

OVERVIEW AND PERFORMANCE SCRUTINY FORUM

Thursday, 1st July, 2021

Present:-

Councillor Flood (Chair)

Councillors	Borrell	Councillors	Hollingworth
	Catt		Kellman
	L Collins		Kelly
	Coy		Snowdon
	Dyke		

Councillor Tricia Gilby, Leader +

Alan Morey, Strategic Planning and Key Sites Manager +
Charlotte Kearsey, Democratic and Scrutiny Officer +

+ Attended for Minute No. 13

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

No declarations of interest were received.

6 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Blakemore, Brittain, Caulfield and Gilby.

7 FORWARD PLAN

The Forum considered the Forward Plan.

RESOLVED –

That the Forward Plan be noted.

8 SCRUTINY ANNUAL REPORT

The Senior Democratic and Scrutiny Officer presented the Scrutiny Annual Report for 2021/22. The report would be submitted to Full Council for approval on 21 July, 2021.

RESOLVED –

1. That the Scrutiny Annual Report 2021/22 be approved for submission to Full Council on 21 July, 2021.
2. That authority be delegated to the Joint Scrutiny Chairs and the Senior Democratic and Scrutiny Officer to make any late amendments to the Annual Report.

9 SCRUTINY MONITORING

The Forum considered the Scrutiny recommendations implementation monitoring schedule.

RESOLVED –

That the Scrutiny monitoring schedule be noted.

10 WORK PROGRAMME FOR THE OVERVIEW AND PERFORMANCE SCRUTINY FORUM

The Work Programme for the Overview and Performance Scrutiny Forum was considered.

RESOLVED –

That the Work Programme be approved.

11 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY DEVELOPMENTS

Councillor Jenny Flood, Joint Scrutiny Chair, informed the Forum that she had attended a meeting of the East Midlands Scrutiny Network which had been interesting and informative.

The East Midlands Scrutiny Network meetings took place every three months, if any Scrutiny Members were interested in attending then they should contact Rachel Appleyard, Senior Democratic and Scrutiny Officer.

12 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Overview and Performance Scrutiny Forum held on 10 June, 2021 were presented.

RESOLVED –

That the Minutes be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

13 **LEADER - CHESTERFIELD RAILWAY STATION MASTERPLAN**

The Strategic Planning and Key Sites Manager and Leader of the Council attended to present the Chesterfield Railway Station Masterplan report.

The Council was in the process of preparing a Masterplan for the regeneration of the area adjacent to Chesterfield Railway Station. The masterplan developed on concepts which had been established in the 2010 and 2015 Town Centre Masterplans and provided detail to policy SS7 of the adopted Chesterfield Borough Local Plan, which set out a broad strategic approach for the area.

Cabinet considered the draft masterplan on 2 February 2021 and agreed to undertake consultation which took place from 8 February to 8 March 2021. Due to the restrictions of the Covid-19 pandemic the consultation was undertaken online using a virtual exhibition room. This enabled access to the draft masterplan, supporting evidence and information about the masterplan. Physical copies of the consultation materials were also made available by post, phone call or email for anyone who requested them. 1,396 visits to the Masterplan Consultation Website were recorded and 114 individual responses were received from statutory consultees, key stakeholders, interest groups and the general public.

A comprehensive report on the outcome of the consultation process and the changes made had been prepared for the council by the consultants AECOM. The report responded in detail to the points raised through the consultation, in most cases specific changes to be made the masterplan had been identified in response to the points raised. A copy of this report was attached at Appendix 1 of the officer's report.

Members supported the Local Plan being subject to a Strategic Environmental Assessment and Sustainability Appraisal and were

advised that a separate Equality Impact Assessment was being contemplated but climate change considerations were at the heart of the project.

Members noted that the report and plans were encouraging and the Leader explained that HS2 would be a significant benefit to the local community so a lot of work was taking place to try to ensure that the project would go ahead.

Members asked if a public transport interchange had been considered to help with the connectivity issues from the station. The Leader advised that the plans were in the outline stage but the references to commercial uses were intended to be used for offices and retail. Regarding an interchange, there was currently only one bus servicing the station and the aim was to have more public transport to the station.

Councillors also noted that integrated travel across the borough was a key area to be improved and that they hoped there would be more hydrogen buses in Chesterfield. The Leader advised that she had attended the event to celebrate the first hydrogen bus in Chesterfield and she hoped to see many more.

RESOLVED –

That the Chesterfield Railway Station Masterplan report be noted.