

## **ECONOMIC GROWTH SCRUTINY PANEL**

**THURSDAY 30 NOVEMBER 2017 AT 10.00AM**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Nedved (Chairman), Betton until 12:18pm, Bloxham (as substitute for Councillor Mitchelson) until 12:18pm, Bowditch, Burns, Mrs Coleman, Mrs Mallinson (as substitute for Councillor Christian) and McDonald

**ALSO PRESENT:** Councillor Mrs Bradley – Economy, Enterprise and Housing Portfolio Holder

**OFFICERS:** Deputy Chief Executive  
Chief Finance Officer  
Chief Accountant  
Corporate Director of Economic Development  
Investment and Policy Manager  
Policy and Performance Officer

### **EGSP.27/17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Christian and Mitchelson.

### **EGSP.28/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest affecting the business to be transacted at the meeting.

### **EGSP.29/17 PUBLIC AND PRESS**

It was agreed that the items of business in Part A be dealt with in public and Part B be dealt with in private.

### **EGSP.30/17 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

RESOLVED – 1) That the minutes of the meeting held on 7 September 2017, which had been approved by Council on 7 November 2017, be signed by the Chairman.

2) That the minutes of the meeting held on 19 October 2017 be approved.

### **EGSP.31/17 CALL IN OF DECISIONS**

There were no items which had been the subject of call-in.

### **EGSP.32/17 OVERVIEW REPORT AND WORK PROGRAMME**

The Policy and Communications Manager presented report OS.23/17 which provided an overview of matters relating to the work of the Economic Growth Scrutiny Panel.

The Policy and Communications Manager reported that the most recent Notice of Executive Key Decisions, copies of which had been circulated to all Members, had been published on 20 October 2017. The following items fell within the remit of the Panel:

*Items which had been included in the Panel's Work Programme:*  
KD.23/17 – Budget Process 2018/19

*Items which had not been included in the Panel's Work Programme:*

KD.32/17 – Botchergate and London Road Heritage Action Zone

The Policy and Communications Manager reported that the Scrutiny Chairs Group had agreed that the Overview Reports for all Panels would include tracking information on Scrutiny resolutions. Section 3 of the report set out the Economic Growth Panel's resolutions and status.

The Panel's Work Programme had been attached as appendix 1 to the report for the Panel's consideration.

The Policy and Communications Manager reported that Members of the Business and Transformation Scrutiny Panel had recently concluded a piece of Task and Finish Group work relating to the Council's Community Asset Transfer Policy. It was that Panel's intention to continue that work by considering the Council's assets, and an invitation had been extended to all scrutiny members for expressions of interest to take part in the work.

The Chairman nominated Councillors Bloxham and Mitchelson to take part in the Business and Transformation Scrutiny Panel's ongoing work in relation to the Council's Asset Transfer policy.

In considering the report and Work Programme Members raised the following questions and comments:

A Member commented that he did not find the term "pending" satisfactory to describe actions that remained incomplete in the scrutiny resolution tracking report.

The Policy and Communications Manager undertook to identify another term to describe items that had not been completed.

Another Member requested that a timeline for the completion of resolutions be incorporated into the report. The Policy and Communications Manager agreed to the inclusion of a timeline in future reports.

**RESOLVED – (1)** That the Overview Report incorporating the Work Programme and Key Decision items relevant to this Panel (OS.23/17) be noted.

**(2)** That the Policy and Communications Manager identify a term to describe incomplete actions in the scrutiny resolution tracking report.

**(3)** That future scrutiny resolution tracking reports contain a timeline for the completion of required actions.

**EGSP.33/17 BUDGET 2018/19**

**(a) Budget Update - Revenue Estimates 2018/19 to 2022/23**

The Chief Finance Officer submitted report RD.31/17 providing a summary of the Council's revised revenue base estimates for 2017/18, together with base estimates for 2018/19 and forecasts up to 2022/23 for illustrative purposes. The base estimates had been prepared in accordance with the guiding principles for the formulation of the budget over the next five year planning period as set out in the Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) and Charging Policy; Capital Strategy; and Asset Management Plan approved by Council on 12 September 2017.

The report set out known revisions to the MTFP projections, although there were a number of significant factors affecting the budget that were currently unresolved, details of which were

recorded at Section 1.3. A summary of the outstanding key issues, together with the resource assumptions was also provided at Section 4.

