

SCRUTINY BOARD (INCLUSIVE GROWTH, CULTURE AND SPORT)

WEDNESDAY, 26TH JULY, 2017

PRESENT: Councillor A Lamb in the Chair

Councillors R Grahame, M Harland,
G Hyde, J Illingworth, S Lay, K Maqsood,
M Robinson, R. Stephenson, K Wakefield
and N Walshaw

9 Exempt Information - Possible Exclusion of the Press and Public

RESOLVED – That the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following parts of the agenda designated as containing exempt information on the grounds that it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the press and public were present there would be disclosure to them of exempt information, as follows:

Agenda item 9 – Part consideration of Leeds 2023 European Capital of Culture Bid under the provisions of Access to information Procedure Rule 10.4 (3) as it contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

10 Late Items

There were no late items.

11 Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

There were no disclosable pecuniary interests declared to the meeting.

12 Apologies for Absence and Notification of Substitutes

There were no apologies for absence.

13 Minutes - 28 June 2017

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 28 June 2017 be approved as a correct record.

14 South Bank Regeneration Area - Update on Burberry

The Head of Governance and Scrutiny Support submitted a report which introduced the Director of City Development to update the Board in light of recent announcements made by Burberry in relation to the South Bank Regeneration area.

The following were in attendance:

- Councillor Judith Blake, Leader of the Council
- Councillor Richard Lewis, Executive Member for Regeneration, Transport and Planning
- Martin Farrington, Director of City Development
- Tom Riordan, Chief Executive

The key areas of discussion were:

- Future plans and opportunities in relation to the South Bank Regeneration Area, which included development of educational facilities, transport and housing issues.
- Confirmation that the Inclusive Growth Strategy had been published. It was advised that there was an opportunity for the Board to consider the strategy in greater detail at its September themed meeting.

RESOLVED – That the Board notes the update provided by the Director of City Development in light of recent announcements made by Burberry in relation to the South Bank Regeneration area.

15 Chief Executive's update to the Board

The Head of Governance and Scrutiny Support submitted a report which introduced the Council's Chief Executive to provide an update and discuss the work of the Scrutiny Board, particularly in relation to its remit around devolution and local freedoms.

The following were in attendance:

- Councillor Judith Blake, Leader of the Council
- Tom Riordan, Chief Executive.

The key areas of discussion were:

- Confirmation that a cross party group had been established to consider issues in relation to Brexit.
- An update that a meeting had been scheduled for later in the week made up of Council Leaders from across Yorkshire to discuss devolution in the region.
- Potential opportunities in relation to devolution as follows:
 - Skills and training and the need to address issues at an early age. The Board was advised that skills and training was one of the key elements of the Inclusive Growth Strategy.
 - Development of the Industrial Strategy in Leeds.
 - Rehabilitation of offenders. The Board was advised about positive work undertaken with the Department of Work and Pensions.
 - Development of the hydrogen project.
 - Potential to strengthen connections with the Humber ports.
- The need to undertake a flexible approach to devolution.

- An acknowledgment of the complex boundary issues that currently exist.
- A suggestion that the Board undertakes further work to assist in identifying potential gaps and opportunities regarding delivery of the devolution agenda.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the Board notes the update and comments provided at the meeting.
- (b) That a working group be set up to consider potential gaps and opportunities regarding delivery of the devolution agenda

16 Leeds 2023 European Capital of Culture Bid

The Head of Governance and Scrutiny Support submitted a report which presented the Leeds 2023 European Capital of Culture Bid interim report considered at the Executive Board meeting on 17 July 2017.

The following were in attendance:

- Cluny Macpherson, Chief Officer (Culture and Sport)
- Dinah Clark, Policy and Performance Manager.

The Board was provided with a presentation on the Leeds 2023 European Capital of Culture Bid.

The key areas of discussion were:

- Confirmation that the following cities were expected to submit bids:
 - Belfast and Derry
 - Dundee
 - Milton Keynes
 - Nottingham
 - Truro and Cornwall.
- Development of cultural networks. The Board was advised that Leeds had joined the Eurocities Culture Forum.
- The role of the Leeds Culture Trust set up to deliver the bid.
- Clarification sought about links with Leeds / Bradford airport. The Board was advised that Leeds / Bradford airport was one of the main sponsors.
- Details of the timeline for submitting the bid and receiving confirmation of the final decision.
- Regardless of the outcome, particular emphasis was placed upon ensuring that the good work undertaken as part of this bidding process is still harnessed to develop a strong and sustainable cultural legacy for Leeds.

Following part consideration of Leeds 2023 European Capital of Culture Bid, designated as exempt under the provisions of Access to Information

Procedure Rule 10.4 (3), which was considered in private during the meeting, it was

RESOLVED – That the Executive Board report and presentation provided by the Chief Officer (Culture and Sport), be noted.

(Councillor K Wakefield left the meeting at 12.50pm and Councillors J Illingworth and K Maqsood at 1.05pm during the consideration of this item.)

17 Work Schedule

The Head of Governance and Scrutiny Support submitted a report which invited Members to consider the Board's work schedule for the 2017/18 municipal year.

RESOLVED – That subject to any on-going discussions and scheduling decisions, the Board's outline work schedule be approved.

18 Date and Time of Next Meeting

Wednesday, 6 September 2017 at 10.30am (pre-meeting for all Board Members at 10.00am)

(The meeting concluded at 1.40pm)