

Public

MINUTES of a meeting of the **CABINET MEMBER FOR COUNCIL SERVICES** held on 17 April 2014 at County Hall, Matlock

PRESENT

Cabinet Member – Councillor B Ridgway

Also in attendance – Councillors K Buttery and J Owen

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillor M V Longden

49/14 **MINUTES RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meetings held on 27 March and 4 April 2014 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Cabinet Member.

50/14 **REPORT ON PETITIONS TO BE RECEIVED RESOLVED** that (1) the petition listed below be received and noted; and

Location/Subject	Signatures	Local Member
Against the Proposed Closure of Hurst House Adult Education Centre, Abercrombie Street, Chesterfield	238	Councillor S Blank

(2) the Director of Property in consultation with the Strategic Director Children and Younger Adults be asked to investigate the matters raised.

51/14 **LEASE RENEWAL FOR WILLOW TREE FAMILY FARM, SHIREBROOK** A 25 year lease of land on a former schools site was granted to the Willow Tree Family Farm in April 2003 and the farm then secured funding to enable the construction of agricultural and educational buildings suitable for its use.

Although only half-way through its current lease there had been significant changes in the way the land around the farm had been used. The Council had now disposed of the remaining school buildings and potentially there were alterations to the use of the Council owned playing field adjacent to the farm. The farm wished to secure its future and would like to be in a better position to attract grant funding in order to both extend the range of activities that it could undertake and to develop those currently on offer. However, many

external grant-funding bodies required applicants to demonstrate security of tenure of at least 15 years and often as long 25 years. There were only 11 years remaining on the current lease, consequently the Farm would like to surrender the existing lease and take a new lease on a 25 year term. It was proposed that in all other respects the lease should mirror the existing agreement and so all other terms would be the same as were in the original lease subject to modernisation.

RESOLVED that approval be given to the surrender and renewal of the lease as detailed in the report.

52/14 ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (TRADED SERVICES) In recognition of the increasing importance of trading with external organisations, particularly with schools but not exclusively, it was proposed that a new role of Assistant Director (Traded Services) was established for an initial period of two years.

The Chief Executive's report to Cabinet on 12 November 2013 in relation to the senior corporate management structure established the principle that new posts may be established on a self-financing basis in the future. This post was another example and was anticipated to become self-financing within the two year period on the basis of generating additional income from external organisations and schools. It was estimated that the Council generated in excess of £60m income per annum from trading with schools, particularly within Corporate Resources and Children and Younger Adults Departments. Any reduction in this income would have a significant impact on both departments' budgets and consequently the employees.

This new post would provide a single point of contact and focus on ensuring that the Council presented a corporate, coherent and cohesive offer to other organisations and schools wishing to purchase support and other services from the Council. A key element of the role would be to review existing charging frameworks, marketing material and "customer" relations. The corporate governance arrangements would be developed in due course with CMT acting as the trading board.

RESOLVED to agree (1) the establishment of a temporary post of Assistant Director, Traded Services at grade 16;

(2) the post being established for an initial two year period subject to review on the basis of becoming self-financing within this period; and

(3) that the employing department will be Corporate Resources and the incumbent will report directly to the Strategic Director Corporate Resources.

53/14 **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 confirm the exempt minutes of the meetings held on 27 March and 4 April 2014 (contains exempt information).
2. To consider the exempt reports of the Director of Property on:-
 - a) Connexions Property at 9 The Quadrant, Buxton
 - b) Disposal of Non-Operational Properties
 - c) Change of premises for Timbercraft on Sheepbridge, Chesterfield (contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding that information))