

Time Commenced – 6:00 pm
Time Finished – 8.40 pm

Regeneration and Housing Scrutiny Review Board

22 January 2019

Present: Councillor Hassall (Chair)
Councillors Care, Hussain, Potter and West

In Attendance: Verna Bayliss – Acting Director of Planning and Transportation
Nigel Brien – Network Management Group Manager
Alan Smith – Head of Economic Growth
Dave Tantum - Consultant
Paul Clarke – Head of Planning
John Forkin – Marketing Derby
Tom Erskine – Marketing Derby
Kathryn Allen – Marketing Derby
Katie Delve – Marketing Derby

18/18 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bayliss and McCristal.

19/18 Late Items

There were no late items.

20/18 Declarations of Interest

Councillors Care declared that her husband worked for Rolls-Royce.

21/18 Minutes of the meeting held on 20 November 2018

The minutes of the meeting held on 20 November 2018 were agreed as a correct record.

22/18 Derby – Nottingham Metropolitan Strategy

The Board considered a report which gave an update on the Derby – Nottingham Metropolitan Strategy. The four strategic priorities were

- **A global and super connected gateway at East Midlands Airport** supporting the implementation of ambitious improvements to transport connectivity between Nottingham, Derby and the Airport.

- **A world-class venue for attracting international events and conferences** situated in the heart of Nottingham the East Midlands Convention Centre would be the centrepiece of a mixed development that would also provide a hotel, residential apartments and retail units.
- **Transformational Inter-City Metro connectivity** to dramatically improve access across and within the two city regions that would empower local businesses to create more, better-paying jobs and driving productivity gains across the Metro area.
- **The UK's most innovative regional economy** developing a world class Science and Innovation Zone at Infinity Park Derby, creating an exemplar Catapult centre that bridges industry and academia and building on the existing Science Park and Enterprise Zone designations.

A member of the Board raised concerns about technology being developed which enabled buses to change traffic light priority and key routes and what would happen if an emergency vehicle approached from a different direction at the same time.

A member of the Board raised concerns about transport barriers to employment. It was reported that some employment sites were poorly served by public transport and schemes would need to be developed to address this.

A member of the Board asked about funding which Manchester had managed to attract due to the Executive Mayor status and whether this had had an effect on the local area. It was reported that it was too early to establish the effect as this may take a few more years to see the benefits.

A member of the Board referred to Nottingham being the fifth most congested city in the UK and asked if there had been any links with other councils in the area to expand the strategy. It was reported that the priorities were part of the LEP. There was a drive to engage with all authorities in the D2N2 area. Connections ran across the whole area and Highways England and HS2 also needed to be included.

A question was raised on how the gaps in current transport were being identified. It was reported that the transforming cities programme described the demographics, growth, deprivation and transport barriers in the area and this would identify the gaps.

It was reported that transport was a facilitator for jobs and a question was raised about whether officers were thinking now about the location of large scale new jobs in the future and how people would get to these jobs. It was reported that there was dialogue between the Council and other partners about such matters – one very recent example being in connection with around 8,000 anticipated to be created at East Midland Airport over the next 5 years or so. Discussions were taking place on how communities could be mobilised to link to these jobs.

Resolved to note the progress made on the Derby – Nottingham Metropolitan Strategy.

23/18 Job Losses at Rolls-Royce and Diversifying the Economy

The Board considered a presentation on the current position regarding job losses at Rolls-Royce and how the Council and its partners were mobilising to mitigate the impact to individuals directly affected and to help diversify the economy.

A member of the Board asked if there was a breakdown of the age groups of the employees being made redundant. It was agreed to provide the Board with the information if it was available.

A member of the Board asked if the support could be made available to employees beyond those being made redundant from Rolls-Royce. It was reported that the programme was in place already to do this.

Resolved to note the presentation.

24/18 Update on Facilitating Inward Investment in Derby

The Board considered a presentation by John Forkin from Marketing Derby giving an update on facilitating inward investment in Derby.

The presentation included progress in Marketing Derby being consulted on planning applications and the development of an economic development advisory committee which engaged with 20 – 30 businesses to comment on major planning applications. There were some areas where progress was still to be made.

John Forkin reported that comments made by Marketing Derby had been integrated into the reports considered by the Planning Committee. These provided a different view to the comments of the Conservation Area Advisory Committee.

In relation to planning consultation processes it was noted that the council resourced the Conservation Area Advisory Committee but not the Economic Development Advisory Committee.

John Forkin referred to the challenges across the UK particularly in relation to the loss of retail in city centres and the need to diversify to become a place to live, work and visit. New office blocks were welcome as they attracted people into the city centre. In Derby there was a particular issue with the biggest employers being located outside of the city centre.

