

**MINUTES** of a meeting of **CABINET** held on **24 May 2016** at County Hall, Matlock.

**PRESENT**

Councillor A Western (in the Chair)

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

Councillors B Lewis and D Lomax also attended the meeting.

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor J A Coyle.

**144/16      PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

There were no public questions.

**145/16      MINORITY GROUP LEADERS' QUESTIONS**

Councillor B Lewis asked the following questions:

**Agenda Item 7(a) - Community Priorities Programme**

Half of this budget would provide continuity of service to Community Transport, a vital service for all Derbyshire residents. Instead, the Labour Leader and Cabinet have chosen to find savings from somewhere to support their 2017 election ambitions, therefore, can the Leader answer the following questions:

How confident are you in your modelling that this projects targets communities in need?

The timescales are so short to develop meaningful projects capable of delivering real benefits that this risks being a waste of public money – do you not agree?

When will the urgently needed Good Practice Guide and “simple application process” be provided to ensure all eligible members can fairly participate on behalf of their communities? If the timescales are unachievable in some areas, what will happen to the resources allocation to that area? Will it be allocated to other areas with identified plans and a head start?

Councillor A Western replied that this was one-off funding and not on-going revenue funding. Whilst this funding could be allocated to other services, it would be a short-term solution. The funding would target the top 50% deprived areas in the County as defined by the Government’s own Index of Deprivation so, yes, I am confident that this funding will target communities in need. The fund will run over a two year period, learning from lessons in the past and this will enable projects to develop and deliver something meaningful in local areas. The Good practice Guide will be available in the near future.

### **Agenda Item 7(b) - Maximising Social Value Through Commissioning and procurement of Public Services**

This report seems to have (not surprisingly) significant linkage with the previous agenda item such that the controlling Labour Administration can again adopt a more listening/consultation position- is this to gain more traction prior to the County Council elections in 2017?

The report quotes "*Social value is intrinsic to all the services the Council commissions and procures. All of the services that the Council delivers ultimately relate to the achievement of the Council's aims for improving the lives of Derbyshire residents. If the Council is to continue to deliver the services that local people need with fewer resources, there will need to be better targeted, more innovative and radical service delivery solutions*".

Isn't this an example of embracing the Big Society which your administration consistently ridicules?

Why has it taken over 3 years from the act coming into force to issue a report and draft strategy?

Councillor A Botham replied that this proposal was not linked at all to the previous item and was not linked to the Big Society. It was about promoting social value through procurement and commissioning, getting the maximum benefit and value from this activity whatever this might be.

### **Agenda Item 7(e) - Bell Lane Bridleway, Smalley – Confirm Works to Resurface and Add to the Capital Programme 2016-17**

Residents have been led to believe the ownership and ongoing maintenance responsibility for Bell Lane lies with Derbyshire County Council, as part of the original planning approval. Can the Cabinet Member confirm this to be the case, or identify which residents own sections of the bridleway or have liabilities relating to its upkeep?

Has any legal agreement been made with local residents as to their specific liability and percentage contribution relating to Bell Lane's ongoing maintenance?

Councillor D Collins replied that, in the long term, the responsibility for the maintenance as a bridleway would revert to the County Council.

**146/16**      **MINUTES RESOLVED** that the non-exempt minutes of the meeting of Cabinet held on 3 May 2016 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

**147/16**      **CABINET MEMBER MEETINGS – MINUTES RESOLVED** to receive the non-exempt minutes of Cabinet Member meetings as follows:

(a) Adult Social Care – 20 April 2016

- (b) Health and Communities – 3 May 2016
- (c) Strategic Policy, Economic Development and Budget – 3 May 2016
- (d) Council Services – 9 May 2016
- (e) Children's Services – 10 May 2016
- (f) Highways, Transport and Infrastructure – 10 May 2016

**148/16**      **COMMUNITY PRIORITIES PROGRAMME** (Strategic Policy, Economic Development and Budget) The Chief Executive sought approval for the development of a Community Priorities Programme to ensure communities were at the heart of decision-making and to support the Council's priorities relating to Thriving Communities.

