

MINUTES of a meeting of **CABINET** held on **13 October 2015** at County Hall, Matlock.

PRESENT

Councillor A Western (in the Chair)

Councillors D Allen, A Botham, D Collins, J A Coyle and P J Smith.

Councillor K P Morgan also attended the meeting.

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor B Lewis.

349/15 MINORITY GROUP LEADERS' QUESTIONS

There were no Minority Group Leaders' questions.

350/15 MINUTES RESOLVED that the non-exempt minutes of the meeting of Cabinet held on the 22 September 2015 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

351/15 CABINET MEMBER MEETINGS - MINUTES RESOLVED to receive the non-exempt minutes of Cabinet Member meetings as follows;

- (a) Health and Communities – 1 and 22 September 2015
- (b) Children and Young People – 8 September 2015
- (c) Highways, Transport and Infrastructure – 8 September 2015
- (d) Adult Social Care – 16 September 2015
- (e) Council Services – 21 September 2015
- (f) Strategic Policy, Economic Development and Budget – 22 September 2015

352/15 DERBYSHIRE ECONOMIC REVIEW – SEPTEMBER 2015

(Strategic Policy, Economic Development and Budget) The Chief Executive presented the latest quarterly Economic Review to September 2015 which provided an overview of the current economic conditions in Derbyshire and summarised key economic trends to support broader discussions and policy documents across the Authority. The review also supported and facilitated the delivery of partnership activity, most notably through the Derbyshire Economic Partnership, the Local Transport Board and the D2N2 Local Enterprise Partnership.

RESOLVED to note the information presented within the Derbyshire Economic Review – September 2015 and that the findings would be used to support future service planning and policy development.

353/15 CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING TO MONTH 3 2015-2016

(Strategic Policy, Economic Development and Budget) The Director of Finance informed Cabinet of the latest budget monitoring position for open capital schemes detailing those schemes that were currently underway and which had previous Cabinet approval. The report also included new schemes which were considered additions to the approved Capital Programme and for which separate Cabinet approval had been sought.

The current budget for open schemes was approximately £591m and the latest monitoring showed a forecast overspend over the life of the projects of £1.461m, further details of which were shown at Appendix 1. Details of the position by department were presented in the report.

RESOLVED to note the current position on the monitoring of capital schemes.

354/15 PREPARATION OF BUDGET 2016–17 (Strategic Policy, Economic Development and Budget) The Director of Finance sought approval for the proposed timetable for the Council's 2016-17 budget preparation and procedures and the associated consultation arrangements. A copy of the proposed timetable was attached at Appendix 1 to the report.

As part of the budget setting process, the Council would revise and update its Five Year Financial Plan to reflect the announcements of the Government's Comprehensive Spending Review 2015 and the Local Government Finance Settlement which were due to be announced in November and December respectively.

The Council's Reserves Policy required a review of Earmarked Reserves at least annually and work had commenced on reviewing the balances and these would be reported to Cabinet in due course. The Council would also need to review its General Reserves projections and these would be considered in the report on the Five year Financial Plan.

RESOLVED to (1) approve the timetable for the completion of the 2016-17 Budget;

(2) note the proposals for reviewing and updating the Five Year Financial Plan; and

(3) note the arrangements for reviewing Earmarked Reserves and updating General Reserve projections.

355/15 CONTRACT FOR THE SUPPLY AND MAINTENANCE OF MULTI-FUNCTIONAL DEVICES (MFDs) AND PRINT ROOM EQUIPMENT AND ASSOCIATED SERVICES (Council Services) The Strategic Director –

Corporate Resources reported on progress towards the procurement of MFDs for use throughout the Council and sought approval to invite tenders. It was noted that whilst the contract award would be based on the delivery and support of MFDs, a tender option would be included to purchase print management software. This would be subject to the preparation of a business case and another report to Cabinet.

RESOLVED to note progress towards the procurement of MFDs and to approve;

(1) proceeding to the Invitation to Tender stage procurement for the supply and maintenance of MFD's and print room equipment and associated services; and

(2) the receiving of a further report setting out the business case regarding potential implementation of a print management solution.

356/15 CHILDREN'S SERVICES CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2015-16 - FURTHER PROJECT ALLOCATIONS (Children's Services) The Strategic Director – Children's Services sought approval for a further capital allocation as part of the Children's Services Capital Programme 2015 for Phase 3 of the replacement Dallimore Primary School, Kirk Hallam in the sum of £2.4m.

A design for a replacement School was drawn up with three phases of construction with Cabinet approval of funding of £1.95m for Phase 1 being granted in January 2012, and funding for Phase 2 of £1.95m in June 2014. In order for the detailed design work for Phase 3 to be undertaken ahead of construction programme for summer 2015 to spring 2017, a capital allocation of £2.4m was now required. The funding would be a charge on the unallocated amount of £4,194,558 Basic Need allocation.

RESOLVED to approve a capital allocation of £2.4m for the Phase 3 replacement of Dallimore Primary School, Kirk Hallam.

357/15 PROVISION OF A NEW PRIMARY SCHOOL TO SERVE THE AVENUE DEVELOPMENT, WINGERWORTH (Children's Services) The Strategic Director – Children's Services sought approval to a consultation on the provision of a new primary school to serve the Avenue development in Wingerworth and on the timing of the delivery of the new school.

