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MINUTES of a meeting of **CABINET** held on **16 June 2015** at County Hall, Matlock.

PRESENT

Councillor A Western (in the Chair)

Councillors: D Allen, A Botham, and D Collins.

Councillors B Lewis and K P Morgan also attended the meeting.

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors J A Coyle and P J Smith.

The Chair informed the meeting that Councillors P Jones and R Davison would be present at the meeting in a non-voting capacity in view of the absence of the Cabinet Member for Adult Care in order to present reports and answer questions.

215/15 PUBLIC QUESTIONS There were no public questions.

216/15 MINORITY GROUP LEADERS' QUESTIONS

Councillor B Lewis asked the following question:-

Agenda item 7(d) – Strategic Direction for Derbyshire County Council Direct Care Older Persons Residential Care Services 2015-2020

Not content with, for purely ideological reasons, destroying one of the most visionary schemes for delivering Extra Care provision to Derbyshire's elderly population that not only meant couples and elderly people had their own front door and would deliver more capacity to meet future need, does this administration now care to explain what their plan is, which is not apparent in this report?

Given your criteria relating to fitness for purpose, The Leys in Ashbourne and Ada Bellfield in Belper, seem to fail these. Could the Cabinet Member reassure us that these homes are not threatened and will continue to provide places?

Councillor R Davison responded as follows:-

Ada Bellfield and the Leys both deliver strategic benefits to the Authority with regard to their offer to local people. For example whilst overall Ada Bellfield was 4th lowest ranked from the first 3 criteria it was considered that there was strategic benefit from keeping the home. In the independent sector there are fewer beds available in Belper than in other parts of Amber Valley and of

those independent sector homes available there are fewer that take DCC commissioned places without a 3rd party top up.

There is also a proposal for a new scheme in Belper currently being planned and if that goes ahead it will provide a suitable alternative for Ada Belfield. If it does go ahead it is likely to be open and operational around 2019/20 dependent upon the length of construction. All Homes will be reviewed to confirm the priority investments, urgent work to prevent serious risk or cessation of operation by the CQC, essential work normally required within 2 years and desirable work within 3 – 5 years. The areas of investment will be reviewed before a final programme is agreed for all homes to ensure that best value is achieved from the investment across the homes. Examples of work required at The Leys and Ada Belfield include general improvements to make the homes more dementia friendly, toilet refurbishments, stores improvements, kitchen upgrades and call system upgrades. Work already in hand this year at The Leys includes flat roof coverings and insulation and rewiring, costing just shy of £400k.

Our plan is apparent and the report sets out our reasoning. That reasoning is drawn from two other documents. One is the Labour manifesto from 2013 which said: “The Conservatives have also announced big changes to residential care for older people. They are putting together contracts to a total of £200 million to invest in extracare housing and specialist provision for people with dementia. They have also announced that they will close all but four of the DCC residential homes, casting a blight on these homes and causing anxiety for staff, residents and their families. In all the consultations on residential home closures so far, there has been very strong support for council-run residential care. Derbyshire Labour supports the concept of extracare housing and specialist centres for dementia but will also continue to provide and invest in residential care.” Delivering that is the purpose of the report. The other document is the recently published Older Persons’ Market Position Statement – available on the website – and aimed at current and potential businesses interested in entering the social care market in Derbyshire. Key Message 2. It says: “It is the expressed intention of the County Council to continue to be a substantial provider of services to older people. This facilitates fullest client choice, knowledge of and influence over costs and capacity to respond to our new duty in respect of market shaping. The evidence for this older person’s market position statement has beneficially influenced the County Council’s strategic direction for Derbyshire County Council’s direct care older person’s residential care service 2015-2020.

217/15 MINUTES RESOLVED that the non-exempt minutes of the meeting of Cabinet held on 26 May 2015 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

218/15 CABINET MEMBER MEETINGS - MINUTES **RESOLVED**

To receive the non-exempt minutes of Cabinet Member meetings as follows;

- a) Council Services – 18 May 2015
- b) Health and Communities – 26 May 2015
- c) Highways, Transport and Infrastructure – 26 May 2015
- d) Strategic Policy, Economic Development and Budget – 28 May 2015

219/15 MARKHAM VALE (Economy, Transport and Environment)
Cabinet was informed of the continuing success and progress in developing Markham Vale and an overview of economic development at the site over the last few years.