Ensuring that local people were engaged and were at the heart of decision-making were key priorities for the Council and enabling communities to have the resilience and capacity to support themselves were becoming increasingly important as public sector resources continued to shrink.

Cabinet, at its meeting on 26 January 2016, set aside a one-off amount of £4m from the General Reserves to support the development of the Community Priorities Programme and proposals on how to spend the one-off resource were now required. It was recommended that approximately £2.3m of the £4m one-off resource be used to establish a new Communities Priorities Programme which would target and support activity in designated geographical areas. Developing a Programme which devolved funds to a local level, supported community activities, particularly activities which helped communities help themselves and would support the Council's priorities and sit alongside current work on Thriving Communities.

If the Council was to have the most impact in terms of allocating this resource, it needed to target activity in those areas where deprivation persisted. Cabinet had agreed on 3 November 2015, that the results of the English Indices of Deprivation 2015 (ID 2015) be used to inform service planning and future development across the Council, and it was recommended that ID 2015 be used to identify the designated geographical areas to be supported by the Programme.

The ID 2015 was the Government's official measure of deprivation at small area level and there were currently 215 Derbyshire LSOAs that fell within the top 50% deprived areas in England, based on the ID 2015 which was a welcome improvement of nearly 9% in LSOAs no longer in the most deprived 50% nationally. It was recommended that the 50% most deprived small areas in Derbyshire be designated as eligible areas for Communities Priority Programme and that each LSOA be allocated resources on the following sliding scale dependent on whether an area was in the top or fifth decile as follows:-

<b>National Decile</b>	<b>Funding per LSOA £</b>	<b>No of Derbyshire LSOAs</b>
1	16,000	18
2	14,000	42
3	11,000	51
4	9,000	53
5	7,000	51

Whilst only a relatively small sum, it was hoped that targeting the available resources at a granular level would lead to improved decision-making in supporting LSOAs improving their relative ID score by the time the next set of data was published. Details of the proposed designated areas and allocations were presented in Appendix 1 to the report.

Councillors in the designated area would play a key role in the allocation of resources, being tasked with bringing forward project ideas from local communities that met a set of identified criteria. The process for allocating funds would need to be both clear and transparent and it was recommended that a simple application process be developed to ensure that there was a consistency of approach. In addition, selection criteria to support the allocation of resources in local communities would be developed and the criteria would balance the aims of the programme in ensuring funding was allocated to projects which were designed by, and benefitted the local community, with a need to ensure that the programme was fully spent. As a minimum all projects would need to;

- Support activity principally benefiting the designated;
- LSOA Support the aims and objectives of the Thriving Communities programme;
- Link into Thriving Communities activity in areas where work was currently being piloted where possible;
- Be time-limited and not require on-going funding from the Council;
- Complement, not duplicate other funding sources such as the Public Health Locality Fund, the members Community Leadership Scheme etc;
- Show how activity could be sustained beyond the life of the funding;
- Meet an identified need which could be evidenced through for example, English Indices of Deprivation, the Derbyshire Quilt etc;
- Be delivered within agreed timescales;
- Show how local people had helped in the design of identified activity or had been consulted/engaged; and
- Show what difference was being made.

Projects which did not meet the agreed criteria would not be put forward for consideration. It was recommended that the Community Priorities Programme run for a period of two years which would give time to develop projects with local

communities and fully spend allocations for designated areas. To ensure that there was a planned approach moving forward, Elected Members would be tasked with identifying proposals for allocating expense in their areas by the end of July 2016, which would help identify those communities where more support may be required to identify relevant projects.

It was proposed that the Strategic Director Thriving Community leads with responsibility to district areas would be delegated responsibility for approval of projects requiring funding below £20,000. These approvals would be reported on a quarterly basis to the Cabinet Member – Strategic Policy, Economic Development and Budget. Projects requiring funding of £20,000 or above would be approved by the Cabinet Member - Strategic Policy, Economic Development and Budget and projects requiring £100,000 or above would be approved by Cabinet.

