

MINUTES of a meeting of **CABINET** held on 1 September 2015 at County Hall, Matlock

PRESENT

Councillor A Western (in the Chair)

Councillors D Allen, D Collins and J A Coyle

Councillor B Lewis also attended the meeting

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors A Botham, K Morgan and P J Smith

298/15 **MINORITY GROUP LEADERS' QUESTIONS** Councillor B Lewis asked the following questions:-

Agenda Item 7(b) – Thriving Communities

The report sets out what at first glance appears to be a grand ambition but is actually thin on real outcomes. Other than stating four people will be employed and describing areas of work to engage people in “deploying resources” this report does not actually say how it will ultimately make things better for people in these target areas, especially as it highlights the excellent work already being done there by both statutory and the voluntary sector partners. Yet this scheme comes at an additional cost of nearly £400,000. What does this scheme actually hope to achieve that is not already being achieved by other schemes and partners that would justify the additional resources?

The most difficult aspect of any similar scheme is engaging those who do not want to be engaged or who make engagement a most difficult prospect, yet this scheme does not seem to want to grasp that nettle. Why not?

Much work is already being done under various schemes such as Troubled Families and the work, much vaunted by this authority, of Multi Agency Teams, and this one, whilst describing itself as a scheme that aims to reduce duplication seems to actually increase it. Perhaps the Cabinet member would like to clarify?

Councillor A Western, Leader of the Council, stated that work was being undertaken around the scheme, but this was under severe threat due to financial reductions. A number of cuts had taken place, and it would be impossible to ignore these. However, a fundamental different approach to the scheme was being developed.

In terms of engaging with people, Councillor Western stated that it was the responsibility of the local authority to listen more to what the public wanted in their communities. However, a big risk was the threat of services withdrawing from communities.

It was suggested that S Eaton could brief the minority group members on the work that had been undertaken around thriving communities.

Agenda Item 7(g) – Asset Management of Highways Maintenance Operations

The principal of a Highways Maintenance Framework Contract is supported, could the Cabinet member tell us how long this procurement exercise will take?

Councillor D Collins, Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Infrastructure, stated that the procurement exercise required some significant work. It was the intention that new arrangements would be in place by Spring 2016, and where contracts expired before this date, arrangements would be made to ensure continuity.

Agenda Item 7(h) – Casualty Report

It is regrettable that these statistics show a significant increase in casualties in 2014, which is attributed in the main, to better weather. Weather conditions in 2013 were also reasonably good, but did not seem to give rise to anything like the same accident statistics as 2014, which indicates that other factors also come into play. Whilst we note some of the actions, such as the adult cycling courses, what other casualty reductions initiatives will the Road Safety Partnership be initiating to address the upwards trend in the statistics?

Councillor D Collins, Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Infrastructure explained that a range of factors had increased the number of casualties, including an increase in traffic volume and vehicle speeds, different weather patterns and the increasing popularity of cycling. Lots of work was being undertaken to address the issue, including working with older people's groups to implement an assessment and training initiative for older drivers, providing guidance on motorcycle safety including Bikesafe, Enhanced Rider Training and CBTPlus, motorcycle awareness campaigns on targeted roads and improved activities for rider engagement, launching an Occupational Road Risk website and offering safer driving advice to businesses, launching County Rider, providing free training to adult cyclists in four districts with the intention to roll this out, and running the Young Driver Education Programme and Learnsafe Drivesafe programme.

