

MINUTES of a meeting of **CABINET** held on 4 April 2017 at County Hall, Matlock.

PRESENT

Councillor A Western (in the Chair)

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

Also in attendance – Councillor D Lomax.

121/17 **PUBLIC QUESTIONS** There were no public questions.

122/17 **MINORITY GROUP LEADERS' QUESTIONS**
There were no Minority Group Leaders' questions.

123/17 **MINUTES RESOLVED** that the non-exempt Minutes of the meeting of Cabinet held on 14 March 2017 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

124/17 **CABINET MEMBER MEETINGS – MINUTES RESOLVED**
to receive the non-exempt minutes of Cabinet Member Meetings as follows;

- (a) Highways, Transport and Infrastructure – 28 February 2017.
- (b) Children's Services – 14 March 2017.
- (c) Health and Communities – 14 March 2017.
- (d) Strategic Policy, Economic Development and Budget – 14 March 2017.
- (e) Adult Social Care – 16 March 2017.
- (f) Council Services – 20 March 2017.

125/17 **DERBYSHIRE ECONOMIC REVIEW – MARCH 2017**
RESOLVED to receive a copy of the Derbyshire Economic Review for March 2017.

126/17 **BUDGET MONITORING 2016-17 (AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2016)**
RESOLVED to receive the report on the Budget Monitoring position as at 31 December 2016.

127/17 **ECONOMY, TRANSPORT AND COMMUNITIES DEPARTMENT'S SERVICE PLAN 2017-18 APPENDICES: CAPITAL PROGRAMME**
At its meeting of 14 March 2017, Cabinet considered a report relating to the approval of the departmental Service Plans 2017-18 and associated budgets. The Economy, Transport and Communities Department's

Service Plan was approved, but without the appendices that set out the associated highways and transport capital programmes. These were now presented.

RESOLVED (1) to approve the 2017-18 Economy, Transport and Communities Department Highway and Transport capital programmes; and

(2) to authorise the Strategic Director - Economy, Transport and Communities to commence implementation of the Highways Maintenance Incentive Fund programme following confirmation of the direct grant allocation as set out in the report.

128/17 PERSISTENT EVADER POLICY (PARKING)

Cabinet approval was sought for the introduction of a policy for the removal of vehicles where the vehicle owner was classed as a 'persistent evader' in respect of unpaid or unchallenged Penalty Charge Notices and to undertake a procurement exercise for a contract for the removal of vehicles.

RESOLVED to approve the introduction of the Persistent Evader Policy for the removal of vehicles and the undertaking of a procurement exercise for a contract for the removal of vehicles.

129/17 STREET LIGHTING SERVICE INVEST-TO-SAVE PROPOSAL FOR THE PRINCIPAL ROAD NETWORK

The report sought approval for an invest-to-save proposal to extend the existing project for installation of LED lighting on residential roads to the principal road network and to use the framework supply and installation contractors for the whole network.

RESOLVED (1) to approve the invest-to-save proposals for the introduction of LED lights and dimming identified within the report to improve the whole life costing of street lights in the height range 8m to 12m;

(2) to approve the use of the existing LED supply and installation frameworks to carry out these works;

(3) to note that there will be ongoing monitoring and evaluation of any issues raised by residents following installation of LEDs and of new research to identify any impact on health and the environment;

(4) to authorise the Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Infrastructure to consider a future report seeking approval to establish additional posts on a fixed term basis to assist in the delivery of the invest-to-save project; and

(5) to approve the amendment of the 2017-18 Capital Programme to increase the budget for the LED principal Network project from £11.088m to £11.20m, noting that this would be funded by additional borrowing of £0.112m.

130/17 CHILDCARE SUFFICIENCY ASSESSMENT

The Council published its last Childcare Sufficiency Assessment in 2016. In the period since this date, work had taken place to establish an ongoing picture of the supply and demand of childcare within Derbyshire as a whole and each of the eight districts. This had been particularly necessary with the introduction of the “Extended Entitlement” from September 2017 pursuant to the Childcare Act 2016. This meant around 71% of all families in Derbyshire with children aged 3 and 4 years old would see their existing entitlement to 15 hours of free nursery education double to 30 hours. This would inevitably put pressure on the number of existing childcare places and require the creation of new places to meet the increased demand.