**RESOLVED** to approve (1) proposals to establish a £2.271m Community Priorities Programme using one-off resources identified from General Reserves;

(2) that the 50% most deprived Lower Super Output Areas in Derbyshire be designated as eligible areas for the Community Priorities Programme and that each LSOA be allocated funding on a sliding scale as detailed in the report;

(3) that the Community Priorities Programme be used to support activity principally benefitting the designated LSOA;

(4) Councillors representing the designated areas be tasked with bringing forward projects from the local community that met the selection criteria detailed in the report;

(5) Strategic Director Thriving Communities Leads be delegated responsibility to approve projects requiring funding of up to £20,000 and these be reported to the Cabinet Member – Strategic Policy, Economic Development and Budget on a quarterly basis; and

(6) that further reports, to seek approval to fund projects requiring funding of £20,000 and above report to the Cabinet Member - Strategic Policy, Economic Development and Budget as and when required, or Cabinet if above, £100,000.

**149/16      MAXIMISING SOCIAL VALUE THROUGH COMMISSIONING AND PROCUREMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES** (Strategic Policy, Economic Development and Budget) The Chief Executive updated Cabinet on work taking place within the Council to maximise social value through the commissioning and procurement of services and sought approval to consult on the Council's draft Social Value Strategy, Framework and Procurement Guidance.

Social value was intrinsic to all of the services the Council commissioned and procured. All of the services the Council delivered ultimately related to the achievement of the Council's aim of improving the lives of Derbyshire residents. Some commissioned services, such as those provided by the voluntary sector

organisations for people with mental health problems, had a clear social value and were closely linked to the priorities in the Council Plan and other key strategies. However, even with services of this nature, there was an opportunity to do more to produce social value with the Authority's commissioning approach, whether this was ensuring that services were locally based and employed local people, creating apprenticeships, using ethically sourced goods or actively encouraging volunteering.

The Social Value Act 2012 came into force on 31 January 2013 and placed a requirement on commissioners and procurement officers to consider the economic, environmental and social benefits of their approaches to the procurement of public services. The Act did not require social value to be considered in contracts to goods procured by the Council, however the Government promoted the inclusion of social value in all contracts as best practice.

Since September 2015, work had been taking place to develop the Council's approach a small time limited task and finish group comprising representatives from departments had been established to support the development of work across the Council, including the production of a draft Social Value Strategy which sets out the aims, priorities and key actions required to develop the Council's approach. The draft Strategy, a copy of which was attached at Appendix A to the report, sought to outline the Council's overarching corporate approach to implementing the Public Services (Social Value) Act 2012 and recognised the potential of the approach to support the Council's overall aims and objectives. Details of other work that had taken place to develop the Council's approach was detailed in the report including the development of a Social Value Framework for the Council as detailed at Appendix B to the report and the production of draft Social Value Procurement Guidance attached at Appendix C to the report.

Further consultation with the public and stakeholders would be required and the consultation process would be important in ensuring that the voluntary and community sector, and where appropriate, suppliers, were able to input their views. During a period of consultation, work would take place to test the process on a range of forthcoming procurement exercises which were currently being identified by departments. In addition, work would take place to develop a detailed action plan to support the Strategy.

**RESOLVED** to (1) approve the draft Social Value Strategy, Framework and Procurement Guidance for consultation;

(2) note that it was intended that the social value considerations would be included as a separate consideration in future Cabinet, Cabinet Member and Council reports;

(3) receive a further report regarding the publication of the full Strategy and Action Plan following consultation of the relevant stakeholders and

(4) receive reports on progress on six-monthly basis and an annual report at the end of each financial year

**150/16 DERBYSHIRE TRANSFORMATION CHALLENGE AWARD**

(Strategic Policy, Economic Development and Budget) The Chief Executive informed Cabinet of recent allocations made from the Transformation Challenge Award (TCA) to support North Midlands One Public Estate Programme (OPE) and the Derbyshire Collection Funds Project, further details of which were presented in the report.

