

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MONDAY, 20 JANUARY 2025

Present: Councillor S Dannheimer, Chair

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

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors T J Marsh, H L Crosby and K A Harlow.

Councillor S J Carr was in attendance to observe the meeting.

24 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor S Dannheimer declared an Other Registerable Interest in item 7 as he was a Member of the Liberty Leisure Board Minute number 29 refers.

Councillor R Boffinger declared an Other Registerable Interest in item 7 as he was a Member of the Liberty Leisure Board Minute number 29 refers.

Councillor R D MacRae declared an Other Registerable Interest in item 7 as he was a Board member of identified bodies directed to Charitable purposes listed within the item. Minute number 29 refers.

25 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 28 November 2024 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

26 **CONSIDERATION OF CALL - IN**

There were no call-ins to be considered.

27 PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK BUSINESS PLANS AND BUDGET SETTING

Members noted the performance and financial management framework used to support the business planning and budget setting process. This was in accordance with all of the Councils priorities.

28 COMMUNITY SAFETY – BUSINESS PLAN AND FINANCIAL ESTIMATES 2025/26 - 2027/28

The Committee considered the proposals for the business plan, revenue budget estimates, capital programme and proposed fees and charges in respect of the Council's priority area of Community Safety. The priorities and objectives for Community Safety were a safe place for everyone by reducing anti-social behavior in Broxtowe, Work with partners to reduce violence and improve public safety, and reduce drug and alcohol use. Key lines of enquiry from Members were:

- Future target figure setting relating to reported domestic abuse in the Borough.
- License fees for Private Hire/Hackney Carriage was confirmed to be set by legislation.
- Effects of the increase to National Insurance Contributions.
- Increase in requests to the Sanctuary Scheme required additional funding.
- Raising awareness with Electric bike and Scooters in the Borough in partnership with the Police and voluntary sector to help reduce crime and improve confidence in the Community.
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The Committee RECOMMENDED that:

- 1. Cabinet approves the Community Safety Business Plan.**
- 2. Cabinet recommends to Council that the following be approved:**
 - a) The detailed revenue budget estimates for 2025/26 (base).**
 - b) The fees and charges for 2025/26.**

29 LEISURE AND HEALTH – BUSINESS PLAN AND FINANCIAL ESTIMATES 2025/26 - 2027/28

Members welcomed proposals for the business plan, revenue budget estimates, capital programme and proposed fees and charges in respect of the Councils priority area of Leisure and Health. The priorities and objectives for Leisure and Health were healthy and supported communities with promoting active and healthy lifestyles in every area of Broxtowe, develop plans to renew leisure facilities in Broxtowe and to support people to live well with dementia and support those who were lonely or have mental health problems. Key lines of enquiry included:

- Confirmation that the Dementia Friends online training was provided by an external provider and this resulted in the target only representing the face to face training.

- Lack of information provided with aspirations for the North of the Borough leisure facilities.
- Communication with swimming clubs in the Borough to ensure competitive swimming continued.
- Air quality target had been met for several years.
- Reassurance was provided that any health and safety issues affecting Bramcote Leisure Centre would be repaired as a priority.

The Committee:

- 1. RECOMMENDED that Cabinet approves the Leisure and Health Business Plan.**
- 2. NOTED the Liberty Leisure Limited Business Plan.**
- 3. RECOMMENDED that Cabinet recommends to Council that the following be approved:**
 - a) The detailed revenue budget estimates for 2025/26 (base)**
 - b) The capital programme for 2025/26 to 2027/28**
 - c) The fees and charges for 2025/26.**

(Having declared an Other Registerable Interest Councillor S Dannheimer left the room and did not vote thereon. Councillor E Williamson was the Vice Chair in the Chair for the duration of the item).

(Having declared Other Registerable Interests Councillors, R Boffinger, and R MacRae also left the room for this item and did not vote thereon).

30 ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE – BUSINESS PLAN AND FINANCIAL ESTIMATES 2025/26 – 2027/28

Members considered proposals for the business plan, revenue budget estimates, capital programme and proposed fees and charge in respect of the Councils priority areas of Environment. The priorities and objectives for Environment was protect the environment for the future this would be achieved by reducing carbon emissions and improve air quality, continue to invest in parks and open and spaces, and reduce the amount of waste disposed if in the black lidded bin and increase recycling and composting. Questions and comments from the Committee included:

- Environmental Events across the Borough had been well attended.
- To ensure the new Play Strategy included recommendations from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee with regards to neurodiversity and accessibility.
- Positive comments received from Members with the Bulky Waste days and the Street Cleaning Team.
- Woodland Burial Interest
- New developments had contributed to the missed bins increase. The Team collects over 5.5 million bin collections annually. The figure achieved in 2023/24 represented 0.3% of the total collections across the Borough.

The Committee RECOMMENDED that:

1. **Cabinet approves 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 2025/26 (base)**
 - b) **The capital programme for 2025/26 to 2027/28**
 - c) **The fees and charges for 2025/26.**

31 WORK PROGRAMME

Members considered the scrutiny work programme in accordance with all of the Councils priorities.

RESOLVED that the work programme be approved.