

**OVERVIEW SCRUTINY GROUP
8TH APRIL 2019**

PRESENT: The Chair (Councillor Capleton)
 The Vice Chair (Councillor Ranson)
 Councillors Baines, Brookes and Gerrard

Councillor Harper-Davies (Cabinet Lead Member
for Performance of Major Contracts)
Councillor Morgan (Leader of the Council)

Chief Executive
Head of Customer Experience
Strategic Director of Corporate Services
Democratic Services Officer (NA)

APOLOGIES: Councillor Bradshaw and Paling

The Chair stated that the meeting would be recorded and the sound recording subsequently made available via the Council's website. He also advised that, under the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014, other people may film, record, tweet or blog from this meeting, and the use of any such images or sound recordings was not under the Council's control.

69. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of the Group held on 11th March 2019 were confirmed as a correct record and signed.

70. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY AND PERSONAL INTEREST

No disclosures were made.

71. DECLARATIONS OF THE PARTY WHIP

No declarations were made.

72. QUESTIONS UNDER SCRUTINY COMMITTEE PROCEDURES 11.16

No questions were submitted.

73. LOUGHBOROUGH AND LEICESTER SCIENCE AND INNOVATION ENTERPRISE
ZONE

A report of the Chief Executive was considered (item 06A on the agenda filed with these minutes).

The Leader of the Council attended the meeting to assist with consideration of the item and gave the following responses to issues raised:

- (i) The precise purposes for which the 87.5% available for investment could be utilised was undefined and the amount could be used fully over the 25-year period. However, this was reliant on the funds being available for investment through income generated through business rates.
- (ii) It was envisaged that the majority of the funds available would be spent on development and infrastructure at the 3 main sites. There was also a mix of intended uses for the sites between commercial and innovation, so funds may be called upon to assist with such projects.
- (iii) The Council had been meeting with the other partners to agree the principles for the Enterprise Zone agreement and to give confidence to the site owners. Therefore, all partners were eager to move forward.

RESOLVED that the Cabinet be informed that the Group supports the recommendation as set out in the report of the Chief Executive.

Reason

Having considered the report and asked questions of the Leader of the Council and the Chief Executive on the matter, the Group concluded that it would be appropriate for the Cabinet to approve the recommendation set out in the report.

74. OVERVIEW SCRUTINY GROUP PRE-DECISION SCRUTINY - CABINET RESPONSE

A report of the Cabinet was considered setting out its responses to the recommendations of the Group on pre-decision scrutiny items (item 7 on the agenda filed with these minutes).

RESOLVED that the Cabinet's responses to the Group's recommendations be noted.

Reason

The Group was satisfied that it added value where appropriate and welcomed the Cabinet's consideration of the Group's views and recommendations as part of its decision-making process.

75. WORK PROGRAMME

The work programme item was dismissed as it was the last meeting of the Group and a new scrutiny structure was replacing the current system.

76. EXEMPT INFORMATION

RESOLVED that members of the public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following item on the grounds that it would involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 and it is considered that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

77. REVENUES AND BENEFITS FUTURE SERVICE DELIVERY

An exempt report of the Head of Customer Experience was considered (item 10 on the agenda filed with these minutes).

The Lead Member for Performance of Major Contracts, the Strategic Director of Corporate Services and the Head of Customer Experience attended the meeting to assist with consideration of the item.

A summary of the Group's discussion on this matter is provided in the exempt minute (Overview Scrutiny Group Minute 77E 2018/19).

RESOLVED that the Cabinet be informed that the Group supports the recommendations as set out in the report of the Head of Customer Experience.

Reason

Having considered the report and asked questions of the Lead Member for Performance of Major Contracts, the Strategic Director for Corporate Services and the Head of Customer Experience on the matter, the Group concluded that it would be appropriate for the Cabinet to approve the recommendations set out in the report.

NOTES:

1. No reference may be made to these minutes at the Council meeting on 24th June 2019 unless notice to that effect is given to the Democratic Services Manager by five members of the Council by noon on the fifth working day following publication of these minutes.
2. These minutes are subject to confirmation as a correct record at the next meeting of the Overview Scrutiny Group.