

**MINUTES** of a meeting of **CABINET** held on 16 JULY 2013 at County Hall, Matlock.

**PRESENT**

Councillor A Western (in the Chair)

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

Councillor K P Morgan also attended the meeting.

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors J Dixon and A I Lewer.

Declarations of Interest – Councillor Ms A Western declared a personal interest in Agenda item 11(c) School Staff Redundancies as a Governor at Heritage Community School.

**163/13      PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND QUESTIONS SUBMITTED BY MINORITY GROUP LEADERS**

There were no questions.

**164/13      MINUTES RESOLVED** that the non-exempt minutes of the meeting of Cabinet held on 18 June 2013 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

**165/13      CABINET MEMBER MEETINGS      **RESOLVED**** to receive the non-exempt minutes of the Cabinet Member meetings as follows:

Strategic Policy and Budget	11 and 18 June 2013
Council Services	18 June 2013
Jobs, Economy and Transport	18 June 2013

**166/13      HS2 – THE GOVERNMENT’S PROPOSALS FOR HIGH SPEED RAIL**

(Jobs, Economy and Transport) The Government’s proposal for the development of HS2 was a major national scheme that was seen as an engine for growth that would help to regenerate the economy of the north of England. The proposals were likely to generate a significant range of economic benefits for Derbyshire and its surrounding cities. The proposal to build a station at Toton and an infrastructure maintenance depot at Staveley would provide a significant boost to the local economy. The Council would work to ensure positive outcomes for jobs and communities.

It was recommended that further work should be undertaken to maximise the economic benefits arising from this major investment and secure the best possible deal for Derbyshire. There would inevitably be some residents and businesses who would be adversely affected and the County Council would need to be vigorous in working to ensure that people were not unduly disadvantaged.

Strategic decisions about the scheme would be taken at a national rather than a local level and the County Council's primary focus should be on seeking to maximise local benefits that may arise from the scheme and reducing or mitigating the adverse effects. It was recommended that, at this stage, the County Council should give broad support to the proposals and should welcome, in particular, the proposals to locate a station to serve the East Midlands at Toton and to provide an infrastructure maintenance depot at Staveley. In order to maximise the benefits for Derbyshire, it would nevertheless be important to understand the concerns of individuals, businesses and other organisations, to engage effectively with HS2 Limited and to promote and encourage a co-ordinated approach from Derbyshire authorities. The Authority would need to be vigorous in working to maximise the opportunities arising from the scheme, in seeking effective integration of the scheme with conventional rail services and pressing for change in design and other measures to reduce the adverse effects of the scheme.

**RESOLVED** (1) to note the announcement of the alignment for HS2 in Derbyshire;

(2) to support in principal proposals for a new station at Toton and an infrastructure maintenance depot at Staveley;

(3) that officers, in consultation with district councils and other organisations, seek to reduce the negative impact of the scheme and to maximise the economic benefits for Derbyshire residents;

(4) to endorse the actions being taken as outlined in the report; and

(5) to authorise the Cabinet Member for Jobs, Employment and Transport to consider further reports as appropriate including consideration of the financial implications of responding to the Government's proposals.

**167/13      DERBYSHIRE UNEMPLOYED WORKERS CENTRE AND THE TRADE UNION SAFETY TEAM** (Health and Communities) The County Council contributed to the core costs of the Derbyshire Unemployed Workers Centre for many years until 2010 when funding was ceased and redistributed to commission specialist employment advice services through Citizens Advice Bureaux in South Derbyshire, Derbyshire Dales, Erewash and Amber Valley. This service was now embedded and working effectively.

Derbyshire Unemployed Workers Centre continued to deal with enquiries at centres and outreach locations across north Derbyshire working in partnership to deliver services. The Trade Union Safety Team (TRUST) provided help and support to anyone diagnosed with an industrial disease throughout Derbyshire, working closely with Derbyshire Unemployed Workers

Centre. They had seen an increase in the numbers of people accessing their services and expected this to continue to increase.

