

Executive Scrutiny Board	
Recommendations from the meeting held on 5 October 2021	
Council Cabinet Agenda – 6 October 2021	
Item 8	Derby's Bus Service Improvement Plan Update
<p>The Board received a report of the Strategic Director of Communities and Place on Derby's Bus Service Improvement Plan Update.</p> <p>The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. to recommend to Council Cabinet to urgently identify the communities in Derby negatively affected by the lack of a local bus service and to formulate plans to address this deficit. An example being Darley Village where many elderly, ill and those without a car now struggle to get to their G.P., the local shops and town, following the recent withdrawal of the 17A Darley Bus Service; and 2. to agree that it is disappointed that there hasn't been any meaningful consultation with the public or bus passengers even though this was a recommendation from June supported by Council Cabinet. The Executive Scrutiny Board therefore recommend to Council Cabinet that future consultation seeks to engage with people who are not yet bus passengers as well as those who are, and to consider the needs for enhancing routes along all corridors, not just those preferred by operators. 	
Item 9	Supporting the Delivery of the Eastern Gateway Project
<p>The Board received a report of the Strategic Director of Communities and Place on Supporting the Delivery of the Eastern Gateway Project.</p> <p>The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to call on Council Cabinet in a non party political manner to write to Government asking for a named senior Cabinet Member to be given specific responsibility for the revival of our high streets, helping local government fulfil what is currently a very challenging problem facing every city in this country.</p>	
Item 10	Transforming Cities Update – Mobility Hub
<p>The Board received a report of the Strategic Director of Communities and Place on Transforming Cities Update – Mobility Hub.</p> <p>The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to note the report.</p>	
Item 11	Bid to the Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund – Authorisation to Bid for Wave 1 Funding
<p>The Board received a report of the Strategic Director of Communities and Place on Bid to the Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund – Authorisation to Bid for Wave 1 Funding.</p>	

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to welcome that the Council is already connecting with other social housing providers to help identify housing stock in need of energy improvement and recommend to Council Cabinet that we continue this work, and also that the Council engages with Derby College and elements in the building trade to improve sector skill levels for doing this work and availability of relevant materials.

Item 12	Compliance with Contract and Financial Procedure Rules
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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:

- South Derby Growth Zone (SDGZ) and Infinity Garden Village (IGV) – Approval of a contribution of £0.0375m to enable to enable the next steps in the proposed IGV and SDGZ work.
- Project Assemble – Approval of up to £0.1425m to support the completion of the options appraisal and outline business case for Project Assemble.
- DFE Children’s Home Capital Bid

In relation to Project Assemble:

1. the Executive Scrutiny Board seeks Council Cabinet reassurance that the options appraisal process is completed within a 12 month period. Council Cabinet is also asked that within this 12 month period it will provide the public with a fully costed, fully funded comprehensive business plan demonstrating that the £240,000 consultants fees were good value for money and a multi-million scheme is the best we can achieve for the city and the Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to recommend to Council Cabinet that no further tax payers money is spent on this particular scheme until commitment for capital investment has been obtained from Derby University or from other suitable sources;
2. the Executive Scrutiny Board remind Council Cabinet that approval for demolition of the Assembly Rooms has not yet been given and ask that options for use of the site, includes consideration of the reuse of the existing Assembly Rooms. Reuse might be for alternative purposes or even build on design work that was done around 2005 to improve the entrance area and increased functionality of the performance space. This might also be achievable in time for, and enhance our bid to be, City of Culture in 2025; and
3. the Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to ask Council Cabinet to explore if other financial and management structures for the Assembly Rooms might be a more effective way forward, such as a Trust, as for Derby Museums.

Item 13	Exclusion of Press and Public
<p>A resolution to exclude the press and public was put to the vote and carried.</p> <p>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.</p>	
Item 14	Supporting the Delivery of the Eastern Gateway Project
<p>The Board received exempt detail in the report of the Strategic Director of Communities and Place on Supporting the Delivery of the Eastern Gateway Project.</p> <p>The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to note the report.</p>	
Item 15	Transforming Cities Update – Mobility Hub
<p>The Board received exempt detail in the report of the Strategic Director of Communities and Place on Transforming Cities Update – Mobility Hub.</p> <p>The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to note the report.</p>	