

MINUTES of a meeting of **CABINET** held on 15 May 2012 at County Hall, Matlock.

PRESENT

Councillor A I Lower (in the Chair)

Councillors J A Allsop, J P Harrison, Mrs C A Hart, C W Jones, B Lewis, M V Longden and S A Spencer.

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor K L Parkinson.

Declaration of Interest

Councillor Mrs C A Hart declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 6(b) on the Consumer Landscape Review – Empowering and Protecting Consumers as Chairman of the Derbyshire Dales, Amber Valley and Erewash Citizens Advice Bureau.

143/12 ISSUES RAISED BY THE MINORITY GROUP Councillor S Flitter raised the following:

Agenda item 6(a) – Community Budgets and the Troubled Families Initiative – The report indicates that there will be £175k each year for three years to fund a Co-ordinator and services. (1) If the project is successful in reducing the number of families with multiple problems, what financial commitment would be required in future years and how is the reward grant scheme organised? (2) The report also stated that it will present an excellent opportunity to simplify the vast array of services and the potential model talks about using the Multi-Agency Teams and the Intensive Family Support Service. What would be the main differences in approach?

Agenda item 6(c) – Journey to Excellence Strategy – (1) How can the Authority ensure that each school endorses the proposed Strategy? (2) Is the Authority sure that providing training for teachers to teach business is the best option? (3) In terms of work experience, what plans are there to place students in the right positions and not just for work easy solutions or environment issues?

144/12 MINUTES RESOLVED that the non-exempt Minutes of the meeting of Cabinet held on 24 April 2012 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman

145/12 CABINET MEMBER MEETINGS RESOLVED to receive the non-exempt Minutes of Cabinet Member meetings as follows:

- (a) Education – 10 and 30 April 2012
- (b) Highways and Transport – 17 April 2012
- (c) Leadership and Culture – 23 April 2012

146/12 COMMUNITY BUDGETS AND THE TROUBLED FAMILIES INITIATIVE The Chief Executive informed Members about the development of a Community Budget for families facing multiple problems in Derbyshire and sought approval to implement the Government's Troubled Families Initiative across the County.

Targeting children and families in greatest need for early intervention was a key priority for the Derbyshire Partnership Forum and a high level strategic priority for the draft Health and Wellbeing Strategy. Supporting challenging families had also been identified as a key challenge for the County Council and the Authority was now participating in the roll-out of Community Budgets for families facing multiple problems as a second round pilot. Further details on the development of community budgets were presented in the report.

On 28 March 2012, the Government's Troubled Families Team published a Financial Framework setting out proposals for the payment by results scheme. The Team estimated that Derbyshire had 1,355 troubled families and would pay the County Council up to a maximum of £4k per family for 1,129 families – a difference of 226 families. It was expected that local areas would use existing Government funding to work with one fifth of the total cohort of families already and as such did not expect to pay additional resources to undertake activity which could involve double counting. The £4k allocation per family equated to 40% of the anticipated total cost of working with a family facing multiple problems with local authorities and their partners expected to provide the remaining 60% match funding through existing resources.

Tasks undertaken by the Project Group had ensured that the Council was well placed to commence the roll-out of the Troubled Families Initiative across the County. Details were presented in respect of the identification and mapping of families and the proposed appointment of a Troubled Families Co-Ordinator.

A range of possible options for rolling out the Troubled Families Initiative had been discussed by the Project Group including current approaches and existing practices. The current worker model used by the Intensive Family Support Service was one which could be replicated at a locality level, working possibly through the Multi-Agency Teams. Involving agencies who were not currently part of the Multi-Agency Teams such as housing providers, but who nevertheless worked with troubled families on a day-to-day basis would also be essential. Further work on the development of the Initiative would be required before it could be rolled out across the County.

The Community Budget presented an excellent opportunity for the Council to draw together and simplify the vast array of initiatives and schemes across the Council supporting families with multiple problems. Progress on Community Budgets would be the subject of future reports to Cabinet in due course.

RESOLVED (1) the latest progress on the development of Community Budgets in Derbyshire be noted;

(2) the publication of the Financial Framework for the Troubled Families Programme's Payment by Results Scheme for Local Authorities and work undertaken to date by the Authority to respond to the Government proposals be noted;

(3) plans to implement the Troubled Families Initiative across the County be approved;

(4) the establishment of a Troubled Families Co-Ordinator post within the Children and Younger Adults Department with corporate accountability to the Chief Executive be approved; and

5) further reports be received on progress on both Community Budgets and the Troubled Families Initiative in due course.

147/12 CONSUMER LANDSCAPE REVIEW – EMPOWERING AND PROTECTING CONSUMERS The Strategic Director Cultural and Community Services informed Cabinet of the publication of the Government's response to the consultation on institutional reform of the arrangements to protect consumers and legitimate businesses from unfair trading practices, details of which are represented in the report.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

148/12 JOURNEY TO EXCELLENCE STRATEGY The Strategic Director - Children and Younger Adults reported on the publication of the Derbyshire Strategy to raise attainment and progress of children and young people: Journey to Excellence: Improving Teaching and Learning.

Following an analysis of the Standards of Attainment Cabinet report in December 2011 and extensive consultation with schools and governing bodies in the spring term 2012, the Authority had developed its Strategy to raise educational standards for all children and young people and to close the attainment gap for vulnerable learners. The Strategy was set out as a Journey to Excellence, a copy of which was attached at Appendix A to the report, and the Strategy reflected the high aspirations of the Authority for all children and young people to attain the highest standards of achievement and to accelerate the progress of vulnerable learners so that the Authority became an outstanding provider of learning.

RESOLVED that the publication of the Derbyshire Strategy for Journey to Excellence: Improving Teaching and Learning be noted.

149/12 RIDGEWAY PRIMARY SCHOOL – PROPOSED EXTENSION The Strategic Director - Children and Younger Adults and the Director of Property sought approval to a capital contribution towards a joint-funded project at Ridgeway Primary School to provide a small extension to create a secure main entrance with a reception office and head-teacher's office at a budget cost of £140k.

The School was able to make a contribution of £40k towards the project and had asked the Authority if it could fund the estimated shortfall of £100k. This cost could be contained as a charge on savings in the 2011/12 Children and Younger Adults Capital Programme.

RESOLVED that a maximum contribution of £100k be approved towards a £140k project at Ridgeway Primary School to provide an extension comprising new reception and headteachers office and a secure main entrance as a charge on the 2011/12 Children and Younger Adults Capital Programme.

150/12 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC RESOLVED to exclude the public from the meeting during the consideration of the following items to avoid the disclosure of exempt information.

151/12 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 24 April 2012.
2. Receipt of Exempt Minutes of Cabinet Member meetings as follows:-
 - (a) Education – 10 and 30 April 2012.
 - (b) Highways and Transport – 17 April 2012.
3. Consideration of the report of the Director of Finance on the Arkwright Society (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 Director of Property and the Strategic Director – Adult Care on the appointment of a Consultant Architect (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 – Adult Care on the awarding of housing related support contracts for the adults, young people and domestic abuse housing related support 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 – Adult Care on the awarding of housing related support contract for the Oakland Village, Swadlincote, Extra Care Scheme (Contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person, including the Authority holding that information).