299/15 **MINUTES RESOLVED** that the non-exempt minutes of the meeting of Cabinet held on 28 July 2015 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

300/15 **CABINET MEMBER MEETINGS – MINUTES RESOLVED** to receive the non-exempt minutes of Cabinet Member meetings as follows:-

- (a) Children and Young People – 14 July and 11 August 2015
- (b) Council Services – 20 July and 10 August 2015
- (c) Health and Communities – 28 July 2015
- (d) Highways, Transport and Infrastructure – 28 July 2015
- (e) Strategic Policy, Economic Development and Budget – 29 July 2015
- (f) Adult Social Care – 5 August 2015

301/15 **REVIEW OF TRUSTED TRADER SCHEME** (Improvement and Scrutiny – Resources) Councillor M Booth, Chair of the Working Group, presented the final report of the Scrutiny Review of the Derbyshire Trusted Trader Scheme. This detailed the research, meetings and evidence gathering which had informed the review and had helped to develop the outcomes and recommendations.

RESOLVED to (1) note the report of the Improvement and Scrutiny Committee – Resources on its review of the Derbyshire Trusted Trader Scheme and to receive the recommendations of the Scrutiny Review;

(2) accept all the recommendations contained within the report; and

(3) note that, as agreed recommendations are implemented, progress will be monitored by the Improvement and Scrutiny Committee – Resources as strategic intervals through the completed Action Plan which will be provided to the Scrutiny Committee within two months of the date of the report.

302/15 **THRIVING COMMUNITIES – DERBYSHIRE CHALLENGE FUND BID** (Strategic Policy, Economic Development and Budget) Public services were increasingly looking at ways in which to involve local people in designing and shaping services in their area to ensure that decisions were devolved to the lowest level and to ensure that resources met real need. Supporting Councillors to take on the role of community leaders and putting local people at the heart of decision making were key priorities as set out in the Council Plan 2014-17. Although there were pockets of good support in many local areas, and a number of staff had been tasked with supporting local communities, it was not consistent across the county or part of an overall framework.

Over the last eighteen months, detailed work had taken place in Cotmanhay to meet the aims of the Thriving Families project, and the project

had begun work in three other areas of the county – Gamesley, Shirebrook and Danesmoor. Work on Thriving Families had developed thinking on the co-design and co-production of services in local communities, and evidence gathered had challenged the way in which services were currently delivered. Public sector resources were diminishing, and this would continue beyond the planned reductions to 2017/18. There would inevitably be a disinvestment in services across the county, and this was likely to impact on areas such as Cotmanhay the most. The County Council had also been supporting the Health and Wellbeing Board's priority to develop a collective approach to the creation of social capital across Derbyshire as well as exploring ways to strengthen the community leadership role of elected members.

Work on Thriving Families alongside recent work that had been undertaken fit under a broader remit of Thriving Communities. Looking at new and different ways of delivering services in a climate of reduced public sector resources would be a challenge, and proposals were presented to link the various strands of work together to ensure a coordinated locality response, supporting the overall ambitions of the Council and partner agencies moving forward.

The proposed Thriving Communities model built on the work undertaken whilst formalising a 'Team around the Elected Member' approach across the Council. The proposals aimed to equip the local community with the skills and confidence to support itself in the future, and they offered a different model of working to those currently in place. The model would initially be piloted in four/five areas over a two year period – Cotmanhay, Gamesley, Shirebrook, Danesmoor and Swadlincote.

The model sought to use existing resources that were available in each of the areas, but it was recognised that additional support could be required during the earliest stages of project development in communities with the greatest need. The model had a number of key elements – connected team/team around the elected member, community 'out and abouts', For the Community, By the Community, Thriving Communities Workers, and Families Supporting Families. Whilst distinct, the elements were interlinked and needed to be implemented together in each locality. The approach would require the County Council and partner agencies to think and work differently, challenging existing ways of delivering services, and ensuring that resources delivered better outcomes for local communities at a reduced cost to the public. Each of the pilot areas would be tasked with developing an implementation plan for their area, to be in place by March 2016, setting out key activities to be undertaken over the next two years.

Measuring the success of the project would be vital to show what difference was being made. A core set of measures would be developed for the project as a whole, with locality specific measures and targets being

agreed as proposals for each area were rolled out. Further work to refine these would take place over the coming months to ensure that they were fit for purpose and to ensure that the full impact of the project could be measured. It was proposed that a final set of metrics would be brought to a future meeting of Cabinet for consideration.

