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MINUTES of a meeting of the **CABINET MEMBER FOR COUNCIL SERVICES** held on 1 August 2016 at County Hall, Matlock

PRESENT

Cabinet Member – Councillor A Botham

70/16 **MINUTES RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 11 July 2016 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Cabinet Member.

71/16 **REVENUE OUTTURN 2015-16** Attached at Appendix 1 to the report was a statement setting out the final outturn position for 2015-16. Controllable net expenditure was £42.2m against a budget of £42.7m resulting in a controllable underspend of £0.4m. The key variances were highlighted.

Budget reductions totalling £4.2m were allocated and had been achieved as detailed in Appendix 2 to the report.

On 26 July 2016 Cabinet agreed the allocation of £45,000 from underspends to enable the portfolio to fund the following projects:

- Production of a Garden Management and Maintenance Plan for the Historic Core Gardens at Elvaston Castle - £15,000.
- The appointment of a suitably qualified and experienced consultant to review the entire property portfolio with the aim of identifying alternative and innovative uses for our assets that would maximise the revenue earning potential - £30,000. This would be the subject of a further Cabinet Member report.

RESOLVED to (1) note the revenue outturn position for 2015-16; and

(2) approve the use of underspends to fund the projects outlined in the report.

72/16 **EMAIL, INTERNET AND RELATED SERVICES** Fujitsu Ltd provided all the Council's primary email facilities, using a 'Cloud' based solution hosted in two of their datacentres, and a large number of internet and remote access related services through a fully managed external service contract. On 26 July 2016, Cabinet agreed to extend the existing contract with Fujitsu Ltd until October 2017.

To replace all the services provided under the existing contract with Fujitsu Ltd would require a large and complex programme of work. There were

a number of options available to provide email services. Each one had differing costs, benefits and associated risks. The potential synergy with the standard desktop applications also needed to be explored. The replacement internet solution must provide secure remote access to Council back office systems by Members, employees, schools, partners and suppliers. This was a particularly technically complex area of the programme.

In order to identify the options available to the Council an internal project team had been created. Whilst every effort would be made to ensure a smooth transition to the new service, there may be a high risk of disruption to Council operations during the migration period. Therefore, although the project team contained highly skilled and experienced employees they would need to be supported by external expertise due to the technical complexity of the solutions to be replaced and the current market knowledge required. It was, therefore, proposed to engage specialist external support to provide the project team with access to expert professional advice using Crown Commercial Services Consulting framework RM1502.

RESOLVED that (1) approval be given under the Financial Regulations to undertake a procurement exercise using the Crown Commercial Services Consulting Framework RM1502 to engage advisory services relating to the replacement of the Council's current email and internet facilities as described in the report;

(2) approval to call-off under the Framework and award the contract was delegated to the Strategic Director Corporate Resources; and

(3) further reports would be considered by the Cabinet Member for Council Services and Cabinet in due course.

73/16 **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC** **RESOLVED** to exclude the public from the meeting during the consideration of the remaining items on the agenda to avoid the disclosure of exempt or confidential information.

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS CONDUCTED AFTER THE PUBLIC WERE EXCLUDED FROM THE MEETING

1. To receive declarations of interest (if any)
2. To confirm the exempt minutes of the meeting held on 11 July 2016
3. To consider the exempt reports of the Strategic Director Corporate Resources on:-

- a) Agreement of Overage Payment
 - b) Repton – Easement for Sewer
 - c) Servicing and Maintenance of Air Conditioning Units – Contract Extension
- (contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding that information))