The Chief Finance Officer drew Members' attention to paragraph 5.10 of the report which set out the Economic Investment Initiatives which was a non-recurring budget pressure which had been set aside to enable the Economic Development directorate to provide financial support to a number of the initiatives that it was involved with, for example, the Borderlands initiative.

The Executive had on 20 November 2017 (EX.117/17) received the report and resolved:

"That the Executive:

1. Noted the revised base estimates for 2017/18 and base estimates for 2018/19.
2. Noted the current Medium Term Financial Plan projections, which would continue to be updated throughout the budget process as key issues became clearer and decisions were taken.
3. Noted the initial budget pressures / savings needing to be taken into account as part of the 2018/19 budget process.
4. Noted the review of the earmarked reserves as outlined in paragraph 9 and Appendix G to Report RD.31/17"

In considering the Revenue Estimates Report Members raised the following comments and questions:

- Why had the allocations to individual initiatives not been detailed in the report?

The Corporate Director of Economic Development responded that there were a number of projects identified within the Economic Development Directorate's Service Plan and the Corporate Plan which would require support. The projects were at various stages of development and would have different requirements, therefore it was not possible to identify specific funding requirements, however, the Corporate Director advised that details of the allocation of monies from the fund would be reported to the Panel at the appropriate time.

The Chief Finance Officer added that due to the various stages of development of the projects likely to be seeking funding and the unallocated nature of the monies within the Economic Investment Initiative, the fund would be supported from the Council's Reserves. In the event that all the monies were not spent during 2018/19 they would remain available in the future.

A Member commented that she was pleased the initiative was being funded from the Council's Reserves and further added that Council punched above its weight in terms of economic development and it was her view that the Economic Investment Initiatives fund would allow the Council to continue to support the economic development of the district.

- A Member sought clarification with respect to the Morton District Centre

The Corporate Director of Economic Development advised that the site was Council owned land which had been identified as a local facilities centre in the Morton Masterplan. The site had previously been considered for a large supermarket retail development, but due to the changed economic climate that scheme had not been realised. Promotion of the site was due to commence in the near future with a view to securing its development in the future.

**RESOLVED** – That the Budget Update – Revenue Estimates 2018/19 to 2022/23 (RD.37/17) be received.

## **(b) Review of Charges 2018/19**

The Chief Finance Officer presented the Review of Charges reports informing the Panel that there was a 3% increase on the overall level of income in line with the Corporate Charging Policy.

### **Community Services**

The Deputy Chief Executive submitted report CS.33/17 which set out the proposed fees and charges for 2018/19 relating to those services falling within the Community Services Directorate.

The Deputy Chief Executive advised that the proposed charges increase relating to the city centre had been kept in line with inflation, the details of which were set out in Appendix A of the report.

In relation to car parking, the proposed increases in charges had also been kept in line with inflation, details of the proposed new charges for individual car parks were detailed in Appendices B and C of the report. The Deputy Chief Executive informed Members that the Council had identified capacity within its car parks to increase the number of long-stay users, and was looking to incentivise this area.

The Deputy Chief Executive advised the Panel that usage of the Assembly Rooms the Tourist Information Centre was on the increase, it was proposed that room hire charges were not increased so as to allow the use of the Tourist Information Centre to continue to be a growth area.

The Executive had on 20 November 2017 (EX.113/17) received the report and decided:

“That the Executive agreed for consultation the changes, as set out in the body of Report CS.33/17 and relevant appendices with effect from 1 April 2018; noting the impact those would have on income generation within the report”.

In considering the report Members raised the following comments and questions:

- A number of Members expressed concerns that encouraging long-stay use of the Council's car parks at the Civic Centre and Bitts Park would have a detrimental impact on retail in the city centre as larger numbers of long-stay users would reduce the amount of spaces available for short-stay users wishing to access stores within the city.

The Deputy Chief Executive responded that a number of the Council's car parks had capacity for additional use, were the proposals to incentivise increased long-stay use to be approved through the Budget process, Officers would monitor usage of the car parks going forward. The Deputy Chief Executive reminded the Panel that, in conjunction with the Environment and Transport Portfolio Holder, he had delegated authority to monitor and amend the charges levied for car park use.

A Member noted that the construction of Council's temporary Customer Contact Centre within the Civic Centre car park had reduced the number of spaces available at the facility. He was concerned that incentivising long-stay use of the car park would further limit the spaces available for short-stay users of the facility who had business at the Civic Centre, and that may particularly impact on residents from rural areas, without access to public transport who were required to use cars to access the Civic Centre.