In terms of rollout and mainstreaming of proposals, there were clear differences between the pilot communities, and there could be additional or different local solutions. However, the proposals offered a model of working which could be rolled out to additional areas. Work to identify elements of the model which could be scaled up across the county would be required, and it was recommended that a small number of areas be identified to pilot proposals without the additional support provided by the proposed Thriving Communities workers. These areas would be evaluated to establish and confirm a framework of activity which could be applied across the county.

To progress the project and to ensure that identified actions were implemented, there needed to be an investment from across the Council and partner agencies at a senior level. The County Council had already nominated the Strategic Director for Children and Young People as the Lead for Cotmanhay, and Corporate Management Team Leads for the other localities had now been identified and all members of the Corporate Management Team had been allocated a district area to support work on the project moving forward. This had been mirrored by the allocation of a Cabinet Team Member Lead for each district, and the Cabinet Member for Health and Communities would take lead responsibility for the Thriving Communities project and its roll out. Partner agencies would be asked to identify strategic leads from within their organisations to be represented at a locality level.

The majority of activity and developing implementation plans would require the involvement and participation of staff across all County Council services at a strategic and local level. Effective communication with staff, Elected Members and partner agencies throughout the life of the project would be essential, and as such it was recommended that a communication plan be developed. Resources from the Communications Team had been allocated and briefings to staff and Elected Members would be undertaken to update on progress where necessary. Further reports to update Cabinet on progress would be made on a regular basis.

A key aim of the project was to reduce public sector spend and as such, where possible, resources to undertake identified activities in the localities should be found and allocated from existing resources in the locality. There would be costs associated with the initial development of the project, which would require additional funding in the short term. Funding from the Derbyshire Challenge Fund totalling £396,064 was being sought to recruit four workers within the County Council to pilot the Thriving Communities approach

across the county for two years. Workers would seek to embed the project within the locality to ensure it was sustainable and could be managed through existing resources. The job profile for the workers had still to be evaluated. A small amount of revenue expenditure had been included within the application to cover mileage and set up costs for each worker. Each worker had also been allocated a £5,000 annual budget to support small scale community activity.

RESOLVED to (1) note the report and the work that has taken place on the Thriving Families project in Cotmanhay;

(2) approve proposals to pilot the Thriving Communities model in Cotmanhay, Danesmoor, Gamesley, Shirebrook and Swadlincote;

(3) approve the application to the Derbyshire Challenge Fund to finance four Thriving Communities workers for a period of two years to support work on the project;

(4) task pilot areas with the development of implementation plans to be in place by March 2016 setting out key activities to be undertaken over the forthcoming two years;

(5) receive proposals for a final set of metrics for the project at a future meeting;

(6) identify a small number of areas to trial key elements of the model such as the team around the Elected Member and community out and abouts to establish the viability of scaling up proposals; and

(7) receive further reports on progress on a regular basis.

303/15 YOUTH EMPLOYMENT STRATEGY (Strategic Policy, Economic Development and Budget) Cabinet had previously been presented with a report outlining the potential scope and focus of a skills strategy for the Council, and it had been agreed to establish a member-led board, tasked with co-ordinating and improving the Council's approach to employment and skills.

Providing the strategic delivery environment for the work was the developing landscape of the Derby and Derbyshire Combined Authority (D2CA) and potential devolution deal. The D2CA had set out five clear shared ambitions, one of which was to create a 21st Century Guildhall for Derbyshire. This sought to change the way in which the skills and labour demands of local employers were supported by better training and education provision and matched to the available labour market.