RESOLVED to note the success and recent progress in developing Markham Vale.

220/15 REVIEW OF CREDIT UNIONS – RESPONSE TO IMPROVEMENT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE REPORT (Strategic Policy, Economic Development and Budget) At its meeting on 14 April 2015 Cabinet had received the report of the Improvement and Scrutiny Committee – Resources on their review of Credit Unions. Cabinet was now required to respond to the report, indicating whether the recommendations were accepted or otherwise, alongside an action plan for implementation.

The final report had contained 12 recommendations and Cabinet was asked to agree an action plan as the response to the recommendations.

RESOLVED that the action plan be approved as Cabinet's response to the recommendations made by the Improvement and Scrutiny Committee – Resources following their review of Credit Unions in Derbyshire.

221/15 MULTI-SUPPLIER FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT FOR THE PROVISION OF SPECIALIST HOME CARE (SUPPORTED LIVING) SERVICES FOR ADULTS WITH HIGH LEVEL SUPPORT NEEDS (Adult Social Care) Approval was sought to undertake a procurement exercise to establish a multi-supplier framework agreement for the provision of specialist home care services, including supported living and extra care settings for people with high level support needs. The current framework was due to finish on 31 March 2016.

RESOLVED to approve a procurement exercise to establish a multi-supplier framework agreement for the provision of specialist home care services, including supported living and extra care settings for people with high level support needs.

222/15 STRATEGIC DIRECTION FOR DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL DIRECT CARE OLDER PERSONS RESIDENTIAL CARE SERVICES 2015/2020

(Adult Social Care) Approval was sought to a strategy for the future of Direct Care residential provision for older people in the County. In particular, Cabinet was asked to approve a revised vision and commissioning strategy; confirm the proposed balance of specialist, long term and short term residential provision within Direct Care which was responsive to market needs; implement a range of efficiencies designed to ensure that Direct Care was able to retain its role as a significant sustainable provider; target investment of capital funding on the highest maintenance priorities identified for County Council homes for older people to support the on-going delivery of a Direct Care residential service within the County; and to consult on the proposed closure of homes which, following evaluation, were proposed for closure, namely The Willows, Red House, Ecclesfold Resources Centre residential wing, The Glebe and Hillcrest.

The revised strategy outlined what services should look like in the future against a backdrop of market shaping, financial challenges and a growing older population and its associated Social Care needs. Direct Care residential homes for older people provided high quality person-centred services by trained and committed staff teams. However, given the review that had been undertaken, a summary of proposals to improve the long term sustainability of Direct Care residential provisions was:-

- Six homes were viable and strategically beneficial providing a specialist dementia environment - Castle Court at Castle Gresley, Oakland Community Care Centre in Swadlincote, Whitestones at Chapel en le Frith, The Staveley Centre in Middlecroft, The Grange in Eckington, and Thomas Colledge in Bolsover.
- Thirteen homes were seen as either having a strategic benefit, or were of local market importance, and were recommended for retention as part of the future service model. They were Ladycross House in Sandiacre, Briar Close in Borrowash, Gernon Manor in Bakewell, The Leys in Ashbourne, The Spinney in Chesterfield, East Clune in Clowne, Goyt Valley House in New Mills, Ada Belfield in Belper, Holmlea in Tibshelf, Rowthorne in Swanwick, Beechcroft in West Hallam, New Basset House in Shirebrook, and Hazelwood in Cotmanhay. Each home would need an action plan to ensure that it optimises its operating costs and occupancy levels to maximise its contribution to the overall Direct Care portfolio of homes for older people.
- Five of the establishments deemed to be least sustainable were located in areas where there was already a range of local alternatives. They were The Glebe in Alfreton, Ecclesfold Resource Centre in Chapel en le

Frith, The Willows in Ripley, Red House in Chesterfield, and Hillcrest in Kirk Hallam.