The Deputy Chief Executive acknowledged the Member's concerns and advised that it was possible that car parking provision in the area of the Civic Centre may be extended.

Members undertook a discussion of the potential changes to car parking provision on the city following the proposed redevelopment of the ground floor of the Civic Centre and the demolition of the former Cumbria County Council offices.

A Member proposed that the Panel recommend to the Executive that the proposed reduction in the level of charge levied for the 4 – 9.5 hour period in the Civic Centre and Bitts Park be removed from the Executive Budget proposals. The proposal was seconded and agreed by the Panel.

In response to a question from a Member regarding the timeline for the production of a definitive report on proposals for the redevelopment of the ground floor of the Civic Centre, the Deputy Chief Executive advised that a report would be presented to the Executive in the new year and that it would be include on the Work Programme of the relevant Scrutiny Panel for their consideration.

The Panel undertook a discussion of the occupancy levels of retail stores within the city centre. The Corporate Director noted that the Authority Monitoring Report which was published annually contained data relating to city centre occupancy levels, and that the information was considered by the Local Plan Working Group. She undertook to circulate the data on city centre occupancy to the Panel.

RESOLVED (1) – That the Review of Charges 2018/19 – Community Services (CS.33/17) be received.

(2) That the Panel recommend to the Executive that the proposed reduction in the level of charge levied for the 4 – 9.5 hour period in the Civic Centre and Bitts Park be removed from the Executive Budget proposals.

(3) That the Corporate Director of Economic Development circulate details of occupancy rates within the city centre to the Panel Members.

## **Economic Development**

The Corporate Director of Economic Development submitted report ED.38/17 which set out the proposed fees and charges for areas falling within the responsibility of the Economic Development Directorate.

The Corporate Director of Economic Development reminded Members that income from Development Control fees was set nationally and not by the Council. In addition, Building Control Fees were ring-fenced and the service was not permitted to generate either a profit or a loss.

The Executive had on 20 November 2017 (EX.114) received the report and resolved:

“That the Executive agreed for consultation the charges, as set out in Report ED.38/17 and accompanying Appendices, with effect from 1 April 2018; noting the impact those would have on income generation as detailed within the report.”

The Panel welcomed the report.

RESOLVED (1) – That Charges Review Report 2018/19 – Economic Development (ED.38/17) be noted.

**(c) Revised Capital Programme 2017/18 and Provisional Capital Programme 2018/19 to 2022/23**

The Chief Finance Officer submitted report RD.32/17 which detailed the revised Capital Programme for 2017/18, now totalling £9,010,700, together with the proposed method of financing. The report summarised the proposed programme for 2018/19 to 2022/23 in the light of the new capital proposals identified, together with the estimated capital resources available to fund the programme.

The Chief Finance Officer advised Members that the projects within the Capital Programme 2018/19 to 2022/23 which were under the remit of the Panel were the Botchergate Regeneration and the Chatsworth Square/Portland Square Townscape Initiative.

The Executive had on 20 November 2017 (EX.117/17) received the report and decided:

“That the Executive:

- (i) Noted the revised capital programme and relevant financing for 2017/18 as set out in Appendices A and B to Report RD.32/17;
- (ii) Had given initial consideration and views on the proposed capital spending for 2018/19 to 2022/23 given in the report in the light of the estimated available resources;
- (ii) Noted that any capital scheme for which funding had been approved by Council may only proceed after a full report, including business case and financial appraisal, had been approved.”

In considering the report, Members raised the following questions and comments:

- Were the City and County Council working in conjunction with regard to the redevelopment of the Chatsworth/Portland Square Townscape Initiative?

The Corporate Director of Economic Development confirmed that Councils were working in partnership on the initiative, and that currently a Conservation Area assessment was being undertaken.

- The Chairman expressed sadness that the University of Cumbria had decided not to renew its lease of the Business Interaction Centre (BIC), he felt that the new spending proposal for the coming financial year, on the facility, was a significant sum. He asked Officers how confident the Council was in its ability to find other tenant(s) for the Centre.

The Corporate Director responded that the Council was taking a pro-active and positive approach to the redevelopment of the Centre and aimed to make the facility an incubation space for new-starter business, particularly in the creative and digital industries. She noted that other streams of funding were available to fund the work required at the centre, should the bid for Capital Programme funding be unsuccessful.