The Council's Employment and Skills Board had previously agreed that for the Council to achieve better employment outcomes, particularly for young people, there was a need to develop a dedicated Youth Employment Strategy. The Board, supported by a task and finish group, had now prepared such a strategy, and this was presented for approval. The draft Youth Employment Strategy 2015-2020 set out the County Council's commitment to supporting all young people under the age of 25 to make the transition from education and training into employment. Delivery of the Strategy's vision would provide a critical building block in the development and success of the 21st Century Guildhall and would ensure that the Council fulfilled its commitment to the D2CA ambition. To ensure progress against the Strategy's vision, a number of priorities had been identified to help guide the actions and investments of the Council and key stakeholders.

It was the intention for the Strategy to be a living document, with actions and progress reviewed and updated on a regular basis. Responsibility for the delivery of the Strategy would be through the Employment and Skills Board, and day to day delivery of the identified actions would be through the nominated service area.

The Board had also commenced a review of the level and alignment of existing Council staff and financial resources supporting delivery of the broader skills and employment agenda. The work had progressed well, and it was proposed that the results of the review be presented to a future Cabinet meeting.

RESOLVED to (1) approve the Youth Employment Strategy 2015-2020 and to agree the implementation of identified priorities and actions through the Employment and Skills Board;

(2) note that regular progress reports be provided to Cabinet; and

(3) note the ongoing work to review the current level and alignment of Council resources deployed to support the skills and employment agenda and the proposal to provide a further report to Cabinet on conclusion of the work.

304/15 A HAPPIER, HEALTHIER DERBYSHIRE (Health and Communities) Cabinet was informed of the production of the Director of Public Health's Annual Report, 'A happier, healthier Derbyshire'. The aim of this year's report was the promotion of positive mental wellbeing through the nationally recognised 'Five Ways to Wellbeing' initiative. This was a set of evidence-based actions which promoted people's wellbeing.

The report was in a magazine format, and there would be different versions for the target groups of under 5s and their parents, primary school

age children and families, secondary school age young people, adults, and older adults. The publication of the report was timed to coincide with the completion of 'The State of Mental Health in Derbyshire' report, and the launching of the report would coincide with activities to mark World Mental Health Day on 10 October 2015.

Different distribution mechanisms would be used for the adult focussed and children/family focussed reports. The adult versions would be mainly designed as a web-resource, but a limited number of printed copies would be available to ensure that vulnerable groups and those without access to the internet could see the report. The children's versions would be printed and accessible through schools, and a small number would be available from Children's Centres. The report would also be presented to partner organisations.

RESOLVED that the content of the Director of Public Health's Annual Report be endorsed and promoted.

305/15 AUTHORISATION TO CARRY OUT ENFORCEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES (Health and Communities) The Assistant Director, Trading Standards, held the statutory appointment of Chief Inspector of Weights and Measures. A periodic review of existing legislation was undertaken to ensure that enforcement warrants held by Trading Standards staff were accurate. A range of Acts were detailed which comprised some legislation which the Authority had a statutory duty to enforce and some legislation which was adopted because it was considered to be beneficial to the promotion or protection of the interests of the public. The only change to the legislation was the addition of the Control of Horses Act 2015 and Consumer Rights Act 2015.

The Consumer Rights Act 2015 consolidated the main legal provisions covering consumer contracts for goods, services, digital content and unfair terms. The existing legislation had been fragmented and there had been inconsistencies between the changes made as a result of EU legislation and the pre-existing UK legislation. It also consolidated the powers of Trading Standards to investigate potential breaches of consumer law, and allowed the Division to operate across local authority boundaries. A summary of the main areas of the new legislation was presented. The Act introduced new powers to seek redress for consumers who had been disadvantaged by breaches of consumer law and to seek remedies from traders to improve compliance and reduce the likelihood of future breaches. The new law imposed a duty on letting agencies to publicise fees and to say whether or not they were a member of a money protection scheme, and which redress scheme they had joined. There was also a new requirement for the resale of tickets for events.

The Control of Horses Act was intended to address the problem of horses which were present unlawfully on land, and the law had been changed to make it easier for local authorities to take action in relation to horses in public places and for freeholders and occupiers of land to deal with the problem. The Act introduced a procedure to enable local authorities to detain and dispose of horses that were not lawfully permitted to graze in a timely manner.

