

PUBLIC

MINUTES of a meeting of the **CABINET MEMBER FOR STRATEGIC POLICY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND BUDGET** held on 20 September 2016 at County Hall, Matlock

PRESENT

Cabinet Member – Councillor Ms A Western

Also in attendance – Councillors B Lewis and R Mihalý

34/16 **PETITION RESOLVED** to receive and endorse a petition against hate crime and racism from the Buxton Group of Amnesty International.

35/16 **MINUTES RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 15 August 2016 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Cabinet Member.

36/16 **D2 BUSINESS ADVICE GROWTH SERVICE** Approval was sought to contract with an external provider to manage the delivery, financial reporting and monitoring of the D2 Business Advice Growth Service and to authorise the Council to enter into a Collaboration Agreement with Nottingham City Council (the accountable body) to deliver the D2N2 Growth Hub project.

RESOLVED to (1) note the continued development of the D2N2 Growth Hub model and confirmed spend of Derbyshire County Council's match funding;

(2) approve the award of a contract to NBV Enterprise Solutions Ltd to manage the delivery, financial reporting and monitoring of the D2 (Derby and Derbyshire) Business Advice Growth Service (D2BAGS) for years 2016-17 to 2019 at a cost of £72,000; and

(3) authorise entering into a Collaboration Agreement with Nottingham City Council (the accountable body) to deliver the D2N2 Growth Hub project.

37/16 **BUDGET MONITORING 2016-17 – MONTH 3** The budget for the Strategic Policy, Economic Development and Budget portfolio currently stood at approximately £7.914m. The budget monitoring for month 3 was currently showing an underspend of £0.242m, and this was detailed in Appendix 1 to the report. It was anticipated that there would not be this level of underspend at the end of the year. The key variance was as follows:-

Chief Executives – underspend £0.189m

The key underspend related to the front loaded savings from 2014-15, which would be used to provide capacity for essential Council priorities including communication and policy and to manage the budget cuts within Chief Executive's Office. As such an underspend at the year end was not anticipated.

The current balances on the Earmarked Reserves (including reserves held corporately, by the Chief Executive's Office and by the Economy, Transport and Communities Department), totalling £5.696m, were listed in Appendix 2 to the report. These had been earmarked for corporate issues or committed to projects and initiatives that contributed to the Council's Council Plan pledges and priorities.

Budget reductions totalling £0.425m had been allocated to Chief Executive's Office budgets in 2016-17, although it had been agreed to carry over the budget cuts for the department into 2019-20. As such £0.339m cuts had been achieved against the in-year target, as identified in the table at Appendix 3.

RESOLVED to note the monitoring position for period 3 on the 2016-17 revenue budget.

38/16 DERBYSHIRE CHALLENGE FUND – REVIEW OF INDEPENDENT AND NON-MAINTAINED SPECIAL SCHOOL PROVISION FOR DERBYSHIRE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE Agreement was sought for funding from the Derbyshire Challenge Fund in order to carry out a review of placements of Derbyshire pupils with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) currently placed in independent and non-maintained special schools. The work would be undertaken by the Education Psychology Service, with support from the children's commissioning team. The purpose of the bid was to recover a contribution of salary costs for additional work undertaken by an Education Psychologist (£20,662) and a Commissioning Manager (£9,000) to conduct an economic and needs evaluation assessment.

RESOLVED to approve the bid to the Derbyshire Challenge Fund.

39/16 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC **RESOLVED** to exclude the public from the meeting during 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 15 August 2016

40/16 **MINUTES RESOLVED** that the exempt minutes of the meeting held on 15 August 2016 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Cabinet Member.