

Public

MINUTES of a meeting of the **CABINET MEMBER FOR COUNCIL SERVICES** held on 27 March 2014 at County Hall, Matlock

PRESENT

Cabinet Member – Councillor B Ridgway

Also in attendance – Councillor M V Longden

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillor J Owen

35/14 **MINUTES RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 4 March 2014 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Cabinet Member.

36/14 **SUBSCRIPTION TO THE RESOURCE REDISTRIBUTION NETWORK – WARP-it** WARP-it was a re-distribution network which made it easy for individuals in an organisation to give away or loan unwanted items to others inside the same organisation or beyond. WARP-it was also able to provide financial reporting, carbon emissions reporting and was able to report on how much waste had been diverted from landfill. WARP-it would allow the Council to improve on the current system and potentially re-use more office items. The WARP-it network also allowed the loaning and borrowing of equipment which would be of a wider benefit to the community, voluntary sector and schools. Developing a 'resource re-distribution network' would minimise waste by implementing the best practicable environmental option and would also help to manage unavoidable waste.

The cost for annual subscription to WARP-it was £2,000 and could be met from the corporate sustainability budget. Included in the cost was the setup of the network, training and on-going support for staff using the system.

RESOLVED that (1) approval is given for the Council to subscribe to the WARP-it resource redistribution network for a period of 12 months; and

(2) an evaluation of the benefits was carried out after 12 months to gauge success and the potential for continuation.

37/14 **CLIMATE CHANGE PROJECT OFFICER CONTRACT EXTENSION** Approval was sought to fund the extension of the Climate Change Project Officer (CCPO) contract until 31 March 2015. The County Council had benefitted from having a corporate Climate Change Project Officer since July 2008. The CCPO post had proved to be an invaluable resource for Derbyshire County Council in furthering understanding of climate

change adaptation and planning to manage future risks to services associated with a changing climate. The CCPO had engaged closely with regional partners to ensure the County Council was at the forefront of research and learning in this critical area of work and had liaised with partners locally to support them to develop action plans.

East Midlands Regional Improvement and Efficiency Partnership (RIEP) funding for the CCPO post had ended at the end of March 2012. Since 2012-13 the post had been jointly funded by Policy and Research and Environmental Services budgets. Given the importance of this area of work, it was recommended that funding for the contract for the Climate Change Project Officer be extended for a further 12 months until March 2015.

RESOLVED that approval be given to fund the extension of the Climate Change Project Officer (CCPO) contract until 31 March 2015.

38/14 SHIREBROOK LIBRARY – ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS FOR DISABLED PEOPLE Shirebrook Library was a building from which the County Council provided a service to the public and had now been identified as in need of access improvements. These included internal alterations to create a new accessible toilet, alterations to an existing fire exit, replacing some internal doors, refurbishment of the external steps and minor improvements to the external ramp and handrail. It was proposed that the scheme be funded from the 2012-13 Access Improvements Budget.

RESOLVED that approval be given to completing a scheme of access improvement works at Shirebrook Library at a cost of £40,000 using funding from the 2012-13 Access Improvements Budget.

39/14 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 meeting held on 4 March 2014 (contains exempt information).
2. To consider the exempt report of the Director of Finance on the Audit Services Unit – Minor Staffing Changes (contains information relating to any individual)
3. To consider the exempt reports of the Director of Property on:-
 - a) Leashaw Road, Holloway – Highway Works

- b) Charges for the Small Business Centre Units
- c) Archaeological Way multi-user trail
- d) Rutland Mill, Ilkeston dilapidation claim
(contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding that information))