**RESOLVED** to (1) note the following applications from the TCA Fund;

- (i) North Midlands From Public Estate Programme - £50,000;
- (ii) Derbyshire Collection Funds Project - £154,882;

(2) that £50,000 remained in the TCA Fund.

**151/16 CHANGES TO ARRANGEMENTS FOR APPOINTMENT OF EXTERNAL AUDITORS**

(Strategic Policy, Economic Development and Budget) The Director of Finance reported on changes to the arrangements for appointing External Auditors following the closure of the Audit Commission and the end of the transitional arrangements at the conclusion of 2017-18 audit.

The Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 brought to a close the Audit Commission and established transitional arrangements for the appointment of External Auditors and the setting of audit fees for all local government and NHS bodies for England. In October 2015, the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) determined that the transitional arrangements for local government bodies would be extended by one year to also include the audit of accounts for 2017-18.

The Council's current External Auditor was KPMG and this appointment had been made under a contract let by the Audit Commission. Following closure of the Audit Commission, the contract was currently managed by Public Sector Audit Appointments Limited (PSAA), the transitional body set up by the Local Government Association with delegated authority from the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government.

When the current transitional arrangements came to an end on 31 March 2018, the Council would be able to move to a local appointment of the External Auditor. There were three broad options open to the Council under the Local Audit and Accountability Act, each with varying risks and opportunities. Firstly, to make a stand-alone appointment. Secondly, to set up a joint auditor panel/local joint procurement arrangement, and thirdly, to opt-in to a sector led body. Further details of the advantages and disadvantages of each option were presented in the report.

**RESOLVED** to note (1) the changes to the arrangements for appointing External Auditors at the conclusion of the 2017-18 audit; and

(2) the Council's support of the LGA led sector body approach

**152/16 BELL LANE BRIDLEWAY, SMALLEY – CONFIRM WORKS TO RE-SURFACE AND ADD TO THE CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2016-17** (Highways, Transport and Infrastructure) The Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Communities sought Cabinet approval to add improvement works to Bell Lane Bridle Way, Smalley to the 2016-17 Capital Programme, further details of which were presented in the report.

**RESOLVED** to approve the addition of improvement works to Bell Lane, Smalley to the 2016-17 Capital Programme.

**153/16 RELIEF WORK CONTRACT ARRANGEMENTS** (Council Services) The Strategic Director – Corporate Resources reported on proposals under discussion to change the contractual arrangements of relief employees with a view to offering a guaranteed average minimum working hours, and on progress in considering potential implementation of the guaranteed hours system.

The practice of using relief staff that had no guaranteed minimum contractual hours but, at the same time, were not required to work if they chose not to, and asking part-time staff to consent to work additional hours, was long-standing in the Council. The basis of such arrangements was that neither employer nor employee had any mutuality of obligation to, respectively, provide work, or to respond to an offer of work. Appendix 1 to the report detailed the numbers of relief employees covered by these arrangements.

The potential to offer guaranteed minimum hours had been reviewed and it was recognised that the impact on individual service areas, both beneficial and adverse, needed to be identified in order to inform the development and implementation of any proposals. Details of considerations to be addressed in any implementation and also progress towards implementation of a guaranteed minimum contract to relief employees were presented in the report.

**RESOLVED** to note the progress made in respect of proposals to change the contractual arrangements of relief workers, in particular the option of guaranteeing average minimum working hours and potential implementation of a guaranteed hours system.

**154/16 CORPORATE MAINTENANCE BUDGET 2016-17** (Council Services) The Corporate Maintenance Budget provided for all reactive maintenance, statutory servicing, planned maintenance and grounds maintenance of the Council's non-school premises, along with general health and safety issues relating to amongst others, asbestos, legionella and radon gas and cleaning at the majority of the Council's premises. The breakdown of the budget for 2017 was proposed as detailed in the table below.



