

**MINUTES** of a meeting of the **CABINET MEMBER FOR HIGHWAYS, TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE** held on 31 May 2016 at County Hall, Matlock.

**PRESENT**

Cabinet Member – Councillor D Collins

Also in attendance – Councillors P Dunn, J Owen and S A Spencer.

**55/16      PETITION      RESOLVED** (1) to receive the under-mentioned petitions:-

<b><u>Location/Subject</u></b>	<b><u>Signatures</u></b>	<b><u>Local Member</u></b>
Newbold C of E School – Request for Safety Measures outside the School	118	Councillor J Innes

and (2) that the Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Communities be asked to investigate the matters raised in the petitions.

**56/16      MINUTES      RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Infrastructure held on 10 May 2016 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Cabinet Member.

**57/16      PROPOSAL TO LEVY CHARGES FOR THE MONITORING OF TRAVEL PLANS THROUGH THE PLANNING PROCESS**      Travel plans forming part of planning applications were currently consulted upon by the Local Planning Authorities (LPA's) through Derbyshire County Council's Highways Development Control Team. If planning permission was granted, a condition was normally imposed requiring the developer to monitor the travel plan and submit the results in the form of annual reports to the LPA for approval.

Generally LPA's did not have the necessary expertise or capacity to review travel plan monitoring reports and it has been recognised that the introduction of a travel plan monitoring toolkit, made available to both LPA's and developers, would provide for a more consistent and qualitative approach to the travel planning process. The County Council has, with the support of the Midland Service Improvement Group (MSIG) and other partner authorities, been able to procure the development of a travel plan monitoring toolkit. The toolkit, STARSfor, has been developed in partnership with Modeshift, and was more efficient than paper and PDF travel plans. It would also save time when putting together a travel plan and allow access to site information online at any time. It would provide a consistent

approach and allow member authorities to access travel plan data and monitor effectiveness of travel plans.

It was proposed that Derbyshire County Council promotes the use of this toolkit to potential users as its preferred methodology for the submission of travel plans in Derbyshire. It was also proposed that the County Council offer the service of monitoring the travel plan, through the use of the toolkit, for a charge based on the amount of time needed for an officer to undertake this specific task. The charge would not generate a profit and it was suggested that the hourly rate be based on that of an officer at Grade 10 level which currently equated to £51.61 per hour. This included on-costs and the pending pay award, and would be subject to increases based on future pay awards to Council employees. The cost of travel, if required, would be levied and based on the standard rate of 45p per mile.

The social value has been considered as it was recognised that by providing the option for developers and LPA's to use this service, the County Council would be encouraging the use of in-house resources as opposed to those provided by external providers such as consultants, should the end-user be interested in utilising this provision.

**RESOLVED** (1) to welcome the development of a travel plan monitoring toolkit developed in partnership via the Midlands Service Improvement Group; and

(2) that it be offered to developers to meet their travel plan monitoring obligations on a charged for basis.

**58/16      APPROVAL FOR THE ALLOCATION OF THE RESOURCE RECOVERY SOLUTIONS (DERBYSHIRE) LTD WASTE MINIMISATION AND EDUCATION INITIATIVES FUND**

The long term waste contract with Resource Recovery Solutions (RRS) included the requirement to provide a full-time Waste Minimisation and Education Officer (WMEO) and the development of an annual Waste Minimisation and Education Plan (WMEP). The WMEP was produced in partnership with RRS, the County Council and Derby City Council; managed by RRS and supported by the Initiatives Fund of £100,000, which the County Council contributed 77.4% and Derby City Council 22.6%.

It was proposed that the 2016-17 WMEP would target households and children in Derbyshire. To progress these initiatives approval was sought for the allocation of the funding in the sum of £15,000 for Household campaigns to increase recycling/composting and reduce residual waste in the Thriving Family area of Gamesley and attendance at waste awareness roadshow events. The sum of £9,122 for children school visits to promote waste reduction, reuse and recycling/composting; educational resources for use in schools; support to schools to progress waste related topics in the Eco Schools programme; children's newsletter promoting waste reduction, reuse and recycling/composting; and assistance at the annual Eco Schools Conference arranged for teachers by the County Council's Eco Schools Officer. £60,538 would be allocated to the WTC Education Centre for development of the indoor and outdoor space at the centre

and development of the educational resources for children and adult visitors to the centre.

An element of the Initiatives Fund (£10,000) was set aside for communications work, specifically relating to the waste treatment centre at Sinfin Lane, Derby with the County Council contributing £7,740 and Derby City Council contributing £2,260 of this element of the Fund.

**RESOLVED** to approve the allocation of the Resources Recovery Solutions (Derbyshire) Ltd Initiatives Fund as detailed in the report.

