

MINUTES of a meeting of the **CABINET MEMBER FOR HIGHWAYS, TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE** held on 13 September 2016 at County Hall, Matlock.

PRESENT

Cabinet Member – Councillor D Collins

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

100/16 **PETITION** **RESOLVED** (1) to receive the under-mentioned petition:-

<u>Location/Subject</u>	<u>Signatures</u>	<u>Local Member</u>
Pinxton, Town Street, Wharf Lane, Station Road, Kirby Lane – Objection to Proposed Traffic Signals	44	Councillor J Coyle

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

101/16 **MINUTES** **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Infrastructure held on 23 August 2016 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Cabinet Member.

102/16 **ENFORCEMENT ACTION UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE HIGHWAYS ACT 1980 SECTION 143 – REMOVAL OF STRUCTURES FROM THE PUBLIC HIGHWAY AT DERBY ROAD, MONYASH** The item was deferred pending further information.

103/16 **CONSULTATION : SOUTH DERBYSHIRE LOCAL PLAN PART 2**
The South Derbyshire Local Plan Part 1 (LP Pt1) was adopted by SDDC in June 2016 and consultation was now being undertaken on the Local Plan Part 2 (LPP2).

LPP2 sets out more detailed local development management policies to guide future development in the District on matters such as settlement boundaries; housing development in urban and rural areas, including 18 non-strategic housing allocations totalling around 790 dwellings; the built and natural environment; education, including a policy for the identification and safeguarding of land for a new secondary school to accommodate at least 800 pupils on a minimum of 10 hectares (ha) of land; retail and town centres; and infrastructure provision.

In order to meet the statutory deadline of 15 August 2016 for submission of comments, informal comments from the County Council have been submitted on the LPPT2, subject to agreement at this Cabinet Member meeting. The report outlined the comments made on these matters. Councillor Lauro's comments were detailed in the report and Councillor Davison had also provided comments.

RESOLVED that authority be delegated to officers to send a formal response to South Derbyshire District Council in response to its public consultation on the South Derbyshire Local Plan Part 2, in line with the issues and comments set out in the report.

104/16 DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL'S COUNTRYSIDE SERVICE POLICY FOR WORKING WITH COMMUNITY GROUPS 2016 – 2021

The draft Countryside Service Policy for working with Community Group was now ready for publication for public consultation. The Countryside Service has worked closely with the Director of Human Resources and the Director of Legal Services, as well as the two Local Access Forums for the County during the drafting stage.

The draft Policy would provide a consistent approach to the Council's engagement with community groups by standardising and formalising procedures. It was intended that the Policy was reviewed and updated as necessary, for example, to comply with changes in the law, and at least every five years. Any working arrangement between the Countryside Service and community groups was intended to support and enhance the work of paid staff, not replace them.

It was intended to consult on the draft Policy over a 6 week period, from 3 October to 11 November 2016, by publishing the Policy on the County Council's website and distributing it to interested groups and organisations.

RESOLVED to (1) approve the draft Countryside Service Policy for Working with Community Groups 2016 – 2021 as a draft for consultation; and

(2) agree, following the results of the consultation, to the final Policy and associated Equality Impact Analysis being submitted to a future Cabinet meeting for adoption.

105/16 POTENTIAL BID FOR FUNDING FROM THE HERITAGE LOTTERY FUND GREAT PLACES SCHEME

The Cabinet Member agreed to consider this item as a late report as a submission of an Expression of Interest was required before the next meeting.

The Great Place Scheme was a new funding stream organised by the HLF, the Arts Council and Historic England. It was a pilot scheme which aimed to put arts, culture and heritage at the heart of the local vision for 12 places across England, 4 of which would be rural. It would fund projects where there was already a strong local partnership approach and a commitment to embed arts, culture and

heritage into local plans, policies and strategies. The Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site (DVMWHS) was an established partnership and has delivered successful projects.

A brief analysis of the scheme, activities and expected outcomes were detailed in the report. It was felt that there was a good strategic fit between the scheme and the aims and objectives of the DVMWHS partnership. It was proposed that an officer working group would draft the Expressions of Interest and if invited would submit a full application. The scheme would be discussed by the DVMWHS Steering Group, the Management Panels and officers in Derbyshire County Council's Regeneration, Arts, Conservation and Design, and Countryside Services departments. The Expression of Interest will outline projects that could be included to deliver maximum economic, cultural, social and community benefit.

RESOLVED (1) to approve the submission of an Expression of Interest for 6 October 2016 and if invited by the Heritage Lottery Fund, that the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site submits a full application to the Great Place scheme by 12 January 2017; and

(2) to contribute up to a maximum of £150,000 from the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site Partnership reserve as match funding towards this proposal should the bid be successful.

106/16 BUDGET MONITORING 2016-17 – PERIOD 3

The net controllable budget for the Highways, Transport and Infrastructure Portfolio was £72.859m. The Revenue Budget Monitoring Statement, prepared at Period 3, indicated that there was a projected year end overspend of £2.005m. There was an amount of overspend of £2.177m on the provision of local bus services and it was agreed by Cabinet on 27b January 2016 that up to £3.500m of the cost of this would be met from General Reserves over 2 years. The forecast was therefore an underspend of £0.172m.

Key variances included Highway Maintenance (projected overspend of £1.582m), Highways Management (projected overspend of £0.976m), Transport and Travel (projected overspend of £1.211m), Waste Management (projected underspend of £0.555m), Resources and Improvement (projected underspend of £0.463m and unallocated budget £1.465m.

Budget reductions totalling £7.371m were allocated for the year and it was anticipated that £5.022m of these would have been achieved by the year end. The reason for non-achievement included the Street Lighting LED savings, Countryside Phase 2 restructure and Cabinet agreeing to support the provision of local bus services.

Earmarked Reserves totalling £25.571m were currently held to support future expenditure for Grants (including £1.9m Road Safety PSA II)(£2.101m), Committed Liabilities – Revenue (£1.750m), Committed Liabilities – Capital

(£16.046m), Winter Maintenance (£2.000m), Partnership and Other Councils monies held by Derbyshire County Council (£0.164m), Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site (£0.183m), Laboratory and Fleet Equipment (£0.212m), Waste Recycling Initiatives (£0.391m), Derby and Derbyshire Road Safety Partnership (£0.295m), and Non-Committed Reserves including previous years' underspends (£2.420m).

RESOLVED to note the report.

107/16 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 Replacement of the Flood Gate at Tapton Mill Bridge (St Helena's), on the Chesterfield Canal (contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of a particular company (including the authority holding that information))
2. To consider the exempt Report of the Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Communities on Establishment of post of Senior Project Engineer (contains information relating to any individual)