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MINUTES of a meeting of **CABINET** held on **15 April 2014** at County Hall Matlock.

PRESENT

Councillor A Western (in the Chair)

Councillors D Allen, K Gillott, C Neill, and B Ridgway.

Councillors A I Lewer and K P Morgan also attended the meeting.

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor J Dixon.

Hillsborough Disaster – 15 April 1989

Cabinet observed a minute's silence in memory of those who died in the Hillsborough Disaster on 15 April 1989.

142/14 QUESTIONS SUBMITTED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There were no public questions.

143/14 QUESTIONS SUBMITTED BY MINORITY GROUP LEADERS

There were no Minority Group Leader questions.

144/14 MINUTES **RESOLVED** that the non-exempt minutes of the meeting of Cabinet held on 25 March 2014 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

145/14 CABINET MEMBER MEETINGS - MINUTES **RESOLVED**
to receive the non-exempt minutes of Cabinet Member meetings as follows;

- (a) Health and Communities – 3 March 2014
- (b) Adult Social Care – 5 March 2014
- (c) Jobs, Economy and Transport – 13 and 25 March 2014
- (d) Council Services – 27 March 2014

146/14 NEW HEANOR LIBRARY (Health and Communities) Cabinet considered a joint report of the Strategic Director – Health and Communities and the Director of Property on the planned closure of Heanor Library, the options available to provide a new library along with the nature of the alternative library provision to be provided during the period of the closure.

In November 2013, a structural engineers report was commissioned owing to concerns about the condition of the Library's structure. A scheme of refurbishment was being prepared to address the issues raised in the structural report. Following a severe wet winter, the property was reassessed with the result that the structural engineer recommended closure of the building on safety grounds, unless a full renovation of both the frame and the wall-cladding was undertaken immediately. Based on this advice it was proposed to close the Library from 7.00pm on 17 April 2014.

The building had come to the end of its life unless the whole timber post and beam structure was renewed which would cost more than providing a brand new replacement modular building. Owing to the costs of the proposed repairs, it was appropriate to consider the options for the provision of a new library in Heanor. This would also give the Council the opportunity to provide a modern, purpose designed library building which would be able to offer a wide range of accessible services to the residents of Heanor.

An appraisal of the options available to the Council for a new public library had been undertaken with three options being considered. Option 1 was to undertake structural repairs to the existing Library with an initial capital cost of £850,000 and NPV costs, based on a twenty five year appraisal, of £2,113,900. This option would still leave the Council with a timber framed building with a limited life and a large repair and maintenance liability.

Option 2 involved the demolition of the existing Library and its replacement with a new modular library building on the same site, reducing the size and footprint of the new building. This option had an initial capital cost of £892,500 and an NPV based on twenty five year appraisal, of £1,735,800. This option was significantly cheaper over twenty five years and would enable the Council to provide a brand new and much improved library for the local community, with a lower repair and maintenance liability.

Option 3 involved the relocation of the library to the former Somerfield premises on Market Street with the existing Library being sold for development. The initial capital cost of option 3 was £1,307,500 and the NPV based on twenty five year appraisal was £3,520,400. Whilst the location for the new library was good this was the most expensive option and represented poor value for money.

Option 2 was therefore recommended as the best option and it was estimated that subject to planning permission being obtained, a new library could be in place on the existing site by the end of March 2015.

Whilst the Library was closed the Council would need to ensure that there was some form of alternative library provision and five potential options had been considered details of which were presented in the report. The

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recommended option would be to rent a shop on Market Street, Heanor and fit it out as a library, accepting that the range of resources and services available would not be the same as in the existing building. There were a number of shops that were currently vacant and a short-term lease of an empty shop property could be taken out relatively quickly. It was estimated that this option would cost in the region of £35-50,000 including business rates and running costs, and there would also be some modest fitting out costs to make the building suitable to serve as a temporary library. It was anticipated that these costs could be met from within the Health and Communities budget.

The capital expenditure of £892,500 would be met from the following budgets:-

Capital Budget	Amount
Capital Programme allocation for a feasibility study into a replacement library in Matlock (Total available £100,000 from 2013/2014):	£100,000
Unspent Capital Programme contingency allocations from 2010/2011 (£490,000) and 2011/2012 (£35,000):	£525,000
Capital Programme allocation for a new library in Belper (Total available £1,700,000 from 2004/2005)	£267,500
TOTAL	£892,500

The resulting shortfalls on the Belper Library and Matlock Library feasibility Capital Programme allocations would form the basis of additional capital bids as part of the development of the 2015/16 Capital Programme. The on-going future revenue costs of the new library would be met from the existing Health and Communities budget.