RESOLVED to approve the draft Childcare Sufficiency Assessment as the County Council’s response to the Government’s requirements.

131/17 INDEPENDENT SECTOR CARE HOME FEES 2017-18

A comprehensive review of fee levels for independent sector care services was undertaken annually. To assist with this review, representatives of the Derbyshire Care Providers Association had been invited to set out particular business pressures affecting the care market and their costs. The Association continued to express its view that the detailed fee analysis and consultation previously undertaken by the Council was flawed and the fee rates did not cover their actual costs and required them to rely on “cross-subsidisation” by the providers themselves and residents/their families.

The Council’s fee proposals were shared with Provider representatives before a provider consultation meeting held on the in February 2017. Providers present at the meeting took the opportunity to feedback on the proposals and to discuss more widely the constraints currently being observed in the health and social care market.

A number of providers, including representatives of the Association, had also written to the Council identifying their cost pressures including the continued impact of the National Living Wage, the proposed increase in costs of regulating care services by the Care Quality Commission and increased costs of Insurance. A detailed explanation of the providers’ concerns was included in correspondence appended to the report.

RESOLVED (1) to approve an increase in the rate paid to independent sector care homes for the financial year 2017-18 by 3.31% per week as summarised in the report;

(2) to make an additional payment of £4.27 per nursing care home placement per week;

(3) to make an inflationary payment of up to 3.31% for specialist care home placements where evidence is provided of inflationary pressures;

(4) to approve an updated fee rate of £36.56 per session for a day care placement in a care home;

(5) to approve an updated dementia fee rate of £40.95 per week; and

(6) to make an inflationary payment of up to 3% for well-performing block contracts in specific circumstances.

132/17 REFURBISHMENT OF THE MAIN KITCHEN AT NEW BASSETT HOUSE, HOME FOR OLDER PEOPLE

Corporate

Resources Property Services had highlighted the need to upgrade the ventilation system at New Bassett House as an urgent priority to comply with current gas legislation and to prevent the build-up of gases in the kitchen.

RESOLVED to approve the refurbishment of the main kitchen at New Bassett House at a total cost of £0.108m.

133/17 SUPPLY OF STATIONERY – AWARD OF CONTRACT

Following a procurement exercise, Cabinet was asked to award a contract for the Supply of Stationery, the proposed contract being for a period of two years, from 1 October 2017, with an option to extend for two further twelve month periods, up to a maximum duration of four years to 30 September 2021, subject to an annual performance review.

RESOLVED to approve the award of a contract for the Supply of Stationery to Banner Group Limited, for a period of two years from 1 October 2017, with an option to extend for two further twelve month periods, up to a maximum duration of four years to 30 September 2021, subject to an annual performance review.

134/17 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 consider Minority Group Leaders' Questions (if any).
2. To confirm the exempt minutes of the meeting at Cabinet held on 14 March 2017.
3. To receive the exempt minutes of Cabinet Member meetings as follows:-
 - (a) Highways, Transport and Infrastructure – 28 February 2017
 - (b) Children's Services – 14 March 2017
 - (c) Council Services – 20 March 2017
4. To consider exempt reports as follows:-
 - (a) Provision of Mortuary and Funeral Director Services – Strategic Director Corporate Resources (contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding that information))
 - (b) Public Health: Live Life Better Derbyshire Service – Director of Public Health (contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding that information))
 - (c) Procurement of Motor Vehicles – Strategic Director Economy, Transport and Communities (contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding that information))
 - (d) Award of contracts for new Derbyshire Connect Service from October 2017 – Strategic Director Economy, Transport and Communities (contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding that information))
 - (e) Procurement of card management system, host operator and processing system and associated services – Strategic Director Economy, Transport and Communities (contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding that information))
 - (f) Urgent Decision taken by the Chief Executive – Release of Restrictive Covenant, Derwent Street, Belper (contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding that information)).