

Minutes of a meeting of the CITY EXECUTIVE BOARD on Tuesday 17 April 2018

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Committee members:

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| Councillor Brown (Chair) | Councillor Hayes |
| Councillor Hollingsworth | Councillor Price |
| Councillor Sinclair | Councillor Smith (Deputy Leader) |
| Councillor Tanner | Councillor Tidball |
| Councillor Turner (Deputy Leader) | |

Officers:

Gordon Mitchell, Chief Executive
Caroline Green, Assistant Chief Executive
Anita Bradley, Monitoring Officer
Nigel Kennedy, Head of Financial Services
Ian Brooke, Head of Community Services
Paul Wilding, Programme Manager Revenue & Benefits
John Mitchell, Committee and Member Services Officer

Also present:

Councillor Andrew Gant, Liberal Democrat Group Leader

Apologies:

Councillor Rowley sent apologies.

181. Declarations of Interest

None.

182. Addresses and Questions by Members of the Public

None.

183. Councillor Addresses on any item for decision on the Board's agenda

None.

184. Councillor Addresses on Neighbourhood Issues

None

185. Items raised by Board Members

None.

186. Scrutiny Committee Report on Health Inequalities

At its meeting on 05 April 2018 the Scrutiny Committee considered an update on progress in relation to the recommendations it had previously made to the City Executive Board concerning health inequalities in the City. As a result of that consideration the Committee agreed that further recommendations should be made to the Board which had been published as a supplement to the agenda.

Cllr Gant spoke to the report, first thanking Cllr Tidball and the Corporate Policy, Partnership and Communications Manager for their contribution to the wide ranging Scrutiny Committee discussion. The report spoke for itself but he did want to draw attention to the point made in the report (and made on previous occasions by others) that there were areas of deprivation within wards that might not otherwise be identified when considered against the overall affluence of a particular area. He noted that the recently published local Joint Strategic Needs Assessment also recognised the significant variance in levels of deprivation within the City, which was greater than that found in neighbouring authorities.

Cllr Tidball was grateful to the Committee for its engagement with this important area of work. The priority now should be to drill down into and gain a full understanding of the data.

Cllr Turner was disappointed at the apparent lack of progress in some areas while recognising that the immense pressure on operational frontline services in the NHS and Councils inevitably acted as a brake on progress. In that context it was worth considering whether any additional resources should be directed towards increasing grants or frontline workers rather than on increasing research capacity.

Cllr Price noted that the annual reports of Jonathan McWilliam, Oxfordshire's Director of Public Health and his predecessors, consistently identified similar issues. The fundamental areas of concern were generally known and there might now be more merit in focusing on those issues in a targeted way. Similarly, there might also be merit in extending the model of the Barton Healthy New Town, with its focus on a particular geographical area.

The Chair thanked Cllr Gant and all those who had contributed to this valuable piece of work. She noted that the Council took the matter of deprivation in its many and various forms very seriously as evidenced by a range of measures such as the financial inclusion strategy.

The City Executive Board resolved to:

Accept the recommendations in the report

187. Disposal of Kickabout, Crescent Road

The Interim Director of Major Projects had submitted a report to approve the disposal of the Crescent Road Kickabout.

Councillor Ed Turner, Board Member for Finance and Asset Management, spoke to the report. He reminded the Board that this issue had been considered over a very long period of time and its sale would be in the best interests of all concerned.

The City Executive Board resolved to:

- 1. Approve** the disposal of the Kickabout under the terms set out in the confidential appendix and that the Interim Director of Major Projects be delegated authority to vary those terms on condition that the revised terms continue to represent the best consideration reasonably obtainable; and
- 2. Delegate** to the Interim Director of Major Projects the consideration of any objections received in response to the public notices relating to the disposal.

188. Museum of Oxford Hidden Histories Project

The Head of Community Services had submitted a report to seek project approval for and permission to start the Museum of Oxford Hidden Histories Project, following the award of £1.63 million from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF).

Councillor Dee Sinclair, Board Member for Culture and Communities, spoke to the report. She was pleased to be able to bring this report to the Board which was the next step in the visionary and ambitious plan for the future of the museum. She recorded her thanks for all those who had got the project to this point, noting in particular, the contributions of Cllrs Price and Simm and the officers involved. She was pleased to note the critical involvement of local residents in the development of aspects of the museum.

Cllr Price recorded thanks for the work of Vanessa Lea and David Juler and their contribution in preparing the successful HLF bid. He noted that HLF consideration of the bid passed without dissent; a reflection of the bid's quality. He also remarked on the continuing importance of the local community in helping to determine what exhibits should be included.

Cllr Tidball remarked on the importance of the strong educational element in the museum, something which will be reflected in the emerging Children and Young People's Strategy.

It was agreed that every effort should be made to ensure that work on this project was done by local companies and contractors, in addition to the reference in the report to Oxford Direct Services being the contractor for the main build.

The City Executive Board resolved to:

1. **Grant** Project Approval and permission to start the Museum of Oxford Hidden Histories Project, following award of £1.63m from the Heritage Lottery Fund;
2. **Authorise** capital expenditure of £2.65m capital and £362k revenue, to be financed by capital receipts, prudential borrowing and revenue (paragraph 22), over the life of the project;
3. **Delegate** authority to Head of Community Services, in consultation with the Heads of Finance and Law and Governance, to enter into any necessary funding agreements to secure the external funding for the scheme; and make any necessary in year budget adjustments;
4. **Delegate** authority to Head of Community Services, in consultation with the Heads of Finance and Law and Governance, to appoint and award any contracts that are necessary for the successful delivery of the project; and
5. **Ask** officers to return with a progress report in 12 months' time.

189. Extension of Community Grants programme

The Head of Finance had submitted a report to seek approval of an extension of the OxLEP Community Grants programme.

Councillor Susan Brown, Council Leader and Board Member for Customer & Corporate Services, spoke to the report. The extension of the programme would help more disadvantaged and unemployed people into work.

The Revenues and Benefits Programme Manager confirmed that data about outcomes from the programme were collected as part of an evaluation process associated with the funding.

The City Executive Board resolved to:

Approve the proposed extension of the OxLEP Community Grants programme.

190. Minutes

The Board resolved to APPROVE the minutes of the meeting held on 20 March 2018 as a true and accurate record.

191. Dates of Future Meetings

Meetings are scheduled for the following dates:

- 22 May
- 13 June
- 11 July
- 14 August

All meetings start at 5pm.

192. Matters Exempt from Publication

If the Board wishes to exclude the press and the public from the meeting during consideration of any of the items on the exempt from publication part of the agenda, it will be necessary for the Board to pass a resolution in accordance with the provisions of Paragraph 21(1)(b) of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2000 on the grounds that their presence could involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as described in specific paragraphs of Schedule I2A of the Local Government Act 1972.

The Board may maintain the exemption if and so long as, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

193. Confidential Appendix relating to disposal of the Crescent Road Kickabout

There was no direct discussion of this Appendix.

The meeting started at 5.00 pm and ended at 5.35 pm

Chair

Date: Tuesday 22 May 2018