RESOLVED to approve (1) the demolition of the existing Heanor Library at Ilkeston Road, Heanor;

(2) the provision of a new library and car park on part of the existing Library site;

(3) the expenditure of £100,000 (2013/14 Matlock Library Capital Programme budget), £525,000 (unspent Capital Contingency Allocations from 2010/2011 and 2011/2012), £267,500 (2004/5 Belper Library Capital Programme allocation) to fund the demolition of the existing Library and the erection and fit out of a new library;

(4) a temporary library being established in a vacant shop to be leased in Heanor town centre under terms and conditions to be approved by the Cabinet Member – Council Services;

(5) the part of the site not required for the provision of the replacement library being declared surplus to the Council's requirements; and

(6) the Director of Property to review the use of the surplus land.

147/14 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE/ABUSE STAFF SURVEY Cabinet considered a report on the findings of a survey of County Council staff on domestic violence/abuse which had been commissioned by the Improvement and Scrutiny Committee – Places.

The Department of Health introduced an initiative which exhorts large employing organisations to develop support mechanisms for their employees who were, or had been, victims of domestic violence or abuse. As a result, the survey of employees had been undertaken over the period September 2013 – January 2014. The outcomes of the survey and associated recommendations were detailed in the Appendix to the report.

RESOLVED to (1) note the outcomes of the staff survey of domestic violence/abuse undertaken by the Improvement and Scrutiny Committee - Places;

(2) support the recommendations of the Improvement and Scrutiny – Places Committee in providing services for its employees; and

(3) endorse the outcomes of the survey being shared with partners and other organisations such as the local district and borough councils and the Police and Crime Commissioner.

148/14 “EVERY CHILD A TALKER” (Children and Young People) The Strategic Director – Children and Younger Adults informed Cabinet of the “Every Child a Talker” programme currently funded through the County Council to 31 December 2014 and of the “Every Child a Talker” Sustainability Strategy adopted by the Derbyshire Children’s Trust on 14 November 2013. The report also sought approval to commission on behalf of the Derbyshire Schools Forum, “Every Child a Talker” speech and language therapy services for a maximum of four years at an annual cost not exceeding £37,000.

Central Government introduced the programme to Derbyshire as part of a national pilot. The programme was an evidence based training programme that delivered the necessary knowledge, skills and tools to successfully intervene to reduce mild to moderate speech and language delay in early years children. On the cessation of Central Government funding and informed by demonstrating its effectiveness, it was decided to introduce the programme across the Authority and a total of £261,000 was committed between January 2012 and December 2014 by the Education Improvement Service to support the programme, further details of which were presented in the report.

RESOLVED to (1) note the impact of the “Every Child a Talker” and “Talk Boost” programmes to date; and

(2) approve the commissioning of a speech and language therapy service on behalf of the Schools’ Forum for a maximum of four years at an annual cost that did not exceed £37,000, the contract being renewable on an annual basis informed by the Schools’ Forum, committing on an annual basis to the funding of the “Every Child a Talker” Sustainability Strategy.

149/14 CREATION OF EARMARKED RESERVES (Children and Young People) The Strategic Director – Children and Younger Adults sought approval to transfer unused allocated grant intended for the implementation of Support and Aspiration (£75,000) to an earmarked reserve for use for this purpose in 2014/15 and also approval to set-aside resources to cover the costs of the demolition of the former Tibshelf School (£250k). Approval was also sought to transfer the balance of the 2013/14 allocation for schools causing concern (£300k) to an earmarked reserve for use in 2014/15.

RESOLVED to approve the allocation of three earmarked reserves as detailed in the report.

150/14 EXTRA CARE CONTRACT (Adult Social Care) This report was withdrawn.

151/14 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC FROM THE MEETING

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. Confirmation of the exempt minutes of the meeting of Cabinet held on 25 March 2014.
2. Receipt of the exempt minutes of the Cabinet Member meetings as follows:-
 - (a) Jobs, Economy and Transport – 25 March 2014
 - (b) Council Services – 27 March 2014
3. Consideration of the report of the Director of Public Health on Health Visiting and School Nursing Integrated Working from October 2015 (Health and Communities) (contains information relating to the financial

or business affairs of any particular person, including the Authority holding that information).

4. Consideration of the report of the Director of Public Health on the Contract for a Falls Prevention Service (Health and Communities) (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 Director of Public Health on Derbyshire Integrated Wellbeing Approach (Health and Communities) (contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person, including the Authority holding that information).
6. Consideration of the joint report of the Strategic Director – Children and Younger Adults and the Director of Property on Church Gresley Infant and Nursery School – Potential Future Use (Children and Young People) (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 – Children and Younger Adults on Management Restructure – Business Services (Children and Young People) (contains information likely to reveal the identity of any individual).
8. Consideration of the report of the Acting Strategic Director – Adult Care on the Extra Care Contract (Adult Social Care) This report was withdrawn.