

PUBLIC

MINUTES of a meeting of the **CABINET MEMBER FOR STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP, CULTURE AND TOURISM** held on 5 October 2017 at County Hall, Matlock

PRESENT

Cabinet Member – Councillor B Lewis

Also in attendance – Councillor G Wharmby

8/17 **MINUTES RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 31 August 2017 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Cabinet Member.

9/17 **BUDGET MONITORING 2017-18 – MONTH 3** The budget for the Strategic Leadership, Culture and Tourism portfolio currently stood at approximately £14.196m. The budget monitoring for month 3 was currently showing an underspend of £0.117m as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report. The key variances were as follows:-

Chief Executive's – underspend £0.363m

The key underspend related to vacancies throughout the department and would be used to help manage the budget cuts within the Chief Executive's Office.

Libraries – overspend £0.296m

The main area of overspend related to budget savings not being achieved. A savings target of £0.757m had been allocated for 2017-18 of which £0.286m would be achieved. However, the Revenue Budget report approved by Full Council on 8 February 2017 agreed to support the savings shortfall through use of one-off funding.

The current balances on the portfolio's earmarked reserves, which totalled £5.246m, 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 Plan pledges and priorities.

Base budget reductions totalling £0.417m had been allocated to the Chief Executive's Office budgets in 2017-18, although it had been agreed that £0.220m would not be achieved until 2019-20. As such, £0.197m savings had been achieved against the in-year target, as identified in the table at Appendix 3 to the report. It was pointed out that the budget savings target identified for Arts under the Economy, Transport and Communities budget should be removed.

RESOLVED to note the monitoring position for period 3 of the 2017-18 revenue budget.

10/17 SUMMER OF CYCLING 2017 – THE WOMEN’S TOUR AND EROICA BRITANNIA At its meeting of 31 January 2017, Cabinet agreed to:

- Support Eroica Britannia 2017 up to a maximum value of £20,000 in sponsorship and deliver one or more food stops up to a maximum value of £10,000.
- Financially support the hosting of one complete stage of the OVO Energy Women’s Tour 2017, in equal partnership with Chesterfield Borough Council, up to a maximum value of £72,500.

A summary of the two events detailing, where possible, evidence of the benefits to the local visitor economy and to Derbyshire County Council in general, was provided. It also outlined estimates of additional costs incurred that were over and above those already highlighted, costs that were absorbed within Economy, Transport and Communities service budgets and related predominantly to officer time.

What was evident, was that the 2017 Derbyshire and Chesterfield stage of the OVO Energy Women’s Tour was being widely regarded by the organisers and riders themselves, as the best yet in the four year history of the event, this in terms of racing, crowds, scenery and local delivery. In order to achieve this, a great deal of activity by a number of Council officers was necessary and it was this Officer time, estimated to equate to between £45,000 and £50,000, that had to be put into context when assessing the benefits as described in the report. Over 40 officers, predominantly from within Economy, Transport and Communities had varying degrees of involvement, from actual project and traffic management to assisting on the day of the event itself. It was worth noting that officers were successful in attracting modest levels of sponsorship from a variety of local businesses and organisations, based on a range of packages made available and promoted to these organisations. The revenue raised through sponsorship had been shared equally between the County Council and Chesterfield Borough Council to ensure consistency with the equal cost sharing agreements detailed in the report.

RESOLVED to (1) note the content of the report, highlighting both the costs and the benefits of the Summer Cycling Programme 2017;

(2) request that the Strategic Director Economy, Transport and Communities explored the potential to host a stage of the Women’s Tour in 2018 by initiating dialogue with potential partner organisations, which would include an assessment of options for a variety of start and finish locations; and

(3) request that the Strategic Director Economy, Transport and Communities explored the potential to support the requirements of a food stop for Eroica Britannia 2018.

11/17 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 31 August 2017.
2. To consider the exempt report of the Strategic Director Economy, Transport and Communities on Security at Chesterfield Library – contract award (contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding that information))