

BOLSOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL

Meeting of the Customer Local Growth Scrutiny Committee 24th February 2026

Joint Review of Security Arrangements at The Arc: Policies, Protocols and Procedures – Post-Scrutiny Monitoring (First Interim Report)

Report of the Scrutiny Officer

Classification	This report is Public
Contact Officer	The Scrutiny Officer, Coby Bunyan

PURPOSE/SUMMARY OF REPORT

- To present the Interim Report assessing progress against the recommendations to date for the Review of Security Arrangements at The Arc: Policies, Protocols and Procedures

REPORT DETAILS

1. Background

- 1.1 The Customer Services Scrutiny Committee and Local Growth Scrutiny Committees agreed to undertake a joint review of security arrangements at The Arc, focussing on the policies, protocols and procedures in place and to examine how security for staff, public and Members can be improved as part of the 2024-25 Work Programme.
- 1.2 This review was initiated in response to growing concerns about the security of The Arc, its vulnerability to incidents of anti-social behaviour and potential critical risks that could threaten the safety of staff, Elected Members and the public.
- 1.3 With a focus on improving the safety, resilience and preparedness of The Arc, this review aimed to identify existing weaknesses, explore legislative compliance and make recommendations that will ensure the building remains a safe environment for all users.

2. Details of Proposal or Information

- 2.1 The Joint Committee have put together 11 recommendations to assist the Council in improving security and safety arrangements at The Arc.
- 2.2 This report acknowledges progress to date by Officers implementing the recommendations.

2.3 To date **Five** out eleven recommendations have been achieved, **Six** are on track and will hopefully be completed within the original target date and **Zero** have been extended.

3. Reasons for Recommendation

- 3.1 Members are required to make their report and findings public, in accordance with Part 4.5.17(4) of the Constitution.
- 3.2 Committee is required to monitor implementation of their recommendations in accordance with Part 3.6(1) of the Constitution.
- 3.3 Members must review progress on the approved recommendations. A progress report is submitted at six- and twelve-months' intervals, with any exceptions to expected delivery highlighted.

4 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

- 4.1 There are no alternative options. Members are required to note the service's response to progress against the review recommendations.
- 4.2 Committee is required to monitor implementation of their recommendations in accordance with Part 3.6(1) of the Constitution and as such the report cannot be rejected.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

1. That Scrutiny Members note the progress against the review recommendations.
2. That Scrutiny Members acknowledge any exceptions to delivery and clarify the additional action required by the service.
3. That Scrutiny Members make its report and findings public, in accordance with Part 4.5.17(4) of the Council's Constitution.
4. That Officers continue to implement the recommendations and submit a further report in six months' time highlighting progress and any exceptions to delivery.

Approved by Councillor Robert Hiney Saunders, Portfolio Holder for Environment

IMPLICATIONS:

Finance and Risk	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Details: There are no immediate financial implications arising directly from the recommendations of this report. However, several recommendations suggest that the Council may need to consider future investment. As such, it should be noted that		

potential funding may be required at a later stage, depending on how the recommendations are implemented—particularly recommendations 2.5, 2.6, 2.7, and 2.10, as outlined in the attached report within the appendices.

On behalf of the Section 151 Officer

Legal (including Data Protection) Yes No

Details: In carrying out scrutiny reviews the Council is exercising its scrutiny powers as laid out in s.21 of the Local Government Act 2000 and subsequent legislation which added/amended these powers.

On behalf of the Solicitor to the Council

Staffing Yes No

Details: There are no staffing implications from this report, however it should be noted that several recommendations in the attached report including 2.10 and 2.11 have implications regarding staff training.

On behalf of the Head of Paid Service

Equality and Diversity, and Consultation Yes No

Details: N/A

Environment Yes No

Details: N/A

DECISION INFORMATION:

Please indicate which threshold applies:

Is the decision a Key Decision?

A Key Decision is an Executive decision which has a significant impact on two or more wards in the District or which results in income or expenditure to the Council above the following thresholds:

Yes No

Revenue (a) Results in the Council making Revenue Savings of £75,000 or more or (b) Results in the Council incurring Revenue Expenditure of £75,000 or more.

(a) (b)

Capital (a) Results in the Council making Capital Income of £150,000 or more or (b) Results in the Council incurring Capital Expenditure of £150,000 or more.

(a) (b)

District Wards Significantly Affected:

(to be significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards in the District)

All

Please state below which wards are affected or tick All if all wards are affected:	
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<p>Is the decision subject to Call-In? <i>(Only Key Decisions are subject to Call-In)</i></p> <p>If No, is the call-in period to be waived in respect of the decision(s) proposed within this report? <i>(decisions may only be classified as exempt from call-in with the agreement of the Monitoring Officer)</i></p> <p>Consultation carried out: <i>(this is any consultation carried out prior to the report being presented for approval)</i></p> <p>Leader <input type="checkbox"/> Deputy Leader <input type="checkbox"/> Executive <input type="checkbox"/> SLT <input type="checkbox"/> Relevant Service Manager <input type="checkbox"/> Members <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p>
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<p>Links to Council Ambition: Customers, Economy, Environment, Housing</p> <p>The review supports the Corporate Ambition of 'Customers'.</p>	
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DOCUMENT INFORMATION:

Appendix No	Title
1	Appendix 1 - Executive Response to Review of Security Arrangements at The Arc: Policies, Protocols and Procedures
2	Appendix 2 - Post Scrutiny Monitoring Report - Review of Security Arrangements at The Arc: Policies, Protocols and Procedures

<p>Background Papers</p> <p><i>(These are unpublished works which have been relied on to a material extent when preparing the report. They must be listed in the section below. If the report is going to Executive, you must provide copies of the background papers).</i></p>	
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