In response to a further question from the Chairman as to whether any expressions of interest had been received in respect of the BIC, the Corporate Director confirmed that a number had been received.

- A Member requested further detail on the Council’s income and expenditure relating to car parking.

The Chief Finance Officer noted that the information was set out in the Budget Monitoring reports which were presented to the Business and Transformation Scrutiny Panel on a bi-annual basis. She undertook to circulate the Capital Budget Overview and Monitoring Report to the Member.

- Was the notification of the level of Disabled Facilities Grant funding on Christmas Eve later than usual?

The Chief Finance Officer informed the Panel that the timing of notification was consistent with previous years, and that the Council would receive notifications regarding the level of funding of other grants in January 2018.

On behalf of the Panel, the Chairman thanked the Chief Finance Officer and her team for the work they had undertaken preparing the budget reports.

**RESOLVED – (1) That the Revised Capital Programme 2017/18 and Provisional Capital Programme 2018/19 to 2022/23 (RD.32/17) be noted.**

**(2) That the Chief Finance Officer and her team be thanked for the work they had undertaken in preparing the budget reports.**

#### **EGSP.34/17    HOUSING DELIVERY AND ST.CUTHBERT'S GARDEN VILLAGE UPDATES**

The Investment and Policy Manager presented an update on emerging thinking regarding actions to help increase and accelerate housing delivery and the progress regarding the planning of the St. Cuthbert's Garden Village.

The Investment and Policy Manager reminded the Panel that housing was a cornerstone of Carlisle's growth ambitions and the Carlisle District Local Plan (2015 – 2030) pursued the highest levels of housing growth in Carlisle's recent history. He outlined the proposed changes to the housing government policy as detailed in section 2 of the report and explained that the Council was slowing the development of its Housing Strategy in order to be able to regard to the emerging government policy.

The Investment and Policy Manager drew the Panel's attention to section 3 of the report which detailed the historic net completions for new homes, the chart in section 3 showed that the level of net completions exceeded the Local Plan target and was owed directly to having an up to date Local Plan.

As part of the wider place branding and efforts to raise the profile of the City, spearheaded by the Carlisle Story, the need to tailor promotional material for the house building industry was apparent. In response the City Council had worked with Lichfields to develop a prospectus entitled 'Help Us to Build Our Growing City', a copy of which was appended to the report. The intended audience for the Prospectus was the board room of housing developers and other investors and it had already succeeded in generating interest from new developers and land agents.

The Investment and Policy Manager gave an overview of progress of the Garden Village reporting that governance arrangements were embedded and working well and the Strategic Board was succeeding in ensuring that the project had buy in and profile amongst key public sector partners. The Cross-Party Member Advisory Group had been appraised of the project and had reviewed and contributed to a draft emerging Communication Plan for the project. A part time Project Support Officer had been appointed and a number of Task and Finish Groups



had been established. In addition Officers continued to support the County Council in progressing feasibility work on a new Carlisle Southern Link Road as an integral part of the Garden Village programme.

With regard to the masterplanning of the site, a bespoke consortium had been appointed to assist the Council progressing the first phase of the work. It was considered that excellent progress was being made in advancing what was amongst the most complex projects currently being undertaken by the Council.

In considering the report Members raised the following comments and questions:

- *How did the projected population figures detailed in the report tie in with the Council's drivers for increasing housing in the district?*

The Investment and Policy Manager responded that a difficulty with population projections was that they were based on trends and in relation to former population projections, the district had grown at a slower rate. The Council was looking to support population growth in the district through housing with the Carlisle and District Local Plan 2015 – 30 ("Local Plan") and its identified sites for housing delivery. The projected growth for the district was 3% higher than the projected growth for Cumbria as a whole.

In response a Member asked whether there would be the necessary population in the future to sustain the city's economic growth and the Garden Village.

The Corporate Director of Economic Development reminded Members that the original basis for the growth strategy had been to ensure a sufficient level of population to meet workforce needs and that housing supply was an essential aspect of the approach. In terms of the Garden Village she advised Members that the project was likely to be delivered over a 30 year period.

The Chairman commented that given the importance of population projections to the Council's draft Economic Strategy it was important that the figures were correct.

The Investment and Policy Manager informed Members that the population growth figures had been generated the Cumbria Observatory and were based on Office for National Statistics data.

