Executive Scrutiny Board

7 December 2021

Present: Councillor Repton (Chair)

Councillors Care, Carr, Cooper, Dhindsa, Evans, Grimadell,

Martin, Pattison, Pegg, M Holmes

In attendance: Rachel North – Strategic Director of Communities and Place

Simon Riley – Strategic Director of Corporate Resources Verna Bayliss – Director of Planning, Transportation &

Engineering

Clare Davenport – Director of Leisure, Culture and Tourism

Wayne Sills – Area Manager – Leisure Centres

47/21 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor Prosser.

48/21 Late Items

There were none.

49/21 Declarations of Interest

There were none.

50/21 Minutes of the meeting held on 9 November 2021

The minutes of the meeting held on 9 November 2021 were agreed as a correct record.

51/21 Forward Plan

The Board considered the contents of the Forward Plan published on 9 November 2021.

No items were added to the future work programme.

Resolved to note the Forward Plan.

52/21 Council Cabinet Responses to Scrutiny Recommendations

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director of Corporate Resources which allowed the Scrutiny Board to receive responses from Council Cabinet on recommendations made at the previous Board meeting on 9 November 2021.

The Board resolved to note the report.

53/21 Performance Plan 2021/22

The Board considered a report of the Director of Policy, Insight and Communications on Performance Plan 2021/22.

It was reported that the Executive Scrutiny Board had responsibility for monitoring corporate performance, to support the delivery of improved outcomes for the city.

A councillor suggested that climate change should be referred to all of the scrutiny boards, rather than just the Regeneration and Housing Scrutiny Board.

The Board resolved:

- 1. To approve the proposals, set out in Appendix 1, to progress the Executive Scrutiny Board 2021/22 Performance Plan, which was approved in August 2021.
- 2. to recommend that the performance items identified at Appendix 1 for referral are included on the work programmes of the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Review Boards for 2021/22; subject to climate change being referred to all scrutiny review boards.
- 3. to note the draft Overview and Scrutiny Review Boards work plans for 2021/22, as presented in Appendix 2.

54/21 Council Cabinet Agenda

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director of Corporate Resources on the Council Cabinet Agenda. Members considered the Council Cabinet agenda in its entirety for the meeting scheduled for Wednesday 8 December 2021.

Key Decisions

Approval of the Council Tax Support Scheme (CTS) for 2022/2023

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director of Corporate Resources on Approval of the Council Tax Support Scheme (CTS) for 2022/2023.

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to note the report.

Preparing a New Local Plan for Derby

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director of Communities and Place on Preparing a New Local Plan for Derby.

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to note the report.

Vision and Strategy for Derby's Built Indoor Leisure Facility Provision

The Board received a report of the Deputy Chief Executive and Strategic Director of Communities and Place on Vision and Strategy for Derby's Built Indoor Leisure Facility Provision.

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to note the report.

Future of Queen's Leisure Centre

The Board received a report of the Deputy Chief Executive and Strategic Director of Communities and Place on Future of Queen's Leisure Centre.

The Executive Scrutiny Board:

- resolved to recommend that Cabinet now commits to providing a replacement centrally located pool; if further re-examination of the Council's finances clearly demonstrate that it is not economically viable to repair and reopen the existing facility. Such commitment and re-examination are to take place before the proposed closure of Queen's Leisure Centre.
- 2. resolved to agree that as reuse/refurbishment of property reflects the concern of consultation respondents about the site, and because renewal and reuse can mean a much lower carbon footprint than the demolition and construction of a similar sized building. The Executive Scrutiny Board recommend that Cabinet, alongside announcing the decision to close Queens Leisure Centre, publicises that the Council would welcome suggestions for possible future use of Queens Leisure Centre buildings, if affordable.

Budget and Policy Framework

Strategic Planning – Council Plan and MTFS

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director of Corporate Resources on Strategic Planning – Council Plan and MTFS.

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to recommend that all political groups on Derby City Council, are given full and easy access to information concerning every aspect of the Council's finances. This will enable all councillors to understand the true position and challenges the Council faces and will also allow councillors to work collaboratively to

find solutions to protect services and ensure value for money for Derby's residents.

Treasury Management Mid-Year Report 2021/22

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director of Corporate Resources on Treasury Management Mid-Year Report 2021/22.

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to note the report.

Contract and Financial Procedure Matters

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:

- Decent and Safe Homes (DASH) Procurement Framework the establishment of two Specialist Service Frameworks and appoint service providers onto the frameworks
- Financial Management System Replacement delegation of award of Contract for a Financial Management System Replacement
- Reallocation of funding in the capital programme of £0.180m from the City Energy Savings Programme (CESP) to the Green Homes Grant, Local Authority Deliver phase 2 (GHG LAD) Grant Scheme.
- Homes England Funding approval to bid to Homes England, for £0.800m capital of Garden Communities Capacity Funding, to support the development of the South Derby Growth Zone (SDGZ) and Infinity Garden Village (IGV).

The Executive Scrutiny Board resolved to note the report.

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