**59/16      HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT GRANTS BUDGET** Derbyshire County Council has used its Historic Environment Grants budget to lever in funding into the County to protect and enhance the built historic environment. The budget for 2016-17 was £40,500.22.

The Derwent Valley Conservation Area Grant Scheme includes the area of Cromford and Belper and Milford, with partner contributions from Derbyshire Dales District Council and Amber Valley Borough Council. Partners have confirmed that they were able to provide the same level of funding for this year as last, and if the County Council contributed the same as last year the total budget would be £18,000.

South Derbyshire District Council (SDDC) has been successful in its bid to HLF for a Swadlincote Townscape Heritage scheme. The total project fund was £411,600 over a 4-year period. An annual County Council contribution of £10,000, for each of those four years, has been requested by SDDC. It was proposed to contribute £10,000 to this initiative from the Historic Environment Grants budget. Bolsover District Council (BDC) was successful in its bid to the HLF for works to Bolsover Model Village. The total project fund was £10.5m. An annual contribution of £10,000, from the County Council, for each of those four years, has been requested by BDC.

In previous years, £10,000 has been earmarked purely for archaeological projects. However, due to reductions in the grant budget, it was proposed that grant bids for these projects would be the subject of separate reports. Derbyshire Archaeological Advisory Committee (DAAC) coordinated the publication of Archaeology and Conservation in Derbyshire (ACID) and has received a quote for this year's design and printing of £5,000. DAAC was seeking a contribution of up to £2,500 from Derbyshire County Council. The Peak District National Park Authority has already confirmed it would be contributing the balance of £2,500.

Other potential projects for funding were the 'Clusters' heritage street works, Belper; and Derbyshire Buildings at Risk Survey, hosted by Derbyshire Historic Buildings Trust on its website which was becoming unfit for purpose.

Contributions were invariably received from the private sector, usually the building owners, which were not quantified in the report.

Social value has been considered and the works that were supported through the grant scheme improved the quality and attractiveness of the public realm. These were areas that were accessible to all and help promote pride in local environments and social cohesion. In addition to this, the contracts tend to be undertaken by local trades people, retaining specialist skills locally and supporting the local economy.

**RESOLVED** to approve (1) the allocation of £9,000 towards the Derwent Valley Mills Conservation Area Partnership scheme between Derbyshire County Council, Amber Valley Borough Council, and Derbyshire Dales District Council, for 2016-17;

(2) the allocation of £10,000 towards the Swadlincote Townscape Heritage scheme between Derbyshire County council, South Derbyshire District Council, the Heritage Lottery Fund and other contributory partners, for 2016-17;

(3) the allocation of £10,000 towards Bolsover Model Village Heritage scheme between Derbyshire County Council, Bolsover District Council, the Heritage Lottery Fund and other contributory partners, for 2016-17; and

(4) a £2,500 contribution towards the printing and publication costs of 'Archaeology and Conservation in Derbyshire'.

#### **60/16      CONSULTATION : SCHEDULE OF MAIN MODIFICATIONS TO THE SOUTH DERBYSHIRE SUBMISSION LOCAL PLAN PART 1**

South Derbyshire District Council (SDDC) submitted the South Derbyshire Local Plan Part 1 (LPPt1) to the Secretary of State in August 2014 and an Examination in Public (EIP) was held in November and December 2014. In response to the provisional findings, SDDC carried out further work to address a number of outstanding issues and the EIP was resumed on 8 and 9 December 2015. On 28 January 2016, SDDC published Main Modifications to the LPPt1.

Derbyshire County Council officers have submitted extensive additional comments to SDDC and the Inspector on a range of matters and have signed three Statements of Common Ground with SDDC and two strategic site promoters. In order to meet the statutory deadline of 13 April 2016 for submission of comments, informal Member and Officer technical comments were submitted on the Main Modifications, subject to agreement at this Cabinet Member meeting.

The report fully detailed the technical comments made by officers to SDDC.

**RESOLVED** that officers be delegated to send a formal response to South Derbyshire District Council in response to its public consultation on the Schedule of Main Modifications to the South Derbyshire Submission Local Plan 1, in line with the issues and comments set out in the report.

**61/16**                    **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**                    **RESOLVED**            that the public, including the press, be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the remaining item on the agenda to avoid the disclosure of the kind of exempt information detailed in the following summary of proceedings:-

**SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS CONDUCTED AFTER THE PUBLIC, INCLUDING THE PRESS, WERE EXCLUDED FROM THE MEETING**

1.     To consider the exempt Report of the Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Communities on Align Existing Contracts for Leachate Collection and Disposal from Closed Landfill Sites (contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of a particular person (including the authority holding that information))