Section 15 of the Local Government Act 2000 made provision for the discharge of functions which were the responsibility of a Leader and Cabinet executive. Section 15(2) provided that the Executive may allocate functions to any Officers of the Authority. Section 13 of the Act stated that all functions of a Local Authority would be the responsibility of the Executive unless specified in Regulations or express provision to the contrary was made in any other legislation. The Local Authorities (Functions and Responsibilities) (England) Regulations 2000 specified functions not to be the responsibility of an Executive. The delegations of these functions, in respect of Public Protection Enforcement responsibilities was to be considered by the Regulatory – Licensing and Appeals Committee. Such functions could be delegated to officers under the provisions of section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972. Section 222 of the Local Government Act 1972 enabled local authorities to prosecute or defend legal proceedings where the authority considered it expedient for the promotion or protection of the interests of the inhabitants of their area. Section 223 of the Act enabled an officer of a local authority to be authorised to prosecute or defend or to appear in proceedings before a Magistrates Court.

RESOLVED to (1) note the intention to update and consolidate the authorisations from the Regulatory – Licensing and Appeals Committee (14 September 2015) for nominated officers within the Trading Standards Service to undertake enforcement and administrative duties under the relevant provisions of the Acts specified;

(2) note that the statutory appointment of Chief Inspector of Weights and Measures be discharged by the Assistant Director, Trading Standards;

(3) authorise the Assistant Director, Trading Standards to enforce and administer the legislation set out;

(4) authorise such officers of the Trading Standards Service as may be nominated by the Assistant Director, Trading Standards to enforce and administer the legislation set out;

(5) authorise the Assistant Director, Trading Standards, in connection with matters listed, under S223 of the Local Government Act 1972, to consider the facts of a particular case, and if expedient for the protection of the

inhabitants of the County, to institute, prosecute and appear in legal proceedings on behalf of the Derbyshire County Council, before any Court of summary jurisdiction, and to issue suspension notices, apply for forfeiture or destruction orders on goods, and to effect such other legal procedures as are commensurate with the discharge of the enforcement or administration of the above mentioned Acts, and of any Rules, Orders or Regulations made thereunder;

(6) authorise the Assistant Director, Trading Standards to nominate officers to fulfil the functions detailed, including the power to institute, prosecute and appear in legal proceedings on behalf of Derbyshire County Council, before any court of summary jurisdiction; and

(7) continue to provide regular reports to the Cabinet Member – Health and Communities in order to keep Members informed of those matters which are subject of legal proceedings.

306/15 DERBYSHIRE YOUTH COUNCIL UPDATE (Children and Young People) An update was provided on the work of the Derbyshire Youth Council. The notes from the Youth Council conference, held on 23 May 2015, were presented and the key points were highlighted.

RESOLVED to note the work of Derbyshire Youth Council.

307/15 ASSET MANAGEMENT OF HIGHWAYS MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS (Highways, Transport and Infrastructure) The Council had previously been informed by the Department for Transport (DfT) of the anticipated levels of highway maintenance capital funds for the six years from 2015/16 to 2020/21, and this equated to approximately £19m per annum for the County Council.

For some time, the Council had been developing an asset management approach and was preparing records of the location and condition of all its highways assets. These would inform decisions on when and how the various assets should be maintained. In some instances, the plans could form the basis of a bid for additional funds based on knowledge of the condition of the network and the investment required for its maintenance.

The DfT was challenging all highway authorities to adopt the best practice approach by setting aside £578m as an incentive fund. Under the fund, local authorities would be banded in one of three bands. In the Council's case, if it was in band 1, it could amount to a potential loss of £15m over the period to 2020-21. There was therefore a very clear financial incentive for the Council to achieve at least band 2 for 2016-17 and band 3 for 2017-18 if it was to receive all of its allocated maintenance funds.