Area of Budget	2016-17 (£)	2015-16 (£)
Reactive Maintenance	2,440,471 (Including a contingency of £230,000)	1,969,279
Planned Maintenance	1,600,000	2,100,000
Servicing	530,000	530,000
Grounds Maintenance	1,562,593	1,610,000
Building Cleaning	1,584,936	1,430,000
Contingency	0 (see above)	530,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,718,000</b>	<b>8,169,279</b>

For 2016-17, the contingency allocation had been included within the reactive maintenance allocation, as in previous years all the contingency had been used for reactive maintenance. Appendix A to the report detailed the proposed new planned maintenance projects for 2016 and these projects had been prioritised from conditions survey data in consultation with service departments which had determined their priority areas of spend.

In 2015-16, the Council reduced the Corporate Maintenance Budget by £1.3m and the reduction was made by reducing the amount allocated for reactive maintenance. A particularly wet winter had resulted in significant pressure on the reactive maintenance allocation, which resulted in a shortfall to the budget required to repair and maintain the Council's properties on a day-to-day basis. In order to address this shortfall, any 2015-16 planned maintenance schemes that had not yet commenced were placed on hold, details of which were attached at Appendix B to the report.

The list of deferred 2015-2016 planned maintenance schemes, together with the list of 2016-2017 new planned maintenance schemes, would form a pool of projects on which the planned maintenance allocation would be expended. Any variations to this pool of projects would be reported to the Cabinet Member for Council Services for approval.

**RESOLVED** to (1) approve the proposed breakdown of the 2016-17 Corporate Maintenance Budget; and

(2) approve the pool of planned maintenance projects on which the 2016-17 Corporate Maintenance Budget would be expended.

**155/16 PUBLIC HEALTH LOCALITY PROGRAMME ANNUAL REPORT**  
(Health and Communities) The Director of Public Health updated Cabinet on the

progress and achievements of the Public Health Locality Programme during 2015, details of which were presented in the report. A copy of the annual progress report was attached at Appendix 1 to the report.

The budget for the Locality Programme in 2016-2017 was £0.989m and this money had been identified within the Public Health Grant for 2016-17.

**RESOLVED** to (1) note the progress made in 2015, and agree for the dissemination of the locality progress reports to each of the locality Health and Wellbeing Partnerships and Local Area Committees;

(2) approve the on-going funding of the Public Health Locality Programme 2016-17; and

(3) approve the release of the locality investment for 2016-17 to Locality Partnerships to deliver the priorities set out in the Public Health Locality Plans.

**156/16      PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE COUNTY COUNCIL TRANSPORT POLICY FOR HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT FOR PRE-SCHOOL, 8 TO 11 YEAR OLDS (WHO LIVE OVER 2 MILES AND UNDER 3 MILES FROM SCHOOL), POST-16 AND POST-19 STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND DISABILITIES** (Children's Services)

The Strategic Director – Children's Services informed Cabinet of the outcomes of a public consultation which sought views on County Council's proposed changes to its Transport Policy for Children and Young People, specifically in relation to:

- Free transport provided for pre-school children attending special nurseries and assessment placements
- Free transport provided for children aged 8 to 11 who lived more than 2 miles but less than 3 miles from school
- Post-16 students (16 to 18) with special educational needs and disability (SEND)
- 19 to 25 years olds with SEND.

The report detailed the financial background, the existing arrangements and the consultation process and consultation responses, along with details of the Equality Analysis. A copy of the Equality Analysis was attached at Appendix 1 to the report and details of the consultation responses at Appendix 2. Cabinet Members confirmed that they had read and considered the Equality Analysis.

The County Council had a statutory duty to make arrangements to provide free home to school transport for some children of compulsory school age and had a discretionary duty to consider whether to provide transport for others. Details of relevant transport policies were attached at Appendix 3 to the report.

With regard to pre-school transport, as there was no statutory requirement to provide transport, any requests would be judged on an exceptional basis for further consideration. Those currently benefiting from free transport would be contacted individually to discuss potential transitional arrangements.

