

JOINT BOARD

Monday, 15th July, 2013
at North East Derbyshire District Council

Present -

Chesterfield Borough Council

Councillor J. Burrows
H. Bowen
J. Brobyn
M. Evans

Bolsover District Council

Councillor A. Tomlinson
W. Lumley (BDC/NEDDC)
J. Foley (BDC/NEDDC)
A. Grundy (BDC/NEDDC)

North East Derbyshire District Council

Councillor G. Baxter

Bassetlaw District Council

M. Hill

Derbyshire County Council

Councillor A. Western
I. Stephenson

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

No declarations were made.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bowman, Hill and Watts.

3. MINUTES

The notes and the Records of Decision of the Joint Board meeting held on 20th May, 2013 and the draft notes from the Joint Chief Executive's meeting held on 20th June, 2013, were noted.

4. **RELATIONSHIPS WITH DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL/SHARED SERVICES OPERATIONS**

The Leader and the Acting Chief Executive of Derbyshire County Council attended the meeting to discuss the opportunities that might exist for future joint working with Chesterfield, North East Derbyshire and Bolsover Councils.

A discussion took place and the following suggestions were made:

- Improving Services for Older People
- New Public Health agenda
- Anti Poverty Strategy
- Health, Social Care and Housing Integration
- Economic Development
- Community Budgets
- Trading Standards and Environmental Health Services

It was agreed that a wider conversation was warranted with other Derbyshire Councils, and that the best vehicle to achieve this would be the Derby and Derbyshire Strategic Leadership Forum.

AGREED – That the comments be noted and further discussion take place at the next Derby and Derbyshire Strategic Leadership Forum.

5. **TRANSFORMATION CHALLENGE GRANT BID**

The Head of Business Transformation (CBC) submitted a report in respect of the Transformation Challenge Grant (Authority Award) Bid that he had recently submitted on behalf of Chesterfield Borough Council, North East Derbyshire District Council and Bolsover District Council. Ashfield District Council, Bassetlaw District Council and Mansfield District Council were also signatories to the bid.

The intention behind submitting the bid was to enable reviews to be undertaken of the current joint working arrangements across the three original authorities for Building Control (BCN) and Internal Audit, and the five authorities for Procurement.

A bid for £50,000 had been made, and the funding would be used for the following:

- To resource a project manager to lead on commissioning the work
- To undertake the procurement of competent and experienced practitioners to progress the commission.
- To undertake the individual reviews, compile reports and make appropriate recommendations to the Councils.

The bid was submitted on Friday 12th July and the outcome would be known by the end of August.

AGREED - That the Joint Board notes the bid.

6. **SHARED PROCUREMENT UNIT (SPU) ISSUES UPDATE**

Mr M Hill, Procurement Officer from Bassetlaw District Council, attended the meeting to give an update on the procurement service now being offered by his Council to Bolsover, North East Derbyshire, Ashfield and Mansfield Councils.

An appropriate legal agreement had been prepared and circulated for comment, and it was hoped that the necessary commitment would be in place within the next fortnight.

Procurement clinics were already being held every 2 weeks at each Council, and these were proving to be very successful.

The Chief Executive of Chesterfield Borough Council confirmed that they had stepped out of these new arrangements for the time being as there were a number of major procurement projects in need of more dedicated support, such as the rebuild of Queen's Park Sports Centre, the refurbishment of the cultural venues, and an expanded Housing Capital programme.

AGREED - That the update on the Shared Procurement Unit be noted.

7. **HS2 – UPDATE**

A discussion took place on the proposal to introduce high speed rail connectivity between London and Leeds. It was noted that a report was being considered at the Sheffield City Region LEP Board meeting later that evening.

It was noted that the Government's consultation on the proposal was due to commence on 17th July 2013 and that the 3 Councils would be asked to contribute to it. It was suggested and agreed that this needed to be approached with caution as it was important to get the right message out to members of the public.

The Chief Executive of North East Derbyshire District Council and Bolsover District Council suggested that a meeting be set up, at the appropriate time, involving Regeneration and Communications staff from the 3 Councils to decide on a form of words to put before members by way of a shared statement to the public.

AGREED – That the update be noted.

8. **JOINT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL UPDATE**

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

9. **COMMUNITY COVENANT**

The Head of Business Transformation for Chesterfield Borough Council gave an update in respect of the Community Covenant. He reported that a meeting was taking place with Derbyshire County Council on Thursday, 18th July to look at the Terms of Reference and Joint Publicity. Attendees would also be considering the timescales for submitting bids to the Ministry of Defence. And, it was noted that an evaluation panel would be set up to review the bids prior to their onward submission to the Ministry.

AGREED - That the update be noted.

10. **BCN CONSULTANCY (BUILDING CONTROL)**

The Head of Regeneration (CBC), the Joint Head of Regeneration (Bolsover and North East Derbyshire District Councils) and the Building and Contracts Manager (Bolsover), submitted a report to provide an update on the current budget position for BCN Consultancy (Building Control) and to advise on progress with the Options Appraisal.

AGREED - (1) That the current budget position of BCN be noted.

(2) That progress on the Options Appraisal be noted.

11. **ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

AGREED - That the following items be considered at a future meeting:

- Skills Made Easy – Presentation by Chesterfield College.
- Economic Development Priorities – Update.
- Internal Audit Consortium – Update.

12. **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

AGREED - That the next meeting of the Joint Board be held on Monday 9th September, 2013 at Bolsover District Council, commencing at 10.30 a.m.