

PUBLIC

**MINUTES** of a meeting of the **CABINET MEMBER FOR STRATEGIC POLICY AND BUDGET** held on 10 November 2014 at County Hall, Matlock

**PRESENT**

Cabinet Member – Councillor Ms A Western

Also in attendance – Councillor M V Longden

**29/14** **MINUTES RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 29 September 2014 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Cabinet Member.

**30/14** **BUDGET MONITORING 2014-15 – MONTH 5** The budget for the Strategic Policy and Budget portfolio was approximately £6.0m. The budget monitoring was currently projecting an underspend of £0.570m and this was detailed in Appendix 3 to the report. The key variances were as follows:-

Communications – projected underspend £0.210m

The key underspends of £0.410m related to staffing within Call Derbyshire and Communications, due to strict vacancy control during the recent review of how the Council communicated with stakeholders, and a reduction in expenditure on printed publications by reducing the volume of printed materials and reducing print costs.

Policy and Research – projected underspend £0.199m

The underspend was mainly due to a gradual reduction in the number of payments to local authorities in Derbyshire for the administration of Local Area Forums. There were also underspends of approximately £0.070m on a number of budgets covering staffing, travel and supplies and services.

The current balances on the Department's Earmarked Reserves, totalling £18.282m, were listed in Appendix 2 to the report. Budget reductions totalling £0.174m were allocated and £0.417m had been achieved, generating front loaded savings of £0.243m. The table showing performance against target was attached as Appendix 3 to the report.

**RESOLVED** to note the monitoring position on the 2014-15 revenue budget.

**31/14** **GREATER MANCHESTER JOINT HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE** The Greater Manchester Association of Clinical Commissioning Groups intended to carry out a statutory consultation on the proposed

reconfiguration of some hospital services across Greater Manchester, under the auspices of the Healthier Together Programme.

The Greater Manchester Authorities had previously set up a Joint Health Scrutiny Panel for the purposes of scrutinising the NHS in Greater Manchester. It was determined that this Panel should become the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee for the purposes of the Healthier Together Programme. This Panel had been renamed The Greater Manchester Joint Health Scrutiny Committee. In accordance with the Regulations, only the Joint Committee would have the opportunity to respond to the consultation regarding the reconfiguration of services.

It had been identified that this reconfiguration of hospital services would affect the Derbyshire residents living in the High Peak. Therefore, in order for Derbyshire County Council to participate in the consultation programme, the Council must become a member of the Greater Manchester Joint Health Scrutiny Committee. Council would be asked to approve the County Council becoming a member of the Greater Manchester Joint Health Scrutiny Committee for the purposes of the Healthier Together Consultation and to approve the terms of reference at its meeting on 2 December 2014.

Therefore, pending further consideration of this matter by the Council, approval was sought for Councillor Bisknell to attend the meetings of the Greater Manchester Joint Health Scrutiny Committee as a non-voting member.

**RESOLVED** to (1) approve the appointment of Councillor Caitlin Bisknell as the representative for Derbyshire County Council as a non-voting member of the Greater Manchester Joint Health Scrutiny Panel; and

(2) note the proposals to be put to Council on 2 December 2014.

**32/14**      **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 29 September 2014 (contains exempt information).

**33/14**      **MINUTES RESOLVED** that the exempt minutes of the meeting held on 29 September 2014 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Cabinet Member.