

Corporate Scrutiny and Governance Board Recommendations from the meeting held on 17 January 2017	
Performance Update – CYP Performance Surgeries and Adult Social Care	
<p>Members received performance updates from officers on CYP Performance Surgeries and Adult Social Care – residential admissions, nursing and safeguarding.</p> <p>The Board had a detailed discussion around the required processes for Deprivation of Living (DOL) Cases, which are very costly to the Council and are growing. Members felt that the requirements of having to carry out a mental assessment using Section 12 Doctors and pay for advocacy as frequently as every 3-6 months for each individual affected was an unrealistic expectation and burden on Local Government resources.</p> <p>The Board resolved to raise this issue with the Department for Communities and Local Government and involve local MPs to request a review of these processes and try to find an alternative, less costly way, of dealing with DOLs cases.</p>	
Council Cabinet Agenda – 18 January 2017	
Item 8	Adoption of Derby City Local Plan Part 1 (Core Strategy)
<p>Members considered a Council Cabinet report of the Cabinet Member for Communities and City Centre Regeneration and Strategic Director Communities and Place to agree modifications to the Local Plan document and to agree the adoption of the Local Plan.</p> <p>The Board expressed concern in relation to the Inspector's modifications which effectively remove 'green' elements of the plan and elements which relate to meeting Derby's future needs for affordable housing, lifetime homes and care for an aging population and were keen to see these addressed in some way. However, the Board recognised the need for sound plan and for this to be adopted.</p> <p>The Board welcomed the adoption of the plan but noted that this would need to be reviewed in future years. The Board also noted that further work would need to be done in future years in relation to the provision of affordable housing and services for the growing aging population.</p>	
Item 9	Council Tax Base for 2017/18
<p>Members considered a Council Cabinet report of the Cabinet Member for Strategy and Policy and Director of Finance to approve the council tax base for 2017/18.</p> <p>The Corporate Scrutiny and Governance Board resolved to note the report.</p>	
Item 10	Changes to the Council Tax Support Scheme from 01 April 2017
<p>Members considered a Council Cabinet report of the Cabinet Member for Strategy and</p>	

Policy and Director of Finance to approve changes to the Council Tax Support Scheme. Members queried the communication of these changes and were informed that all affected residents would receive confirmation of these changes in their annual Council Tax letter.

The Corporate Scrutiny and Governance Board resolved to note the report.

Item 11	Secondary School Place Planning - The Bemrose School Project
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Members considered a Council Cabinet report of the Cabinet Member for Education and Skills and Director for People Services to commit to and approve the contribution of funds for additional classrooms at the Bemrose School. Members asked if the expansion would mean a change to the catchment area for the scheme but were informed that the catchment area would remain the same and the expansion was to cover growth within the existing catchment.

The Corporate Scrutiny and Governance Board resolved to note the report.

Item 12	Council Housing Rent and Service Charges for 2017/18
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Members considered a Council Cabinet report of the Cabinet Member for Urban Renewal and Strategic Director for Communities and Placeto agree a 1% reduction in Council rents and increase Supported Housing Rent. It was reported to the Board that the increase for those in Supporting Housing would be covered by Housing Benefit for those in receipt of Housing Benefit.

It was acknowledged by the Board that the message for Supported Housing tenants would be a difficult one to deliver and that these implementations would impair the Council's ability to deliver affordable housing in the short-term.

The Corporate Scrutiny and Governance Board resolved to note the report.

Item 13	Contract and Financial Procedure Matters
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Members considered a Council Cabinet report of the Leader of the Council and Chief Executive on items that require reporting to and approval by Council Cabinet under Contract and Financial Procedure rules.

It was reported that items included:

- Award of a grant to Ripplez;
- Establishing a new reserve for Parkland View Extra Care Scheme;
- Submission of an Expression of Interest to bid for Sport England and Football Association funding to deliver new football provision;
- Changes to the current Capital Programme;
- Use of reserves to fund asset valuation, and for Section 106 Funds be transferred to the NHS for practice improvements and for the Chellaston Tree Scheme.

The Board queried a number of items on Appendix 2 'Changes to the capital programme made under delegation'. Members requested further contextual information to be circulated to the Board on the cost of Fire Risk Assessments and to individual members with specific queries on other items. Members also queried the cause of issues relating to

valuations which have resulted in the current position. The Board was keen to examine the causes for this and ensure that it does not happen again in future.

The Corporate Scrutiny and Governance Board resolved to request a future report to the April or May meeting in relation to the performance of valuations.