North East Derbyshire District Council had been working with the Home and Community Agency (HCA) on the development of the former coking site at the Avenue, Wingerworth, which had the potential to deliver 1000 dwellings together with community facilities, highways improvements and employment opportunities.

The site was within the ownership of three groups who were working together to deliver the whole scheme and 1000 houses which would be expected to produce a need for 200 school places. In addition to the housing proposed for the Avenue site, there was also a development at Mill Lane of 178 houses that was adjacent to the Avenue site and that would be expected to yield thirty six pupils for the new school on the Avenue. The HCA had brought forward its planning application first which identified 467 dwellings, together with a site for a new one form entry primary school.

Design and construction of the new school would be funded by Section 106 contributions from the developers and at present two Section 106 Agreements had been secured, details of which were presented in the report.

Careful consideration would need to be given to the timing of the delivery of the new school. If it was opened too early, there would not be sufficient children to ensure viability of the new school and it would require funding support from the Authority. In addition, it may attract children from neighbouring schools, therefore having a negative financial impact on them. This would not be good value for money of public expenditure on education. On the other hand, however, the school needed to be delivered in time to ensure there was not an overall shortage of places. The decision on starting the new school would be the subject of a further Cabinet report which would include information on the actual pace of the housing development. The rate of building of the development was key to the decision on the timing of the new school with further details being included in the report. These would be kept under review.

It was proposed that Cabinet approve consultation with interested parties to seek the views on its strategy for providing primary school places to meet demand arising from the Avenue and Mill Lane developments. The consultation document was attached at Appendix 1 to the report, and it was proposed that the views of primary schools and Parish Councils within five miles of the Avenue would be sought along with the views of North East Derbyshire District Council. The consultation would run from 2 November to 20 November 2015.

RESOLVED to (1) approve a consultation to be undertaken on the proposal for a new school to serve the Avenue development, Wingerworth and the timing of its opening with neighbouring schools and other interested parties; and

(2) note that a further report on the outcome of the consultation would be brought to Cabinet for consideration.

358/15 APPROVAL OF THE HIGHWAY INFRASTRUCTURE ASSET MANAGEMENT POLICY AND HIGHWAY INFRASTRUCTURE ASSET MANAGEMENT STRATEGY (Highways, Transport and Infrastructure)

The Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment sought approval of the Highway Infrastructure Asset Management Policy and the Highway Infrastructure Asset Management Strategy which underpinned and formalised current practice and note the on-going development of a suite of documents to update the Transport Asset Management Plan 2009. Copies of the Policy and the Strategy were attached at Appendices to the report.

RESOLVED to (1) approve the Highway Infrastructure Asset Management Policy;

(2) approve the Highways Infrastructure Asset Management Strategy;

(3) note the intended development of a Highway Infrastructure Asset Management Plan, comprising of a suite of plans for Carriageways, Footways and Drainage, Structures, Street Lighting and Traffic Technology to be brought to a future Cabinet meeting for consideration.

359/15 REHABILITATION SERVICES FOR BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED PEOPLE (Adult Social Care) The Strategic Director – Adult Care sought approval to undertake a procurement exercise for the provision of rehabilitation and advice services for blind and visually impaired people in Derbyshire from 1 April 2016 for a period of up to three years, subject to annual review.

Contracted services currently provided on cost and volume basis. Details of the services provided and the statutory duties and good practice guidelines, along with an analysis of the current service were provided in the report.

The intention was to commission specialist information, advice and assessment and self-care services using an outcome based contract. A variety of mechanisms would be used to evidence that the outcomes were being met including using established tools such as the “Outcomes Star”, a method which identified individual goals and demonstrated the progress people had made in meeting goals at the end of an intervention. The contract would have additional indicators and ways to evidence that they were being met.

People who were blind and visually impaired had been involved in shaping the service looked a variety of ways. Feedback from people using the service had been regularly reviewed as part of the on-going monitoring of both contracts. Focus groups were planned to provide additional information as part of the end of contract review. The involvement of people who used the

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service in the tendering evaluation process was established practice and would take place for this contract.

RESOLVED to approve the proposed procurement of a contract for the provision of rehabilitation and advice services for blind and visually impaired people in Derbyshire, to commence on 1 April 2016.

360/15 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 22 September 2015.
- (2) To receive the exempt minutes of Cabinet Member meetings as follows;
 - (a) Health and Communities – 1 September 2015
 - (b) Children and Young People – 8 September 2015
- (3) Consideration of the report of the Strategic Director – Corporate Resources on Criminal Background/Disclosure and Barring Service Checks (Council Services) (Contains information relating to any consultations or negotiations, or contemplated consultations or negotiations, in connection with any labour relations matters arising between the Authority, or a Minister of the Crown, and employees of, or office holders under, Authority)
- (4) Considerations of the report of the Strategic Director – Children's Services on the Framework of Providers – Specialist Services for Disabled Children, Young People and Young Adults (Children and Younger People) (Contains 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 – Economy, Transport and Environment on Road Marking and Studding Sub-Contract (Highways, Transport and Infrastructure) (Contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of a particular person, including the Authority holding that information).