Agenda Item 4



EXECUTIVE 7 JUNE 2016

PRESENT:

Councillors Mrs P A Bradwell (Executive Councillor for Adult Care and Health Services, Children's Services) (Deputy Leader), C J Davie (Executive Councillor for Economic Development, Environment, Planning, Tourism), R G Davies (Executive Councillor for Highways, Transport, IT), R A Shore (Executive Councillor for Waste, Recycling), Mrs S Woolley (Executive Councillor for NHS Liaison, Community Engagement), C N Worth (Executive Councillor for Libraries, Heritage, Culture, Registration and Coroners Service) and B Young (Executive Councillor for Crime Reduction, People Management, Legal).

Councillors: J D Hough, P J O'Connor, N H Pepper and A H Turner MBE JP attended the meeting as observers.

Officers in attendance:-

Nick Borrill (Acting Chief Fire Officer), Katrina Cope (Senior Democratic Services Officer), Tony McGinty (Consultant Public Health Children's), Heather Sandy (Chief Commissioning Officer for Learning), Jasmine Sodhi (Performance and Equalities Manager), Lee Pache (Programme Manager, Lincolnshire Police), Glen Garrod (Director of Adult Care), Tony McArdle (Chief Executive), Pete Moore (Executive Director of Finance and Public Protection), Nigel West (Head of Democratic Services and Statutory Scrutiny Officer) and Richard Wills (Executive Director for Environment and Economy).

1 <u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u>

COUNCILLOR MRS P A BRADWELL (DEPUTY LEADER IN THE CHAIR)

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor M J Hill OBE (Leader of the Council).

Apologies had also been received from Debbie Barnes (Executive Director of Children's Services) and Tony Hill (Executive Director of Community Wellbeing and Public Health).

It was noted that Heather Sandy (Chief Commissioning Officer - Learning) and Tony McGinty (Consultant in Public Health – Children's) had attended the meeting on behalf of Debbie Barnes (Executive Director of Children's Services) and Tony Hill (Executive Director of Community Wellbeing and Public Health) respectively, for this meeting only.

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2 DECLARATIONS OF COUNCILLORS' INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest made at this point in the meeting.

3 <u>ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE LEADER, EXECUTIVE COUNCILLORS AND</u> EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

The Executive Director of Finance and Public Protection advised that the Council had received "Commended" in the Municipal Journal Achievement Awards 2016 for 'Delivering Better Outcomes,' as part of its work with Lincoln Prison.

4 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE HELD ON 4 MAY 2016

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the Executive meeting held on 7 June 2016 be agreed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

5 <u>COUNCIL BUSINESS PLAN 2015/2016 PERFORMANCE REPORT,</u> <u>QUARTER FOUR (Q4)</u>

A report from the Chief Information and Commissioning Officer was considered which presented an overview of performance for Quarter 4 against the Council Business Plan.

The Performance and Equalities Manager advised that since Quarter 1scrutiny committees had received performance reports in the new style infographics with the exception of the Children and Young People Scrutiny and the Highways and Transport Scrutiny Committee. It was noted that the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee had received performance indicators in addition to the Council Business Plan, which were not available in the new infographic format. In terms of the Highways and Transport Scrutiny Committee, there were no performance indicators in the Council Business Plan relating to this Committee, the Committee did however receive project based updates.

Appendix A to the report presented provided instructions on how to view the new infographics on the website. The Performance and Equalities Manager provided an on-line demonstration to members of the Executive on how to access, and view the new performance information on the Lincolnshire Research Observatory website.

The Executive were reminded that in November the Corporate Management Board and the Executive had discussed publishing timescales, agreeing that the infographics would be hosted on the Lincolnshire Research Observatory with password protection, and then published on LCC Connects after Quarter 4. This time had allowed Councillors the opportunity to feed in and comment on developments and refinements to the infographics. The Executive were asked to confirm whether they were happy for the 2015/16 performance against the Council Business Plan to be published on LCC Connects at a suitable date after the meeting. It was also noted that it was intended that an article would be placed in County News relating to the Council's performance, with a link to LCC Connects.

It was highlighted that currently historical data included the previous two years and the Executive was asked to provide a steer on whether they felt it would be useful in 2016/17 to have two years historical performance displayed.

It was reported overall that out of the 16 commissioning strategies, 11 had performed really well; three were mixed performance; and two had not performed as well as expected. Details relating to measures that had achieved target throughout the year were contained in Appendix B; and measures that had not achieved target throughout the year were shown in Appendix C to the report presented. The Executive noted that in relation to the indicator for the amount of external funding attracted to the County, this target had not been achieved due to delays in receiving funding. It was noted further that Economic Scrutiny Committee had agreed that the target banner should be amended to 'improving not yet achieved'

The Executive's attention was also brought to page 85 for the indicator for Household Waste Recycled, which had not been achieved. The Executive was advised that the commentary had been amended to reflect changes to legislation, and ongoing work with Waste Collection Authority partners.