The demand for services provided by both organisations had increased and Derbyshire Unemployed Workers Centre had approached the County Council to request a contribution of £39,750 towards core costs whilst TRUST had requested £5,763. In line with other grants to voluntary and community sector organisations, any grant would be subject to a Service Level Agreement which would set out expectations and requirements.

**RESOLVED** (1) that grant funding totalling £39,750 be provided to Derbyshire Unemployed Workers Centre to cover the core costs associated with the delivery of advice services in 2013/14;

(2) that grant funding totalling £5,763 be provided to the Trade Union Safety Team to cover core costs associated with the delivery of services in 2013/14; and

(3) that Service Level Agreements be developed in conjunction with the organisations and these be monitored on a six monthly basis in line with other voluntary and community sector grant agreements.

#### **168/13      EARLY YEARS FUNDING FOR VULNERABLE CHILDREN**

(Children and Young People) In December 2012 the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) allocations for 2013/14 were announced and Derbyshire's total included £5.641m in respect of funding for vulnerable two year olds. Of the £5.641m, £4.051m was for statutory place provision and £1.59m trajectory funding to be used in the main to create non-statutory places in preparation for the 2014 entitlement for 40% of two year olds. It had been assumed that the trajectory funding was one off in nature as its primary purpose was to create capacity. In addition to the DSG funding, Derbyshire had been allocated £1.037m of non-ring-fenced capital funding to support early years development.

The statutory places funding would equate to 1,466 children receiving 570 hours of nursery education at the existing locally hourly rate of £4.85 per hour.

**RESOLVED** (1) to approve the DSG and capital allocations and the proposals to utilise the funding;

(2) to support the proposed £4.85 per hour rate; and

(3) to receive further reports on this development as required.

**169/13      DIGITAL DERBYSHIRE** (Jobs, Economy and Transport) Cabinet was provided with a report on the progress in relation to the Digital Derbyshire Local Broadband Plan. The Government's ambition to have the best superfast broadband network in Europe was a major national scheme being administered centrally by Broadband Delivery UK (BDUK) and delivered

locally by 41 upper-tier authorities. The national programme would support the county as the economic benefits had the potential to increase growth, productivity, innovation and enhance Derbyshire as a business location. It was important that work was undertaken throughout the lifetime of the project to maximise the economic and social benefits arising from this major infrastructure investment, to ensure that Derbyshire residents and businesses were not left behind. The project was now at the invitation to tender stage and a tender from BT was expected within the prescribed time limit and this would be evaluated in line with the BDUK framework. All contract awards must be made by early August 2013 and BDUK funding spent by March 2015.

**RESOLVED** (1) to note the progress being made to deliver the Local Broadband Plan;

(2) that, subject to completion of the call-off governance period and the tender delivering value for money, the applicant be notified of preferred bidder status in accordance with the timetable; and

(3) to note that Cabinet on 30 July 2013 would be invited to award the contract.

**170/13      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 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 18 June 2013.

(2) Receipt of the exempt minutes of Cabinet Member meetings held as follows:-

Strategic Policy and Budget – 11 & 18 June 2013

Council Services – 18 June 2013

Jobs, Economy and Transport – 18 June 2013

(3) Consideration of a report of the Strategic Director Adult Care on provision of a Volunteer Befriending Service for Adults (containing information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person).

(4) Consideration of a joint report of the Strategic Director for Children and Younger Adults and the Director of Property on CAYA Capital Programme 2013/14 Schools Access Initiative (containing information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual).

- (5) Consideration of the report of the Strategic Director for Children and Younger Adults on School Staff Redundancies (containing information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual).
- (6) Consideration of report of the Director of Finance on Contract for the Supply of Stationery and Paper (Desktop Delivery) (containing information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person).
- (7) Consideration of a joint report of the Director of Legal Services and the Director of Finance on Debt Write-Offs (containing information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person).
- (8) Consideration of a report of the Director of HR on Occupational Physician Services (containing information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person).