- *Was there an issue with developers land banking in the district?*

The Investment and Policy Manager stated that he was not aware of any problems resulting from developers land banking in the district. Analysis of the available housing land in the district and the permissions granted indicated that it was necessary for new developers to be attracted to the area to increase the level of house building activity in the district, and the Council was working with other Cumbrian districts in order to achieve this.

- *A Member expressed concern that developments including St. Cuthberts Garden Village were being constructed on flood plains, he asked what discussion were taking place between the Council and the Environment Agency on the matter.*

The Investment and Policy Manager explained the Environment Agency's system of classifying the level of flood risk for a particular location, noting that "Zone 1" was the lowest risk category. He informed Members that no housing allocation site identified within the Local Plan was located on a flood plain and that all allocated sites were in Zone 1.

Additionally, further measures to minimise flood risk were deployed through the Council's Development Management processes through the implementation of Local Plan policies aimed



at reducing permeability and run-off rates, and the inclusion of attenuation systems in new developments.

The Investment and Policy Manager indicated that the St Cuthberts Garden Village may provide an opportunity to implement further flood resilience measures in the district.

- *A Member commented that, in his view, there did not seem to be sufficient provision of affordable housing in the district, he asked how government created its housing targets.*

The Investment and Policy Manager reminded Members that the Authority Monitoring Report detailed the types of housing being constructed in the district, and noted that the data therein did not indicate the predominance of a particular house type. The housing market was a key factor in signalling to developers the types of schemes they should construct. The Development Management processes sought to secure the provision of a mixture of housing types in the district, recently the Development Control Committee had issued permissions to a new developer in the district who provided low cost starter homes.

The Member responded that the needs of residents ought to be an equally important consideration for developers in determining the types of housing provision within individual developments.

The Investment and Policy Manager replied that in order to construct viable developments, developers were increasingly investigating the market to identify needs. The growth of the authority's Council Tax base indicated that the number of dwellings within the district was increasing. He advised that the Council's Draft Affordable and Specialist Housing Supplementary Planning Document was currently undergoing public consultation.

The Corporate Director of Economic Development added that recently developers had recognised a need for more bungalow type dwellings within the district which had resulted in an increase in applications for planning permission for that housing type.

- *Did the Draft Affordable and Specialist Housing Supplementary Planning Document refer to sheltered and extra care accommodation?*

The Investment and Policy Manager confirmed that the Draft Affordable and Specialist Housing Supplementary Planning Document did make reference to sheltered and extra housing provision. He also noted that the government had indicated it was developing a green paper on the issue of social housing which would be out for consultation in due course.

A Member commented that following the Council's sale of its former housing stock under the Large Scale Voluntary Transfer agreement to the then Carlisle Housing Association had meant that the level of social housing provision in the district had dropped markedly.

The Economy, Enterprise and Housing Portfolio Holder commented that historically government housing policy had been based on the housing market needs of the south-east of the country, therefore the government's housing proposals, in recent years and centred on that area.

The Local Planning Authority was restricted to the determination of planning applications submitted by developers, the Economy, Enterprise and Housing Portfolio Holder noted that a difficulty for the authority was the issue of development viability. She explained the process by which the viability of a housing developments applying planning permission were determined and the potential level of affordable housing provision assessed and noted that the Development Control Committee was keen to secure as much Affordable housing provision as possible through the permissions it granted.

Registered Social Landlords (RSLs) were more likely to provide a mixture of tenure options in their developments, and the Economy, Enterprise and Housing Portfolio Holder was pleased to note that this was increasingly recognised by central government and hoped that further funding and assistance for such schemes would be made available to RSLs in the future.

The Corporate Director of Economic Development noted that the Draft Affordable and Specialist Housing Supplementary Planning Document was to be submitted to the January 2018 meeting of the Panel for Members' consideration. She added that the Council looked to facilitate the delivery of affordable housing in the district through its Local Plan policies, and that the anticipated government green paper on housing may bring about shift in government thinking on the issue.

- *In relation to the St. Cuthberts Garden Village, the Chairman considered that the projects afforded an exciting opportunity for the district. He asked whether the Council had received any notification on its bid for 2017/18 additional capacity funding.*

The Corporate Director of Economic Development responded that the Council was still awaiting notification on whether its bid had been successful, she reassured Members that work which the funding was expected to support would go ahead even if the funding was not secured, but that it would be then delivered over a longer timescale. Other sources of funding were available to bid for, however, the Officers considered it prudent to await the outcome of the current bid before progressing other potential sources of funding.

