
- 2. To agree that an additional meeting of the Board during the 2021/22 Municipal Year was not now required and the outstanding item be held over until the next Municipal Year.**

31/21 Items Referred from the Executive Scrutiny Board

There were no items.

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