



CABINET

This meeting will be recorded and the sound recording subsequently made available via the Council's website.

Please also note that under the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012, other people may film, record, tweet or blog from this meeting. The use of any images or sound recordings is not under the Council's control.

To: Councillors Bailey, Barkley (Deputy Leader), Bokor, Harper-Davies, Mercer, Morgan (Leader), Poland, Rattray, Rollings and Smidowicz (for attention)

All other members of the Council
(for information)

You are requested to attend the meeting of the Cabinet to be held in Virtual Meeting - Zoom on Thursday, 19th November 2020 at 6.00 pm for the following business.

Chief Executive

Southfields
Loughborough

6th November 2020

SCRUTINY COMMISSION REPORTS

- | | | |
|----|---|-------|
| 6. | <u>BUILDING CONTROL ALTERNATIVE SERVICE PROVISION PROJECT</u> | 3 - 4 |
| | A report of the Head of Planning and Regeneration. | |
| | <i>Key Decision</i> | |
| 7. | <u>SHEPSHED TOWN CENTRE PUBLIC REALM IMPROVEMENT PROJECT</u> | 5 - 6 |

A report of the Head of Planning and Regeneration.

Key Decision

CABINET – 19TH NOVEMBER 2020

Report of the Scrutiny Commission

ITEM 6 BUILDING CONTROL ALTERNATIVE SERVICE DELIVERY PROJECT

Purpose of Report

To consider the comments and recommendations of the Scrutiny Commission in relation to the Building Control Alternative Service Delivery Project.

Recommendation of the Scrutiny Commission

That the Cabinet be informed that the Commission welcomes and supports the recommendations set out in the report of the Head of Planning and Regeneration.

Reason

The Commission, having carefully considered and asked questions on the report felt the Cabinet should approve the recommendations set out.

Meeting Discussion

- i. Members felt that the arrangement was positive and beneficial to the Council.
- ii. It was identified that the vacant posts available through the arrangement may be unattractive to the market, which would have implications on the workforce. In order to overcome this, the Council would consider the introduction of career grades and apprenticeship level posts. It was also highlighted that where public sector posts may not reflect the higher salaries and benefits of private sector posts, the Council was able to offer other benefits, including flexible working, a generous annual leave entitlement and pension scheme.
- iii. The Building Act 1984 required that the statutory fee earning account maintained on a cost neutral basis, taking one year to the next. The budget required monitoring and dynamic management each year to ensure it was in balance from one year to the next.

Policy Justification and Previous Decisions

Scrutiny Commission Procedure Rule 11.12 sets out the procedure by which a report of a Scrutiny Committee should be considered by Cabinet.

Implementation Timetable including Future Decisions and Scrutiny

The information on this in the Cabinet report is not affected by the recommendation of the Scrutiny Commission.

Report Implications

The following implications have been identified for this report.

Financial Implications

There are no further financial implications associated with the recommendation of the Scrutiny Commission.

Risk Management

There are no specific risks associated with the recommendations of the Scrutiny Commission.

Key Decision:	Yes
Background Paper:	Scrutiny Commission Minute 80 2020/21, 16th November 2020
Officer to Contact:	Sally Watson Democratic Services Officer (01509) 634969 Sally.watson@charnwood.gov.uk

CABINET – 19TH NOVEMBER 2020

Report of the Scrutiny Commission

ITEM 7 SHEPSHED TOWN CENTRE PUBLIC REALM IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Purpose of Report

To consider the comments and recommendations of the Scrutiny Commission in relation to the Shepshed Town Centre Public Realm Improvement Project.

Recommendation of the Scrutiny Commission

That the Cabinet be informed that the Commission welcomes and supports the recommendations set out in the report of the Head of Planning and Regeneration.

Reason

The Commission, having carefully considered and asked questions on the report felt the Cabinet should approve the recommendations set out.

Meeting Discussion

- i. Councillors felt that the work outlined in the report was positive and necessary.
- ii. The consultation undertaken had yielded 294 responses which was considered good given the current circumstances, which had meant that physical exhibitions and drop-in sessions to consult the community were not possible. Similar consultations outside of the Covid-19 pandemic had not received this number of responses.
- iii. Consultation responses had largely been collected through an online survey, which would not be accessible to some members of the community. In order to assist those without access to digital formats, the Council publicised the consultation by erecting information boards and information posters in Shepshed Town Centre and undertaking press releases, radio interviews, contacting businesses one to one and providing a postal address for responses.

Policy Justification and Previous Decisions

Scrutiny Commission Procedure Rule 11.12 sets out the procedure by which a report of a Scrutiny Committee should be considered by Cabinet.

Implementation Timetable including Future Decisions and Scrutiny

The information on this in the Cabinet report is not affected by the recommendation of the Scrutiny Commission.

Report Implications

The following implications have been identified for this report.

Financial Implications

There are no further financial implications associated with the recommendation of the Scrutiny Commission.

Risk Management

There are no specific risks associated with the recommendations of the Scrutiny Commission.

Key Decision:	Yes
Background Paper:	Scrutiny Commission Minute 79 2020/21, 16th November 2020
Officer to Contact:	Sally Watson Democratic Services Officer (01509) 634969 Sally.watson@charnwood.gov.uk