A Member commented that she felt that the Garden Village project would be very beneficial for the district and she hoped that along with the other economic development activities the Council was developing she hoped that in the future it would attract people to work in the district from other urban conurbations in the north of England, for example, Manchester.

The Corporate Director of Economic Development replied that an aim of the Council's economic development activities was to make the district more attractive as a regional place to work, she noted that the Garden Village project was an aspect of that approach as was the work to secure a southern relief road for the city, which was supported by adjacent districts Council who felt that such infrastructure would enable them to realise economic growth gains within their area too.

- *When did the Council intend to consult with residents on the proposed St Cuthberts Garden Village?*

The Investment and Policy Manager informed Members that he expected public engagement on the project to commence early in the new year and would comprise a website and other sources of information on the project. He considered it was important that the public had access to as much information regarding the project as possible so that effective public debate could be carried out.

- *With reference to the Draft Vision, the Chairman commented that there was a lack of information on Employment Sites.*

The Corporate Director of Economic Development responded that the Garden Village project would incorporate matters such as green infrastructure and health, she stressed that it was not an urban extension but was a new settlement itself.

The Investment and Policy Manager added that part of the brief for the Regeneris study which the Panel considered at its July 2017 meeting had been to look at the south of the city and to help understand how the Garden Village could be delivered.

The Chairman remained concerned that employment sites had been noticeably absent from the Draft Vision.

Responding to a further question from the Chairman regarding the membership of Task and Finish Groups, the Corporate Director of Economic Development advised that there would be a variety of memberships depending on the role of the Task and Finish Group.

- *Had the Council planned to include young people in its public engagement exercises?*

The Investment and Policy Manager advised that a number of ideas for engaging with young people on the project were currently being considered. The Officers were working with the Department of Education on a project for schools.

A number of Members congratulated the Officers and the work already undertaken on the Garden Village project, and felt that the Council was punching above its weight in terms of the economic development of the city.

- *Would the Panel receive feedback from the Member Working Group?*

The Investment and Policy Manager confirmed that the Panel would receive feedback from the Member Working Group.

RESOLVED – (1) That the Housing Delivery and St. Cuthbert's Garden Village updates (ED.40/17) be noted.

(2) That a report on the Draft Affordable and Specialist Housing Supplementary Planning Document be submitted to the January 2018 meeting of the Panel.

(3) That Members' concerns regarding flooding be taken into account.

## **EGSP.35/17 QUARTER 2 PERFORMANCE REPORT 2017/18**

The Policy and Performance Officer submitted the 2nd quarter performance against the current Services Standards and a summary of the Carlisle Plan 2015-18 actions as defined in the 'plan on a page'. The new Service Standards and Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) were also included (PC.18/17).

Details of the standards were set out in section 1 and section 2 contained the Council's delivery of the Carlisle Plan within the Panel's remit. A new dashboard showing performance against the new KPIs (also within the Panel's remit) was appended.

The Policy and Performance Officer advised that Carlisle Plan key action 9: Future flood risk management plans had been omitted from the report, he provided Members with a verbal update on the action, noting that the Council was tasked to work with the Environment Agency and other public sector parties to develop flood plans. A long list of approved options had been developed by the Environment Agency which had latterly been through a short-listing process. The Policy and Performance Officer undertook to circulate a written update to Members in respect of Carlisle Plan key action 9.

In considering the report Members raised the following questions and comments:

- *Would the flood report planned for submission to the January 2018 meeting of the Panel consider the recent flooding issues which had affected the city earlier in the month?*

The Corporate Director of Economic Development advised that she had expected that the flood report for the next meeting of the Panel would address issues relating to the December 2015 floods, however, she undertook liaison with the Environment Agency regarding the inclusion of data relating to the flooding issues experienced in the district earlier in December 2017.

- *When was the focussed street signage to be installed?*

The Corporate Director of Economic Development responded that she expected the City Council's new signage to be installed during the coming two to three months.

- *What plans did the Council have to replace the bandstand in the city centre?*

The Corporate Director of Economic Development advised the matter was being progressed as part of the public realm project works, and that consultation on a suitable replacement was being conducted.

RESOLVED – (1) That the Quarter 2 Performance Report 2017/18 (PC.19/17) be welcomed.

(2) That the layout of the new KPI dashboard be approved.

(The meeting ended at 12:44pm)