RESOLVED that the contents of the report be noted and specifically it be agreed that:-

(1) the revised Vision and Commissioning Strategy for Adult Care Older People Services be approved;

(2) the proposed balance of specialist, long term and short term residential provision within Direct Care set out in the body of the report be confirmed;

(3) implementation of a range of efficiencies designed to ensure that Direct Care is able to retain its role as a significant sustainable provider be agreed;

(4) investment of capital funding be targetted on the highest maintenance priorities identified for DCC homes for older people to support the on-going delivery of a Direct Care residential service within Derbyshire;

(5) the criteria for the evaluation of homes as set out in the report be agreed, subject to consultation;

(6) consultation be undertaken on the proposed closure of those homes for older people which, following initial evaluation, were considered least sustainable in the long-term, namely -

The Willows, Ripley

Red House, Chesterfield

Ecclesfold Resource Centre (residential wing), Chapel-en-le-Frith

The Glebe, Alfreton

Hillcrest, Kirk Hallam, Ilkeston

(7) to receive a further report following the carrying-out of the consultation process and the completion of equality analyses.

223/15 OUTCOME OF THE CONSULTATION REGARDING THE PROPOSAL TO TRANSFER THE EREWASH KEY STAGE 3 PUPIL REFERRAL UNIT FROM BREADSALL TO ILKESTON AND TO TRANSFER BREADSALL CE PRIMARY SCHOOL TO A NEW SITE (Children and Young

People) A report was presented on the responses to the Authority's statutory consultation on the proposal to transfer the Erewash Key Stage 3 Pupil Referral Unit from Breadsall to Ilkeston and to transfer Breadsall CE Primary School to a new site.

The report outlined the responses that had been received and commented upon them.

A decision was required by 17 June so it was necessary for call-in to be waived. Councillor D Charles, Chair of the Improvement and Scrutiny Committee – People had agreed that both the decision proposed was reasonable and that it be treated as a matter of urgency in order to ensure that

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a decision can commence as soon as possible.

RESOLVED to approve (1) the transfer of the Erewash Key Stage 3 Pupil Referral Unit from Breadsall to Bennerley, Ilkeston;

(2) the transfer of Breadsall CE Primary School from the site on Moor Road to the new site on Brookside Road;

(3) the use of capital receipts from the disposal of the land on the Brookside Road, Breadsall site and the disposal of the land on the Bennerley Avenue, Ilkeston site towards the cost of remodelling and refurbishing work on both sites;

(4) the preparation of a further report to confirm the budget and the tender price for the first phase of the works at the Bennerley site; and

(5) the waiving of call-in in respect of this decision.

224/15 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) To confirm the exempt minutes of the meeting of Cabinet held on 26 May 2015.

(2) To receive the exempt minutes of Cabinet Member meetings as follows:

- (a) Council Services – 18 May 2015
- (b) Health and Communities – 26 May 2015
- (c) Highways, Transport and Infrastructure – 26 May 2015

(3) To consider exempt reports as follows:-

- (a) Procurement of the new Corporate Performance Management and Business Intelligence System – Chief Executive (contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding that information))
- (b) Direct Care Residential Services for Older People Restructure of Management and Staffing Arrangements – Acting Strategic Director Adult Care (contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding that information))
- (c) Historical Child Abuse – Acting Strategic Director Children and Younger Adults (contains information relating to any action taken in

- connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime)
- (d) English National Concessionary Travel Scheme Reimbursement Arrangements – Stagecoach Yorkshire – Strategic Director Economy, Transport and Environment (contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding that information))
 - (e) Future Gold Card Smart Ticketing Arrangements – Card Management System and Host Operator Processing System – Strategic Director Economy, Transport and Environment (contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding that information))
 - (f) Supply of Ford Vehicle Replacement Parts – Strategic Director Economy, Transport and Environment (contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding that information))
 - (g) Management of Vehicle Breakdown and Recovery – Strategic Director Economy, Transport and Environment (contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding that information))
 - (h) Derby and Derbyshire Road Safety Partnership Safety Speed Camera Digitation: Approval to Award Contract – Strategic Director Economy, Transport and Environment (contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding that information))
 - (i) Markham Vale – Chief Executive, Strategic Director Economy, Environment and Transport and Director of Finance (contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding that information))
 - (j) Discretionary Manager for the Derbyshire Pension Fund Direct Property Assets – Director of Finance (contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding that information))