### **Executive Scrutiny Board**

### Recommendations from the meeting held on 11 January 2022

#### Council Cabinet Agenda – 12 January 2022

## Item 2 Late Items – Community Champion Vaccine Programme

The Board received a report of the Director of Public Health on Community Champion Vaccine Programme.

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to recommend to Council Cabinet that it ensures that local councillors are included as part of the work to encourage individuals, especially within 'hard-to reach' communities, to engage with the Covid vaccination programme.

### Item 7 Recommendations from the Executive Scrutiny Board

The Board received a report of the Chair of the Executive Scrutiny Board on Recommendations from the Executive Scrutiny Board.

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to note the report.

# Item 8 Minute Extract from Communities Scrutiny Review Board – Highway Maintenance – Progress on £9million Investment

The Board received a minute extract from the Communities Scrutiny Review Board in relation to Highway Maintenance – Progress on £9million Investment.

It was noted that the Communities Board had agreed that the following resolution should progress to Council Cabinet for its consideration:

Resolved to recommend that Cabinet write to the government requesting that funding for highway maintenance is increased to at least £7m per-annum rather than the proposed £3.197m.

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to agree to endorse the recommendation from the Communities Scrutiny Review Board.

# Item 9 Minute Extract from Children and Young People Scrutiny Review Board – Strategic School Place Planning and School Admissions

The Board received a minute extract from the Children and Young People Scrutiny Review Board in relation to Strategic School Place Planning and School Admissions.

It was noted that the Children and Young People Board had agreed that the following resolution should progress to Council Cabinet for its consideration:

Resolved to recommend to Cabinet that that work should be done to assess whether a review on 'normal areas' was necessary at secondary school level. Any review should

focus on accessibility and how pupils can be encouraged to walk or cycle to a local school.

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to note the minute extract.

### Item 10 | Anchor Institutions in Derby and Derbyshire

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director of People Services on Anchor Institutions in Derby and Derbyshire.

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to recommend to Council Cabinet that it considers what sort of appropriate reporting process to key stakeholders be used as part of this new organisation.

## Item 11 Council Tax Base for 2022/23

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director of Corporate Services on Council Tax Base for 2022/23.

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to note the report.

# Item 12 Authorisation to Bid for Homes England Affordable Homes Programme 2021-26 Grant Funding

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director of Communities and Place on Authorisation to Bid for Homes England Affordable Homes Programme 2021-26 Grant Funding.

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to note the report.

## Item 13 Housing Revenue Account Business Plan 2022 to 2052

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director of Corporate Resources on Housing Revenue Account Business Plan 2022 to 2052.

With gas and electricity prices going up this year by up to 50%, food prices increasing by 3.9% and other large increases in the cost of living, for most people this is not the year for large rent increases. The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to recommend to Council Cabinet that it looks again at these proposals and considers restricting the rent increase to 2% rather than the proposed 4.1% as this could lead to many people struggling to pay their rent, increased arrears, and possible evictions.

# Item 14 | Compliance with Contract and Financial Procedure Rules

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director of Corporate Resources on Compliance with Contract and Financial Procedure Rules.

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

• Future High Streets Fund (FHSF) Connecting Works - to seek approval to add £0.507m of the FHSF allocation to the capital programme to enhance and provide

additionality to the existing Market Hall Phase 2 and Eastern Gateway FHSF Projects

- Low Carbon Growth Fund to approve submission of bids for and, if successful, acceptance of funding from the new Low Carbon Growth Fund launched by D2N2 on 1 December 2021
- Public Health cabinet waiver of the contract procedure rules to enable the direct award of a new contract to Derby County Community Trust (DCCT) for delivery of Public Health (PH) services

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to recommend to Council Cabinet that in relation to the Low Carbon Growth Fund, it publicises the D2N2 LCG Fund to people and businesses in Derby, including through Community Action Derby and business organisations, to encourage more bids for these funds to come from Derby, recognising that while the timeframe for this Fund is very tight, awareness raising that there may be future bids is also vital.