Those aged 8 and over who lived over 2 miles from their normal school would receive three terms notice that their transport provision would cease. Some of the families affected might continue to be eligible under the 'extended rights' scheme and information on this would be provided to all those affected.

In the case of post-16 and post-19 transport, in response to the impacts identified in the EA and the consultation responses, in particular of those affected by the proposal, there was a need to develop a robust procedure for considering special cases. The consultation conducted thus far sought respondents' views on this and these would be taken into account in developing the procedure.

In responding to the findings of the EA and the consultation feedback, the availability of both internal and external support that may be accessed by families and, if there are any other transport assistance schemes which may be of assistance, were considered. This had included work on a detailed process for considering the eligibility of those who could demonstrate exceptional circumstances and so require assistance including development of a needs assessment criteria and application process to access a transport support fund.

It was unclear on the basis of the work undertaken to date what the full implications were for the funding of transport assistance and the resources needed to effectively deliver that scheme; hence the need to undertake further developmental work.

There were several options that the County Council could consider including increasing the charges, requiring a contribution from bursary and mobility allowance. Any scheme would be based on eligibility and exceptional circumstance criteria that carefully needed to be tested so the County Council was clearer on any potential costs.

It was recommended that Members approve a further period of work to develop a proposed scheme that would potentially provide a cost effective means of providing of transport assistance that would ensure an accurate calculation of savings could be made and a fair scheme in helping post-16 and post-19 students' access training. This would give the County Council an opportunity to also develop a process ready for students applying for courses in 2017.

Therefore, it was recommended that the current post-16 transport policy for students with SEND (16-25) remained in place for a minimum of a further 12 months whilst this further piece of work was undertaken.

A copy of the proposed Transport Policy for Children and Young People was attached at Appendix 4 to the report.

The County Council had a statutory duty to publish its transport policy each year and should be available by the 31 May 2016. It would be necessary to waive the call in period for this item to ensure that this deadline was met. The Chair of the Improvement and Scrutiny Committee – People (Councillor D Charles) had agreed to this.

**RESOLVED** to approve (1) the amendment to the Transport Policy for Children and Young People (Appendix 4) in relation to discretionary provision of transport for pre-school children for 2016-2017. This change clarifies that the County Council will only provide transport in very exceptional circumstances from September 2016;

(2) the amendment to the Transport Policy for Children and Young People (Appendix 4) to change the general eligibility criteria for walking distance for children aged 8 to 11 from 2 miles to 3 miles from their normal area school for 2016-2017;

(3) the amendment to the Post-16 Transport Policy Statement (Academic Year 2016-2017) to include a statement regarding the undertaking of policy revisions for implementation from September 2017;

(4) the undertaking of further development work and if appropriate, further consultation and equalities analysis on a scheme of transport assistance for post-16 and post-19 young people with SEND and to receive a further report on post-16 and post-19 transport provision detailing any future policy revisions; and

(5) the waiver of the call-in period for this item to ensure the meeting of the deadline of 31 May for the Council to meet the statutory duty to publish its transport policy.

**157/16 ACCOMMODATION FOR CARE LEAVERS AND VULNERABLE YOUNG ADULTS** (Children's Services and Adult Social Care) The Strategic Director – Children's Services informed Cabinet to the intention to undertake a needs assessment and to seek the views of care leavers, young vulnerable adults and relevant stakeholders in preparation for a procurement process to supply accommodation and support for care leavers, homeless 16 and 17 year olds and vulnerable homeless adults aged 18 to 24. The report also detailed changes in the housing market place which were likely to impact on the affordability, availability and types of accommodation available to young people and vulnerable groups.

**RESOLVED** to note the intention to (1) undertake an assessment of the support and accommodation needs of care leavers and young people aged 16 to 25 vulnerable to becoming homeless;

(2) seek the views of care leavers and young people vulnerable to homelessness to inform the development of the service specification; and

(3) work across Children's Services and Adult Care to maximise efficiency from the available financial envelope, making the best use of any accommodation support which was procured and reducing duplication in commissioning activities.

