

JOINT BOARD MEETING

Monday, 16th March, 2015

Present:-

Chesterfield Borough Council (CBC)

Councillor J Burrows

H Bowen

M Elliott

Bolsover District Council (BDC)

Councillor E Watts (Chair)

Councillor A Tomlinson

W Lumley (BDC/NEDDC)

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

No declarations were made.

9 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor Graham Baxter.

11 MINUTES

The notes and the Record of Decisions of the Joint Board meeting held on 19 January, 2015 were noted.

13 INTERNAL AUDIT CONSORTIUM PROGRESS REPORT 2014/15 AND DRAFT BUSINESS PLAN 2015/16

The Interim Head of the Internal Audit Consortium attended to provide an update on the progress made by the Internal Audit Consortium during the period April 2014 – January 2015 and to provide an update on the business plan (budget) for the Consortium for 2014/15, as well as to seek approval for the revised 2014/15 business plan and draft business plan for 2015/16.

The Interim Head noted that the external consultants' review of the options for joint working/shared services in respect of internal audit across Derbyshire had now been completed and that the consultants had recommended moving towards a Derbyshire wide internal audit partnership. Officers were now looking at the options and viability in moving towards a partnership and it was noted that the Joint Board would be kept informed of progress. An update on staffing matters, internal audit plans and working procedures was also provided.

It was agreed that a report from the Heads of Finance should be requested for next meeting of the Joint Board, to provide an update on the progress made towards a Derbyshire wide consortium.

AGREED –

1. That the progress made by the Internal Audit Consortium be noted
2. That the revised Business Plan (budget) for 2014/15 and the draft Internal Audit Consortium Business Plan (and associated charges) for 2015/16, be approved.
3. That the accumulated surplus of the Internal Audit Consortium at 31 March 2015 (less £50,000) be distributed to the partner authorities. That £50,000 be held as a working balance and to fund any possible changes as a result of the review of the Internal Audit Consortium's staffing structure and to support the next stage of implementation of the Derbyshire wide review of internal audit.
4. That an annual report on the outcome of the operation of the Internal Audit Consortium for 2014/15 be submitted to the Joint Board following the year-end.
5. That a report from the Heads of Finance should be requested for next meeting of the Joint Board, to provide an update on the progress made towards a Derbyshire wide consortium.

15 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972- EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

AGREED –

That under Regulation 21 (1)(b) of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements)(Access to Information)(England) Regulations 2000, the

public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined by Paragraphs 3 and 4 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972' on the grounds that it contains information relating to financial or business affairs and to consultations or negotiations, or contemplated consultations or negotiations, in connection with any labour relations matter arising between the authority and employees of, or office holders under, the authority.

17 BCN CONSULTANCY UPDATE

The Chief Executive of Chesterfield Borough Council presented the report of the Chesterfield Borough Council Development and Growth Manager and the Bolsover and North East Derbyshire District Council's Building and Contracts Manager detailing the current financial position of BCN at the end of the January 2015. The report also outlined the progress made towards exploring the potential for and the proposed next steps to enable a strategic approach in providing a Building Control service for Derbyshire.

Mark Mulcahey of Blue Marble Consulting made a presentation and answered questions from the board on how BCN could expand into a Derbyshire wide service.

It was noted by the board that there were many benefits to the constituent authorities of bringing Building Control together including the service becoming more commercially competitive and resilient and enabling it to grow and expand.

AGREED –

1. That the current financial position of BCN as at the end of January 2015 be noted.
2. That the work undertaken in exploring the option for a Derbyshire wide service is noted.
3. That the proposed programme and next steps in exploring the option for a Derbyshire wide service be approved.
4. That the Joint Scrutiny Panel be involved, and are kept updated on the progress of exploring the option for a Derbyshire wide service.

18 **JOINT SCRUTINY**

The Chesterfield Borough Council Policy and Scrutiny Officer had requested an update be tabled to Joint Board Members on the meeting of the Joint Scrutiny Panel on 10 March, 2015.

The update noted that Joint Scrutiny was supportive of the recommendations contained in the reports on the Internal Audit Consortium and BCN.

The update also requested that Joint Board members consider and inform the Joint Scrutiny Panel of the Joint Board's future plan and work programme as this would directly influence the work and the future of the Joint Scrutiny Panel.

AGREED –

1. That the update be noted.
2. That the role of the Joint Scrutiny Panel be added to the agenda for the next meeting of the Joint Board.
3. That the Joint Scrutiny Panel be involved, and are kept updated on the progress of exploring the option for a Derbyshire wide service.