

Committee: Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel

Date: 22 February 2017

Agenda item:

Wards: ALL

Subject: Commercial Services Task Group – Department Action Plan.

Lead member: Abigail Jones, Chair of the Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny panel.

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Recommendations:

A. That the Panel comment on the Department Action Plan.

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1. The purpose of the report is to provide the panel with a department action plan in response to the recommendations from the Commercial Services Task group. The Action Plan is attached at Appendix A

2 DETAILS

2.1. In 2015 this Panel commissioned a task group to consider the opportunities to generate additional income from council services. The following councillors were members of the task group:

Councillor Russell Makin (Chair)
Councillor James Holmes
Councillor John Sargeant

2.2. The task group Executive Summary is attached at Appendix B

3 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

The Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel can select topics for scrutiny review and for other scrutiny work as it sees fit, taking into account views and suggestions from officers, partner organisations and the public.

Cabinet is constitutionally required to receive, consider and respond to scrutiny recommendations within two months of receiving them at a meeting.

3.1. Cabinet is not, however, required to agree and implement recommendations from Overview and Scrutiny. Cabinet could agree to implement some, or none, of the recommendations made in the scrutiny review final report.

4 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN OR PROPOSED

4.1. The Panel will be consulted at the meeting

5 TIMETABLE

5.1. The Panel will consider important items as they arise as part of their work programme for 2017/18

6 FINANCIAL, RESOURCE AND PROPERTY IMPLICATIONS

6.1. None relating to this covering report

7 LEGAL AND STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

7.1. None relating to this covering report. Scrutiny work involves consideration of the legal and statutory implications of the topic being scrutinised.

8 HUMAN RIGHTS, EQUALITIES AND COMMUNITY COHESION IMPLICATIONS

8.1. It is a fundamental aim of the scrutiny process to ensure that there is full and equal access to the democratic process through public involvement and engaging with local partners in scrutiny reviews. Furthermore, the outcomes of reviews are intended to benefit all sections of the local community.

9 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

9.1. None relating to this covering report. Scrutiny work involves consideration of the crime and disorder implications of the topic being scrutinised.

10 RISK MANAGEMENT AND HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

10.1. None relating to this covering report

11 APPENDICES – THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS ARE TO BE PUBLISHED WITH THIS REPORT AND FORM PART OF THE REPORT

- Commercial Services task group – Department action plan Appendix A
- Commercial Services task group – Executive Summary Appendix B

12 BACKGROUND PAPERS

12.1. None