

SCRUTINY BOARD (CITY DEVELOPMENT)

WEDNESDAY, 15TH JUNE, 2016

PRESENT: Councillor P Truswell in the Chair

Councillors D Cohen, G Latty, S Lay,
A Ogilvie, S Ragan, E Taylor, C Towler,
P Wadsworth and J Walker

1 Late Items

There were no late items.

2 Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

There were no disclosable pecuniary interests declared to the meeting.

3 Apologies for Absence and Notification of Substitutes

There were no apologies for absence.

4 Minutes - 17 May 2016

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 17 May 2016 be approved as a correct record.

5 Scrutiny Board Terms of Reference

The Head of Scrutiny and Member Development submitted a report which presented the Board's terms of reference.

RESOLVED – That the Board's terms of reference be noted.

6 Co-opted Members

The Head of Scrutiny and Member Development submitted a report which sought the Board's formal consideration for the appointment of co-opted Members to the Board.

RESOLVED – The Board noted the options available in the report.

7 Sources of Work for the Scrutiny Board

The Head of Scrutiny and Member Development submitted a report on potential sources of work and areas of priority within the Board's terms of reference.

The following information was appended to the report:

- Vision for Scrutiny at Leeds
- Summary Best Council Plan 2015-20 (2016-17 update)
- List of previous scrutiny inquiries and statements relating to the Scrutiny Board (City Development)
- Requests for Scrutiny from Councillor Blake in relation to NGT and Councillor Robinson in relation to highway maintenance

The following representatives were in attendance:

- Councillor Richard Lewis, Executive Member for Regeneration, Transport and Planning
- Councillor James Lewis, Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Resources and Strategy
- Martin Farrington, Director of City Development
- Gary Bartlett, Chief Highways Officer
- Paul Maney, Head of Strategy, City Development.

Introducing the item the Chair reiterated the resources available to the Board in carrying out its Scrutiny role and the need to be mindful of this when setting a realistic work programme.

The following sources of work were put forward by members of the Scrutiny Board for consideration:

- Request for Scrutiny from the Leader of Council, Councillor Judith Blake in relation to NGT.
- Request for Scrutiny from Councillor Matthew Robinson in relation to highways maintenance.
- To review previous work and ensure that where recommendation tracking is required this is in the work programme. Specific reference was made to Housing Mix and Digital Inclusion.
- To complete the Bus Inquiry and to receive briefings on the Bus Bill, maximising powers to promote influence and create local employment and skills and the cycling infrastructure.
- To note a number of 'corporate' and statutory pieces of work which would need to be included in the work programme, including any budget and policy framework documents and the Local Flood Risk Management Strategy.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the Board agree the request for Scrutiny from Councillor Blake in relation to NGT.
- (b) That City Development provide a report to the Board's July meeting which provides a narrative and chronology on the issue to date.
- (c) That the Scrutiny Board use this July report to discuss the Inquiries specific terms of reference.

- (d) That the request for Scrutiny from Councillor Matthew Robinson in relation to highways maintenance be shortlisted for examination following the completion of the NGT inquiry, together with any further issues that the Board may wish to consider at that time.
- (e) That authority be given to the Chair of the Scrutiny Board (City Development), in conjunction with officers, to draw up a draft work programme and where necessary draft terms of reference for inquiry for subsequent approval by the Scrutiny Board.

8 Performance Report - City Development

The Director of City Development submitted a report which provided a summary of performance against the strategic objectives for City development within the Best Council Plan 2015-20 for City Development.

The following information was appended to the report:

- City Development Best Council Plan Performance Summary 2015/16
- City Development Best Council Plan Performance Summary 2016/17

The following representatives were in attendance and responded to Members' queries and comments:

- Councillor Richard Lewis, Executive Member for Regeneration, Transport and Planning
- Councillor James Lewis, Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Resources and Strategy
- Martin Farrington, Director of City Development
- Gary Bartlett, Chief Highways Officer
- Paul Maney, Head of Strategy, City Development.

The Board's main area of discussion focused on those Key Performance Indicators which showed a red rating relative to their 2015/16 target:

- Reduce number of people Killed or Seriously Injured (KSI) in road traffic accidents/ Reduce number of CYP killed and seriously injured (KSI) on the city's roads.
- Increase percentage of adult population active for 30 minutes once per week.
- Achieve housing growth target.
- Increase overall visitor numbers for Leeds City Council events and cultural activities.
- Maintain overall satisfaction with cultural provision in Leeds.
- Maximise business rates growth.

Specifically reports back were requested on:

- The breakdown of where cyclist fatalities have taken place, i.e. on the general highway or on dedicated highways.

- The proportion of road collisions in peak times.
- An updated on the report provided to Scrutiny in September 2015 in relation to Road Casualty Reduction and 20mph Speed Limits in Leeds.

RESOLVED –

- (f) To note the 2015/16 performance information.
- (g) To note the new best Council Plan Key Performance Indicators to be reported during 2016/17.

9 Date and Time of Next Meeting

Wednesday, 20 July 2016 at 10.30am (pre meeting for all Board Members at 10.00am)

(The meeting concluded at 12 noon)