

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

5 MARCH 2019

FEEDBACK FROM EXECUTIVE – 22 FEBRUARY 2019**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1. To receive the decisions of the Executive on Scrutiny Final reports and updates on other Executive matters.

BACKGROUND

2. The Board will be aware that as part of the scrutiny processes, the Executive at its meeting on 22 February 2019 did not consider any Scrutiny Panel Reports.
3. Other matters considered by Executive included:

Agenda Item	Summary
Revenue Budget, Council Tax, Medium Term Financial Plan and Capital Strategy 2019/2020	<p>The Mayor and the Strategic Director of Finance, Governance and Support submitted a report that detailed the recommended Revenue Budget of £111.9m, Council Tax of 4.99%.</p> <p>The report also provided a refreshed Medium Term Financial Plan for the period 2019/2020 to 2021/2022 to reflect the 2019/2020 Local Government Finance Settlement.</p>
Strategic Plan 2019-2022	<p>The Mayor and Chief Executive submitted a report that sought endorsement of a proposed revised Strategic Plan, for the period 2019-2022, prior to consideration by full Council on 4 March 2019.</p> <p>The design of the plan was aligned with that of the Middlesbrough Investment Prospectus, and for the first time for any such Council document, received the Plain English Campaign's Crystal Mark accreditation.</p> <p>Progress in delivering the plan was reported to the Executive and to the Overview and Scrutiny Board on a quarterly basis. The report set out positive performance in many areas, 26 of the 30 priorities within the current plan were on target to be achieved by 2022, and 17 of 28 measures of success showed improvement.</p>
Centre Square Masterplan	<p>The Deputy Mayor and Executive Member for City Centre Strategy and the Executive Director for Growth and Place submitted a report, which detailed the aspirations for Centre Square and the principles of the</p>

	<p>masterplan.</p> <p>The masterplan helped realise the ambitions highlighted in Middlesbrough's City Centre Strategy. It provided reasons for people to visit Middlesbrough's city centre, stay in the city centre and spend in the city centre. The introduction of the Grade A offices brought professional services back into the city centre, improved Middlesbrough's leisure and cultural offer, undoubtedly helped rebalance Middlesbrough's economy and supported its retail sector.</p>
<p>Air Quality in Middlesbrough</p>	<p>The Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health and the Director of Public Health and Public Protection submitted a report that provided an update on the work carried out to assess the levels of nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) in the town and the plan to develop a Middlesbrough Clean Air Strategy to achieve the cleanest air possible.</p> <p>Whilst Middlesbrough NO₂ levels had been found to be below the national standard, it was recognised that preventative measures were still necessary to ensure that Middlesbrough's air quality was as good as it could have been.</p>
<p>Selective Landlord Licensing - Consultation Response (Newport)</p>	<p>The Executive Member for Culture and Communities and the Executive Director for Growth and Place submitted a report that sought approval to roll out Selective Landlord Licensing within a proposed area of Newport Ward.</p> <p>Following on from the success of the North Ormesby scheme that was introduced in 2016, at a meeting on 1 October 2018, the Executive Member for Culture and Communities approved the commencement of appropriate consultation that related to the rollout of a Selective Landlord Licensing scheme to part of the Newport Ward.</p> <p>A representative from Python Properties was in attendance and spoke in objection to the scheme. The representative requested that an alternative to Selective Landlord Licensing be developed by formalising a Public/Private Sector Partnership. In response, the Executive Member for Communities and Culture advised that although approval was sought for the introduction of Selective Landlord Licensing in the proposed area of Newport Ward, it was highly important to involve Python Properties and other landlords in the introduction of the scheme.</p>
<p>Pay Policy Statement 2019/20</p>	<p>The Executive Member for Finance and Governance and the Strategic Director of Finance, Governance and Support submitted a report to set out the Pay Policy Statement for 2019/20.</p> <p>To comply with the Localism Act 2011 the Council was</p>

	<p>required to approve a Pay Policy Statement, which set out details of the Council's policies on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the level of remuneration of Chief Officers • the level of remuneration paid upon recruitment • the payment of increments • the enhanced / additional pension contributions • the payment of bonuses, performance related pay and severance pay for Chief Officers • the awarding additional fees for election work • the creation of new posts with a salary package over £100,000 per annum • the employment of individuals already in receipt of a local government pension • the employment of ex-employees as Chief Officers under a contract for Services <p>The Pay Policy Statement also set out:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the Council's approach to the pay of its lowest paid employees • the relationship between Chief Officer pay and the Council's remaining employees as set out within the context of the pay multiple calculation • how the Pay Policy Statement would have been publicised.
<p>Strategic Plan 2018-22 – Progress at Quarter Three 2018/19</p>	<p>The Executive Member for Finance and Governance and the Strategic Director of Finance, Governance and Support submitted a report that detailed the progress against the 2018-22 Strategic Plan, and the Council's projected year-end financial position, at Quarter Three 2018/19.</p> <p>Key performance issues identified in the report were broadly unchanged from Quarter Two, and aimed to improve local life expectancy and address increased recorded crime in the town (both of which were national issues that affected many councils) and more locally, the need to link local job seekers to opportunities that arose from the Investment Prospectus, and the transformation of children's social care.</p>

RECOMMENDATION

9. That the decisions of the Executive be noted.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

10. Minutes of the Executive held on 18 December 2018.

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