The DfT had recently published a Self-Assessment Questionnaire (SAQ) comprising 22 questions, and it was intended that this be completed by each authority. The DfT would require the SAQ to be submitted on an annual basis in November, with the band determining the level of incentive funding for the following year. This was the first year that the SAQ had been used to determine the funding and the DfT had decided on a 'dry run' submission at the end of July 2015. The submission from the Council had placed it in band 2, and further work was underway to compile the evidence for the final submission of the SAQ. Before November 2015, it would be necessary to bring a number of reports to Cabinet for consideration so that the information could be included in the SAQ.

While the Council had made good progress in many areas over the past few years, the priorities of the SAQ had identified various work streams that would need to be evidenced to achieve band 2 and 3 status. Much of the work would be carried out by officers, but there were areas where consultants were being engaged to assist with strategy development, lifestyle planning and preparing the term framework contract, to ensure the tight timescales could be achieved.

The Council currently had a number of separate contracts with various suppliers for services. These were with single suppliers, using a variety of forms of contract and covering differing timescales, but best practice now suggested that the provision of these services could be more efficiently delivered via a dedicated Framework that ran for a period of up to four years. The Framework would be divided into Lots which would still enable local suppliers to tender for individual lots. The proposal was to use the Midlands Highways Alliance (MHA) standard contract for this purpose. The contract specification would be developed for the Council's needs and would replace a number of contracts currently used when they expired. In some instances, however, it would be necessary to extend current contracts so that they expired when the new Framework took effect.

It was the intention to let the Framework in collaboration with and for use by member authorities of the alliance, and the aggregated spend of £150m should produce greater efficiencies through increased purchasing power. Cabinet approval was therefore sought to undertake a procurement exercise on behalf of the Council and members of the MHA in line with European Procurement Regulations, inviting tenders for the provision of a Highways Maintenance Framework Contract.

The incentivised element of the Council's Capital Maintenance Funds for 2015-16 to 2020-21 represented around £15m over the six year period. Some, or all, of the funding was at risk if the Council did not reach SAQ band 2 in November 2015 and band 3 by November 2016. The action plan being developed should enable the Council to meet the targets, and SAQ

submissions would be agreed with the Section 151 Officer. Other authorities in the MHA would be able to utilise the Framework Contract which the Council would procure, and the Council would be able to charge a fee for this services in recognition of the up-front costs in developing the initial contract. A further report would be presented to Cabinet to seek approval of the award of contract.

RESOLVED to (1) note the ongoing approach to Asset Management, Highway Maintenance, and the work programme to meet band 2/band 3 performance against the Department for Transport's Incentive Fund Self-Assessment Questionnaire; and

(2) give approval for a procurement exercise to be undertaken by the Council on behalf of itself and the Midlands Highways Alliance for the establishment of a Highways Maintenance Framework Contract.

308/15 ROAD TRAFFIC COLLISIONS IN DERBYSHIRE: THE CASUALTY REPORT 2014 – DERBY AND DERBYSHIRE ANNUAL CASUALTY REPORT 2014 (Highways, Transport and Infrastructure) The Casualty Report was an annual publication that ensured information on road traffic collision trends was publicly available. In Great Britain in 2014, the recent national trend of reducing road traffic casualties had changed and, from 2013 to 2014, the country had seen a 4% increase in fatal casualties, a 5% increase in serious casualties and a 6% increase in slight casualties. The most significant increases had been in the numbers of pedestrian and cyclists injured. Derbyshire had also seen increases in some areas, but these differed from other similar authorities and the national picture.

The total number of recorded injury casualties in Derby and Derbyshire in 2014 had been the second lowest ever, although Derbyshire had recorded five more than in 2013. The numbers of killed and seriously injured had risen by 38% across both the County Council and the Derby and Derbyshire Road Safety Partnership (DDRSP), while there had been continuing reductions in the numbers of people slightly injured.

