

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MONDAY, 29 JANUARY 2024

Present: Councillor S Dannheimer, Chair

Councillors: E Williamson (Vice-Chair)
H L Crosby
K Harlow
H Land
J M Owen
A W G A Stockwell
C M Tideswell
S Webb
E Winfield
K Woodhead

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors W Mee and R D MacRae

36 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor S Dannheimer declared a registerable interest as he was a Director of Liberty Leisure Board. The Chair confirmed as the report was for noting he would remain as Chair for the item. Agenda item 7 and Minute number 41 refers.

37 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 23 November 2023 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

38 **CONSIDERATION OF CALL - IN**

Members noted the update provided with the request to Call- In the 5 December 2023, Cabinet decision on the Permit Schemes for Council Car Parks. The Call-In request was refused for the following reasons:

1. Ground 5. Not in the Public Interest – It was not considered to be in the Public interest to delay implementation of the residents permits scheme being introduced as this would enable residents to benefit from reduced parking costs, which was the resolution made by Cabinet on 5 December 2023.
2. Ground 1(a) Lack of consultation – The Monitoring Officer advised and the Chair noted that no statutory consultation was required for parking charge increases.
3. Ground 1(c) Cost of living consideration – the Monitoring Officer advised that Cabinet Members had agreed free car parks remain free in each of the four towns, parking was also free on Sunday and in some carparks on Saturday (this was detailed in the first report in October 2023). The permits reduce the agreed price increases to mitigate some of the additional charges already agreed by Cabinet in October 2023.

4. Ground 1(d) Lack of consideration of free spaces – The Monitoring Officer advised that the service has been free since 2010 between the hours of 4pm and 8am – the reports on parking fees update that was no longer sustainable as it impacts annually on the general fund – the cost increases were chosen by Members after being presented with a number of options – the permits reduce the agreed price increases to mitigate some of the additional charges already agreed by Cabinet in October 2023 and not by their decision on 5 December 2023.
5. Ground 1(e) Lack of consultation – The Monitoring Officer advised and the Chair noted that no statutory consultation was required for parking charge increases.
6. Ground 1(g) No advice sought from highways – The Monitoring Officer advised and the Chair noted that this decision related to off street parking not on street parking highways should not be affected – off street parking was within the control of Broxtowe Borough Council and on street parking was within the control of Nottinghamshire County Council – Broxtowe was therefore the lead authority in this matter.

39 BUSINESS PLANS AND FINANCIAL ESTIMATES 2024/25-2026/27 -COMMUNITY SAFETY

Members considered the proposals for business plans, detailed revenue budget estimates for 2024/25; and proposed fees and charges for 2024/25 in respect of the Council's priority areas. The delivery of Safer Streets 5 Action plan and Safe4All Action Plan were funded from the Police Crime Commissioner and Home Office and they determine the areas in a particular year. Eastwood was last year and Beeston was identified for 2024. The targeted outcome being to reduce crime, Anti-Social Behaviour, shop theft, cycle theft, and improvements in feeling safe and community confidence.

RECOMMENDED that:

1. **Cabinet approve the Community Safety Plan Business Plan.**
2. **Cabinet recommends to Council that the following be approved:**
 - a) **The detailed revenue budget estimates for 2024/25 (base).**
 - b) **The fees and charges for 2024/25.**

Councillor H Land joined the meeting at 18:05pm.

40 BUSINESS PLANS AND FINANCIAL ESTIMATES 2024/25-2026/27-ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE

The Committee considered the proposals for business plans, detailed revenue budget estimates for 2023/24; capital programme for 2024/25 to 2026/27; and proposed fees and charges for 2024/25 in respect of the Council's priority areas.

Comments were as follows:

- Green rewards targets remained the same for 2024/25 to allow for stability to grow the Green Rewards activities.

- All missed bins were recorded within the data. There were a variety of reasons why missed bins were reported including, crew missed, contamination, and bin not out on collection day. 4.5 million bins were collected in the last year with 0.28% bins missed.

RECOMMENDED that:

1. **Cabinet approve the Environment Business Plan and the Bereavement Services Business Plan.**
2. **Cabinet recommends to Council that the following be approved:**
 - a) **The detailed revenue budget estimates for 2024/25 (base)**
 - b) **The capital programme for 2024/25 to 2026/27**
 - c) **The fees and Charges for 2024/25.**

41 BUSINESS PLANS AND FINANCIAL ESTIMATES 2024/25-2026/27-LEISURE AND HEALTH

Members considered proposals for business plans, detailed revenue budget estimates for 2024/25, capital programme for 2024/25 to 2026/27 and proposed fees and charges for 2024/25 in respect of the Council's priority areas and noted the Liberty Leisure Limited Business Plan.

A query was raised with the data provided from the Annual Sports England, Active Lives Survey with the Inactive adults in Broxtowe Borough targets for future years, considering the closure of Kimberley Leisure Centre. It was discussed that there would be opportunities to look at the north of the Borough and work with external partnerships to target health provision to support the continuation of GP referrals, increase memberships for gym usage and retain current membership with contracts. A new community and leisure partnership would be provided at the Hickings Lane site.

RECOMMENDED that:

1. **Cabinet approves the Leisure and Health Business Plan.**
2. **RECOMMEND that Cabinet recommends to Council that the following be approved:**
 - a) **The detailed revenue budget estimates for 2024/25 (base) including any revenue development submissions.**
 - b) **The capital programme for 2024/25 to 2026/27.**

42 WORK PROGRAMME

The Committee considered the work programme and approved accordingly.

RESOLVED that the work programme be approved.