

# FEEDBACK TO CABINET FROM OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

3 APRIL 2024

## 71 LICHFIELD DISTRICT 2050 STRATEGY CONSULTATION RESULTS

- Members commented on the need for regular updates on progress against the Delivery Plan and ongoing engagement and communication with stakeholders including residents.
- Members noted that tourism did not feature heavily in the Strategy and asked if this could be revisited.
- Members asked if information relating to incomes could be included in the section on prosperous communities. Potential of either increasing number of people paid the real living wage or seeing median earnings rising faster than inflation over the period.
- Members questioned how the council intended to “create more green space” within the district.
- Members agreed that the living nature of this document means bringing this back to O&S would be recommended but asked if this can include track changes.

The following recommendations were supplied to officers and Cabinet members by email from Cllr Robertson at the suggestion of the committee Chair:

- *page 97 – Members believed the first bullet point of the 2038 aim to be impossible and may need rewording to include investment in... and/or value of green spaces.*
- *page 100 - Reference to the green corridor relates to the greenway – members suggested this may benefit from rewording.*
- *page 105 – Members requested clarification and rewording of "Top 80 empty properties" to help residents understand which properties we'll be seeking to intervene with first.*
- *page 107 – Members believed the reference to lobbying is immeasurable and ongoing and should not appear in a delivery plan.*
- *page 111 – It was highlighted that inclusion of a real living wage comment on page 93 above, would mean it would be appropriate to state that both LDC and LWMTS have been accredited as real living wage employers now.*
- *page 112 – Members stated that setting a baseline for "improved educational attainment of young people" would be improved by referencing "good" GCSEs or NVQ level 2 equivalent qualifications, but it will help us engage with secondary schools and academies across the District if we speak in their language where the "attainment 8" score may be helpful. It would also be valuable to consider whether a baseline relating to age related expectations at the end of KS2 would be appropriate - earlier interventions are much more valuable in education.*
- *page 113 – Members noted that there are already small grants in the MTFs. Whilst it was suspected this may reference a new line specifically for Active Communities - making this more specific would be valuable.*

- *page 114 – Members stated that the planning application for this has not yet been submitted and that Q3 this financial year is not a realistic timescale. Q4 would make little difference to the plan and reduce the risk of missing an arbitrary goal.*
- *page 117 – Members stated that the recycling campaign is "ongoing" throughout and so cannot be measured meaning that it cannot ever be delivered and so is inappropriate for a delivery plan. They believed rewording this so that there is a measurable outcome would be more appropriate*
- *page 117 – They believed the wording about "significant progress toward implementing" is overly complex and is again immeasurable.*