**158/16**      **CHILDCARE SUFFICIENCY ASSESSMENT** (Children's Services)  
The Strategic Director – Children's Services reported to Cabinet on the outcome of the Childcare Sufficiency Assessment 2015-2017, as required by the Sufficiency Duty of the Childcare Act 2006.

The Childcare Act 2006 was introduced to give every child the best start in life and parent/carers a greater opportunity to balance work and family life. The Act placed a duty on local authorities to improve outcomes for young children and to reduce inequalities between them. Local authorities had a key role in shaping the childcare market for their area. Section 6 of the Act placed a duty on local authorities to secure sufficient childcare, so far as was reasonably practicable, to enable parents/carers to access employment or training. In order to fulfil this duty, an assessment of the supply of, and demand for, childcare must be undertaken resulting in a strategy that ensured that the views of parents/carers, employers and children were taken into consideration in planning and funding of future developments.

The County Council published its last Childcare Sufficiency Assessment in 2015, and since this date work had been undertaken to establish an on-going picture of the supply and demand of childcare within Derbyshire as a whole and in each of the eight districts. A copy of the Assessment was attached as an appendix to the report.

**RESOLVED** to approve the draft Assessment as the County Council's response to the Government's requirement.

**159/16**      **SCHOOLS DEVOLVED FORMULA CAPITAL 2016-17** (Children's Services)  
The Strategic Director Children's Services reported on the Government's Devolved Formula Capital (DFC) grant allocation to 2016-17 and sought approval to incorporate the grant into the Children's Services Capital Programme and inform schools and sports centres of their allocation.

The Department for Education (DFE) had confirmed that the amount of DFC grant each school received in 2016-17 would be calculated using the annual school census return at January 2015 (pupil numbers on role) and based on two elements: a fixed amount per school/sports centre; and an allocation per pupil according to the type of school. Details of the individual school allocations were attached as an Appendix to the report.

**RESOLVED** to approve (1) the incorporation of the 2016-17 DFC grant totalling £2,450,705 onto the Children's Services Capital Programme; and

(2) the individual DFC allocations for 2016-17 would be confirmed to schools and sports centres as detailed in the Appendix to the report.

**160/16      OUTCOME OF THE STATUTORY CONSULTATION ON PROPOSALS FOR RE-ORGANISATION OF PRIMARY PHASE EDUCATION IN ASHBOURNE** (Children's Services) The Strategic Director – Children's Services reported on the outcome of the statutory consultation the proposal for the re-organisation of the primary phase education in Ashbourne. A four week consultation period had been undertaken with one response being received, details of which were presented in the report.

**RESOLVED** to (1) note the response to the publication of the statutory notice on the re-organisation of primary education in Ashbourne; and

(2) approve the re-organisation of primary education in Ashbourne to create three primary schools serving a single shared normal area.

**161/16      CHILDREN'S SERVICES CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2016-17** (Children's Services) The Strategic Director – Children's Services sought approval to the Children's Services Capital Programme and allocations to individual projects for 2016-17. A breakdown of the proposed programme was included at Appendices A and B to the report.

**RESOLVED** to approve the Children's Services Capital Programme 2016-17 as set out in Appendices A and B to the report.

**162/16      THE AIMING HIGH DERBYSHIRE OFFER** (Children's Services) The Strategic Director – Children's Services informed Cabinet of the outcomes of the consultation on proposals to cease the Aiming High Derbyshire Offer and sought approval to proceed with the implementation of proposals to cease the offer and to provide short breaks services to eligible families only following a formal assessment that identified that additional services were necessary.

Cabinet, at its meeting on 26 January 2016, considered a report detailing factors affecting the Council's position with regard to funding and the pressing need make further cuts as a result of the significant reduced Children's Services Budget. The Council appreciated that families had benefitted from the provision made available through the Aiming High offer however, it would need to determine which services it could continue to provide and which it could no-longer afford to.

