

ENTERPRISE AND WELLBEING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 4th December, 2018

Present:-

Councillor Sarvent (Chair)

Councillors D Collins
V Diouf

Councillors Falconer

Carl Griffiths, Housing Options Manager +
Ian Waller, Assistant Director – Health and Wellbeing ++

+ Attended for Minute No. 37

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*Matters dealt with under the Delegation Scheme

35 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' AND OFFICERS' INTERESTS RELATING TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

No declarations were received.

36 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology was received from Councillor Caulfield.

37 CABINET MEMBER FOR HOMES AND CUSTOMERS - HOMELESSNESS

The Housing Options Manager explained that the Homelessness Reduction Act came into force in April 2018. This placed a wider set of duties on a wider group of people. In response to this a number of actions had been taken including the development of a Hub – a single point of contact based at Pathways Chesterfield and a new winter night shelter scheme that started on 1 December, 2018.

It had been acknowledged that rough sleepers had complex needs including, but not limited to, accommodation requirements. As a result, multi-agency panels were being created, tailored to an individual's circumstances. The aim of the Housing Options Team was to put people

on the path to recovery and carry out a review of each case to learn lessons and determine preventative measures.

The Housing Options Manager reported that he had submitted a bid for funding to enable the Council to offer the Housing First model in a specified unit but he was unaware whether this had been successful. Both the existing projects had funding in place for the next 2 years.

RESOLVED –

1. That the update be noted.
2. That a further update be brought to the April 2019 meeting of the Enterprise and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee.

38 SCRUTINY PROJECT GROUPS

Leisure, Sports and Cultural Activities

The committee were advised that the Council's legal team were currently examining the contracts for the new Queen's Park Sports Centre to determine whether there was any outstanding training to be delivered to staff. It was acknowledged that the training may have been beneficial to the team three years ago but would now have been superseded by our own training programmes. The Assistant Director – Health and Wellbeing concluded that there were no further outstanding issues.

Future use of the former Queen's Park Sports Centre

The Assistant Director – Health and Wellbeing advised members that progress was being made with regards to the development of the new sports pitches. A number of planning conditions were aligned to this scheme and these were being worked through. The project team responsible for the delivery of the scheme was currently focussed on areas of work including drainage schemes, further coal mining investigations and additional utility surveys.

The project team had met with Environmental Services, and Kier to incorporate their knowledge. Cost certainty was expected in early 2019.

The committee was informed that work was due to start in late February 2019/early March 2019.

Skills

Councillor Simmons, Lead Member of the Scrutiny Project Group, informed the Committee that the project group was now producing a draft report to be presented to Cabinet in early February 2019. It was acknowledged that the working group had received excellent officer input, particularly from the Senior Economic Development Officer.

Play Strategy

The Principal Green Space Strategy Officer circulated a schedule of work to members of the committee prior to the meeting. No further updated was received.

RESOLVED –

1. That the updates be noted.
2. That the Skills Scrutiny Project Group report be presented to the next meeting of the committee.

39 CORPORATE WORKING GROUPS

The Chair advised that there was no update available on the activity of the Housing Revenue Account Steering Group.

RESOLVED –

That the Committee receive an update at the next meeting either by Cllr Perkins, Scrutiny Representative or in writing.

40 SCRUTINY MONITORING

The Committee considered the Scrutiny recommendations monitoring schedule.

RESOLVED -

1. That the Scrutiny monitoring schedule be noted.

2. That the new Queen's Park Leisure Centre be removed from the schedule.

41 FORWARD PLAN

The Forward Plan for the four month period 1 December, 2018 to 31 March, 2019 was presented for information.

RESOLVED –

That the Forward Plan be noted.

42 WORK PROGRAMME FOR THE ENTERPRISE AND WELLBEING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

The 2018/19 Work Programme for the Enterprise and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee was considered.

The Chair suggested that 'Housing Supply and Impact of New Housing' be removed from the work programme.

The committee acknowledged that an update on the revised Allocations Policy would provide members with a better understanding and overview of the Council's position. It was proposed that the item be added to the Work Programme to come to the Committee meeting on 2 April 2019.

The Committee discussed the Careline Response Service item and decided that an update would be useful following further developments at County level. It was proposed that the item be added to the Work Programme to come to the Committee meeting on 2 April 2019.

RESOLVED –

1. That 'Housing Supply and Impact of New Housing' be removed from the Work Programme.
2. That 'Allocations Policy' be updated on the Work Programme.
3. That 'Careline Response Service' be updated on the Work Programme.

43 MINUTES

RESOLVED –

The Minutes of the meeting of the Enterprise and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee held on 25 September, 2018 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.