An increased proportion of more severe injuries was particularly concerning, and analysis showed that a number of factors had influenced this change – the economic recovery that had increased traffic volume and vehicle speeds, significantly different weather patterns, and the increasing popularity of cycling as a leisure activity and mode of transport. The number killed or seriously injured had increased in a number of groups, including older car drivers of 70 years and over, motorcyclists, work related casualties, adult pedal cyclists and young car drivers, and the work that was taking place to improve this was detailed. Across the county, an accelerated maintenance programme would ensure that roads remained safe.

Some of the key points in the 2014 Casualty Report were stated. In the Derbyshire County Council area, during 2014, a total of 2,311 people had been injured in Police reported collisions, of whom 30 people had died and 386 had been seriously injured. In the DDRSP area in 2014, there had been a total of 3,169 people injured, of whom 36 had died and 486 had been seriously injured. In the Derbyshire County Council area, 170 children had been injured. Early indications for the first half of 2015 were more positive and suggested a return to Derbyshire's previous trend of continuing to reduce casualties.

It was proposed that the Casualty Report would be available to all on the County Council's and Road Safety Partners' websites, and printed copies would be available for distribution.

RESOLVED to (1) note the current trends in road casualties as reported in the 'Derby and Derbyshire Annual Casualty Report 2014'; and

(2) approve its wider publication both in electronic and printed form.

309/15 DERBYSHIRE DISCRETIONARY FUND ANNUAL REPORT 2014/15 (Adult Social Care) The 2014-15 Annual Report for the Derbyshire Discretionary Fund (DDF) was presented. The DDF had been a key contribution by the Council to the Derbyshire Anti-Poverty Strategy 2014-17, and supported some of the most vulnerable residents who were facing serious financial difficulty and unavoidable need.

The principle of replacing a national system with a local welfare provision had been opposed by the Council. As the DDF was better able to use local knowledge and organisational relationships, it provided a more joined up response to people and families facing financial hardship, and it was proving better at providing assistance focused on longer term prevention than the national system it had replaced.

Applications to the DDF in 2014/15 had totalled 16,372, which had been an increase of 2,628 over the previous year. Applications continued to increase and it was anticipated that this trend would continue as a result of further changes to the national benefits system. During 2014/15, the fund had awarded a total of £1.018m in cash and grants. Details were provided of the awards, the characteristics of applicants, and district/borough application trends.

RESOLVED to note the 2014/15 Annual Report of the Derbyshire Discretionary Fund in its second year of operation.

310/15 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC RESOLVED that the public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the remaining items 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 HAD BEEN EXCLUDED FROM THE MEETING

1. To confirm the exempt minutes of the meeting of Cabinet held on 28 July 2015
2. To receive the exempt minutes of Cabinet Member meetings as follows:-
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 - (f) Adult Social Care – 5 August 2015
3. Consideration of the report of the Strategic Director of Economy, Transport and Environment on Seymour Link Road, Markham Vale (Strategic Policy, Economic Development and Budget) (contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding that information))
4. Consideration of the joint report of the Strategic Director of Corporate Resources and Strategic Director of Adult Care on Acquisition of Land at Belper (Council Services) (contains information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual and information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding that information))
5. Consideration of the report of the Strategic Director of Corporate Resources on Purchase of Freehold, Matlock (Council Services) (contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding that information))
6. Consideration of the report of the Strategic Director of Corporate Resources on Equal Pay Settlement (Council Services) (contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding that information))
7. Consideration of the report of the Strategic Director of Economy, Transport and Environment on Summer of Cycling 2016 – Eroica Britannia and Women's Tour of Britain (Highways, Transport and Infrastructure) (contains information relating to the financial or business

affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding that information))

8. Consideration of the report of the Strategic Director of Economy, Transport and Environment on Award of School Bus Contracts (PTU155) (Children and Young People) (contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding that information))