Formal consultation had taken place between 19 February and 29 March 2016. A copy of the consultation report was attached at Appendix 1 to the report. An Equality Analysis had been completed to consider the potential impact of the proposed changes and the extent to which any adverse impact could be mitigated, further details of which were presented at Appendix 2 to the report. Cabinet Members confirmed that they had read and considered the outcomes of the Equality Analysis.

In addition to the range of specialist activities provided by the voluntary community and independent sector, the County Council currently had eight specialist youth groups offering opportunities to disabled young people. In response to concerns that disabled young people would have fewer opportunities to experience friendship and social groups as a result of the proposal to cease the Aiming High Offer, the potential for attendance at these groups would be explored. Attendance figures indicated that there was potential capacity in these groups for some young people using, or previously using Aiming High. Attendance tended to be static with some young people continuing to attend well into their twenties. Further capacity could be created through supporting older younger people to move onto other adult opportunities and consideration for additional training for staff providing these groups could lead to further inclusion. These groups were not currently part of the locality based youth offer.

**RESOLVED** to (1) approve the proposal to cease the Aiming High Offer with effect 1 October 2016 and provide short break services to eligible families only following a formal assessment that identified that additional services were necessary; and

(2) agree to a review of the current County Council Specialist Youth provision in order to determine effective use of resources and make recommendations for the future.

**162/16      CONTRACT FOR THE SUPPLY AND SUPPORT OF A REPLACEMENT RECRUITMENT SYSTEM** (Council Services) The Strategic Director – Corporate Resources sought approval for the procurement of a replacement recruitment system for use by the Council and its partner organisations.

The contract to provide the current Abacus recruitment system had been in place since 2003 and had been the subject of a number of agreed extensions. The contract was due to expire on 31 December 2016, at which point an upgrade costing in the region of £70,000 would be required in order to continue using the current system. It was essential for the Council to have a new system that met both its current and future needs to ensure it could continue to recruit effectively, both internally and externally.

In order to establish what was available, the Cabinet Member - Council Services approved that a soft market testing exercise be undertaken and this had taken place during in February and March 2016. Thirteen responses had been received from organisations offering recruitment systems, and from these, it had been established what functionality could be accommodated within the new system. A summary of the requirements of the new systems was attached at Appendix 1 to the report.

The soft market testing results suggested that the Council should be able to implement a new system with implementation costs in the region of £100,000 and annual running costs of £100,000. It was considered that the implementation for

the first five years costs would not therefore exceed £600,000 and the full procurement exercise would ensure that the new system accommodated the functionality that was both affordable and essential to Council's current recruitment requirements, as well as ensuring that the new system was flexible enough to accommodate any change in requirements to the Council over the lifetime of the contract.

**RESOVLED** to approve the procurement of a new externally hosted recruitment system for the use the Council and partners, subject to a further a further report to confirm the preferred provider and detailed costs.

**163/15      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 MEETINGS**

1. To receive declarations of interest (if any).
2. To consider minority group leaders questions (if any).
3. To confirm the exempt minutes of the meeting of Cabinet held on 3 May 2016.
4. To receive the exempt minutes of the Cabinet Member meeting for Council Services held on 9 May 2016.
5. Report of the Strategic Director – Corporate Resources on the Provision of First Aid Training (Council Services) (Contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person, including the Authority holding that information).
6. Report of the Strategic Director – Corporate Resources on the Supply of Gloves (Council Services) (Contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person, including the Authority holding that information).
7. Report of the Strategic Director – Corporate Resources on the Contract for the Supply and Maintenance of Multi-functional Devices and Print Room Equipment and Associated Services (Council Services) (Contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person, including the Authority holding that information).
8. Joint report of the Strategic Director – Children's Services and the Strategic Director – Corporate Resources on Children's Services Capital Programme 2016-17 – Schools Access Initiative (Children's Services) (Contains information likely to reveal the identity of any individual).