John Forkin concluded with trying to get a balance with people wanting to come to Derby, protecting the heritage but developing the area to attract inward investors to create a vibrant place to live, work and visit.

Paul Clarke – Head of Planning explained about the numbers of planning applications dealt with over the last twelve months and the consultation process that

they needed to follow. There was a service protocol on the council's website which set out the process and support offered to applicants for planning consent.

There was a need to have joined up working to enable the city to be vibrant and attract people in but there needed to be balance to make it work.

There was a discussion about consultation on planning applications and making sure there was a balance of views. Marketing Derby kept an eye on emerging trends and made an assessment of what was needed. Planning had a role in protecting what already existed.

There was a need both to plan for the future but also to be able to act quickly when the market demanded it to make sure the best outcome was achieved for the city.

Consideration needed to be given to linking lunchtime shopping opportunities and getting people to spend money in the local community. It was noted that the district centres in Allenton and Ascot Drive were making the areas vibrant. There were also retail opportunities at Kingsway being close to the hospital.

Members of the Board asked about where the economic development committee would sit best, within the Council or independent of it. It was felt that the comments received helped to give a more balanced view in reports. It was reported that Derby Renaissance Board was an already hosted Board with a voice that could be used as the vehicle to provide comments on planning applications and that it may be set up as a sub group of the Renaissance Board. It was useful to engage the wider business community to help shape the future of the city.

It was suggested that Council Cabinet be asked to acknowledge the contribution, being made by the group established through Marketing Derby, to improve information on the economic aspects of planning applications for major developments

Resolved

- 1. To note the presentation.**
- 2. To recommend Council Cabinet to acknowledge the contribution, being made by the group established through Marketing Derby, to improve information on the economic aspects of planning applications for major developments.**

25/18 Air Quality – Reducing NO2

The Board considered a report which stated that in November 2015 the Government selected Derby as one of five cities to lead on air quality improvements, focusing on the reduction of nitrogen dioxide (NO2) from vehicle emissions.

The original national plan was to legally mandate the five Local Authorities to implement access restrictions with charges for non-compliant vehicles.

In July 2017 the national plan was revised and the legal mandate removed, though Government has continued to promote chargeable restrictions as being the most effective intervention and any alternative measure must demonstrate at least the same impact.

The Council was legally obliged to deliver compliance with the NO2 levels, at the defined points of exceedance, and to do this in the quickest possible time. Any measure must be demonstrated to be at least as effective as a chargeable access restriction.

Resolved

- 1. To note the current position on the project and support the Council's preferred option.**
- 2. To support the Clean Air Fund application as part of a package of beneficial measures.**

26/18 Permit Parking in Derby

The Board considered a report which provided information on permit parking schemes, the reasons for the introduction and intended benefits and also highlights some of the issues.

There was a discussion about how the electronic system would work and alternatives for anyone who did not have access to the internet or a smart phone.

A member of the Board asked if residents would be consulted before the electronic system went live rather than making amendments to it after it had been implemented. It was reported that the electronic system would resolve many of the generic issues which had arisen since the current schemes have been implemented.

Members of the Board requested an update at the next meeting on the costs and savings arising from the electronic system.

Resolved

- 1. To support the continued use of residents parking schemes and note the plans for improvement.**
- 2. To request an update at the next meeting on the costs and savings arising from the electronic system.**

27/18 Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure

The Board considered a report which provided an update on the progress in producing the Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP), in partnership with Nottingham City Council, Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire County Councils.

Resolved to note the information and timescales for the Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan.

28/18 Remit, Work Programme and Topic Reviews

The Board considered a report which allowed the Board to study its Terms of Reference and Remit for the forthcoming Municipal Year. The report also allowed officers to inform the Board of any key work areas, issues or potential topic review subjects within the service areas for discussion or inclusion in the work programme.

The Board agreed the following items for consideration at the meeting of the Board on 19 March 2019.

- Moorways
- Climate Change – mitigation beyond OCOR, CO2 emissions?
- A52

Economic Growth item

- Brexit – effects on the City – make sure there are no economic shocks for City – what can we do to smooth the transition and issues around motor manufacturing industry

Housing Items

- Welfare Reform - Universal Credit Roll Out impact on rent collection and rent arrears
- Housing Green paper – if issued in time
- Housing Issues Update
- Provision of Social Housing
- Impact of the Homelessness Reductions Act
- Infinity Garden Village
- Empty Homes – how to work better with the private sector
- Home occupancy – shortage of single bed accommodation

Energy Efficiency for Small Businesses

29/18 Items Referred from the Executive Scrutiny Board

There were no items referred from the Executive Scrutiny Board.

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