A discussion ensued, from which the following issues were raised:-

- Page 79 Delayed transfers of care from hospital indicator. Some concern was expressed that this indicator related to the NHS; and not to Lincolnshire County Council. It was highlighted that there were delays in transfer relating to adult social care, as some of these were very complex cases, but 70% of delays could be attributed to the NHS. It was suggested that this indicator was an unsuitable measure, as the Council had little influence over it. One member highlighted that the issue had been also been raised at the recent Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee;
- A question was asked as to why waste was included under business rather than communities. It was agreed that this would be looked into with the County Commissioner for Economy and Place;
- A request was made for historical data to be made available for a period of ten years, so that trends could be identified. The Executive was advised that if more data was required to obtain trends, then this would be looked into going forward;
- Page 81 Alcohol related violent crime incidents A request was made for the introductory paragraph applicable to this indicator to be amended, as currently it only referred to town centres. Also, a question was asked as to whether the Home Office Statistics related to town centres, or whether they also included domestic violence. Officers agreed to look into this matter;
- Page 77 Carers who receive a direct payment. It was agreed that the target needed changing to reflect the change in the service, as a result of the implementation of the Care Act 2014;
- Page 73 Reduce fires and their consequences. The Executive was advised that analysis of the data had shown that there had been an increase in primary

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fires that could be directly attributed to accidental fires. It was noted that the majority of fires were domestic fires and that these had been caused by cooking related incidents. It was reported that to meet the 2016/17 targets all efforts would be concentrated on home safety advice and support; and

• Confirmation was given by the Executive to the new performance information being made available on LCC Connects.

The Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Scrutiny Committee, Councillor P J O'Connor advised that for areas where performance was not on target, Scrutiny Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen should approach the relevant Portfolio Holder(s) to enquire as to why performance was not on target, and that this information should then be fed into the scrutiny process.

RESOLVED

- 1. That the 2015/16 Quarter 4 Performance as presented in Appendices A, B and C be noted.
- 2. That 'infographics' demonstrated at the meeting and developed to measure performance against the Council's Business Plan, be used for reporting purposes and be made available on the Council's website.

6 <u>CONSIDERATION OF EXEMPT INFORMATION</u>

The Chairman advised the Executive that the Blue Light Collaboration (Exempt Report) had been considered by the Community and Public Safety Scrutiny Committee on 1 June 2016. In advance of the item being discussed the Committee had considered the content of the report and agreed that although an element of it should be treated as 'exempt' the majority of the report could be discussed in open session. As a consequence of this action, it was agreed that Section 3.5 to 3.18 of the report remained exempt but the rest of the report would be considered with press and public present.

The Chairman advised that as the approach adopted by the Community and Public Safety Scrutiny had worked well, members of the Executive were asked if they were prepared to undertake the same approach, as this would allow the Council to be transparent in its workings, while continuing to treat specific information as exempt.

It was therefore proposed and seconded that:-

The report presented be taken in open session, and that if discussion was to stray into exempt information as contained in section 3.5 to 3.18 of the report presented, then discussion relating to the above said information would be left until the end of the item, when the Board would go into private session.

It was therefore

RESOLVED

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7 BLUE LIGHT COLLABORATION PROJECT

The Executive gave consideration to a report from Pete Moore, Executive Director of Finance and Public Protection, which outlined the work conducted to date around the Lincolnshire Blue Light Collaboration Programme. The report presented sought Executive approval for Lincolnshire County Council to progress to the next stage of the programme, and to note a maximum contribution of £2m from the Lincolnshire County Council new development capital contingency budget.

Nick Borrill, Acting Chief Fire Officer and Lee Pache, Programme Manager Lincolnshire Police, Lincolnshire Blue Light Collaboration Programme both attended the meeting.

It was reported that since April 2015, work had been undertaken by a small project team, under the guidance of a steering group, formed by senior managers of Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue, Lincolnshire Police, East Midlands Ambulance Service, the Police and Crime Commissioner and Lincolnshire County Council to scope the feasibility of the elements of the programme. The key outputs from the programme included:

- A combined Lincolnshire Police and Lincolnshire Fire & Rescue Headquarters;
- A Joint Blue Light Campus;
- Rationalisation of the wider blue light estate; and
- A combined Lincolnshire Police and Lincolnshire Fire & Rescue Command & Control Centre.

The Executive was advised that the programme would provide a modern, efficient and fit for purpose estate which would meet the needs of each of the services into the future, whilst optimising savings and reducing running costs for all. The programme was also aligned to the Government's intent to introduce a duty to collaborate on the three emergency services later on in the year. It was highlighted that the programme would also give each organisation an opportunity to maximise interoperability and integration in the future, whilst recognising the importance of each maintaining their own identity.

Copies of the comments raised from the Community and Public Safety Scrutiny Committee were circulated to members of the Executive at the meeting for their consideration. The Scrutiny Committee was praised for the work carried out in relation to this item and the positive outcomes reached as result of good scrutiny.

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The Executive extended support for the programme, as it was felt that the approach adopted would have a positive impact for emergency services for the future.

RESOLVED

- 1. That the taking forward of the next steps in the Blue Light Collaboration Programme as proposed in the report, be supported.
- 2. That the maximum financial contribution of £2m from the LCC Capital reserve to the Programme be approved.
- 3. That authority to take forward the programme, subject to further key decisions as determined by the Leader of the Council being reserved to the Executive, be delegated to the Executive Director of Finance and Public Protection in consultation with a sounding board consisting of Councillor M J Hill OBE (Leader of the Council), Councillor B Young (Executive Councillor for Community Safety and People Management) and Councillor C N Worth (Executive Councillor for Culture and Emergency Services).

The meeting closed at 11.06 am