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**MINUTES** of a meeting of **CABINET** held on **5 May 2015** at County Hall Matlock.

**PRESENT**

Councillor A Western (in the Chair)

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

Councillor B Lewis also attended the meeting.

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors K Gillott and K P Morgan.

**170/15      PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

There were no public questions.

**171/15      MINORITY GROUP LEADERS' QUESTIONS**

Councillor B Lewis submitted the following question:

**Agenda Item 7c - Independent Sector Care Home Fees**

There are grounds to suggest that Derbyshire has a significantly higher percentage of its elderly population in residential care homes compared to the national average and other councils with similar demographic profiles. If this is the case the reasons are obviously complex, but it would be useful to (a) have clarification if this not the case or (b) address the issue if it is the case. Could the Cabinet Member please provide the data?

Councillor P Smith, Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care responded that the trend of admissions of older people into permanent residential care in Derbyshire was currently higher than the Council would wish. The most recently available information showed that there were 703 permanent admissions of clients aged over 65 per 100,000 of the population with the target being 688.4.

Work was currently taking place to understand why this was, as part of joint work between Adult Care and the local NHS to implement the Better Care Fund and further develop an integrated approach to supporting local people.

During periods of time when there was increased pressure on accident and emergency departments, there seemed to be more people going into residential care. Officers were looking into this.

Regular reporting on the Better Care Fund targets which included admissions to residential care would be made to the Adult Care Board and Health and Wellbeing Board.

**172/15**      **MINUTES**   **RESOLVED** that the non-exempt minutes of the meeting of Cabinet held on 14 April 2015 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

**173/15**      **CABINET MEMBER MEETINGS - MINUTES**      **RESOLVED** to receive the non-exempt minutes of Cabinet Member meetings as follows;

- (a) Children and Young People – 7 April 2015
- (b) Council Services – 7 April 2015
- (c) Health and Communities – 14 April 2015
- (d) Highways, Transport and Infrastructure – 14 April 2015
- (e) Strategic Policy, Economic Development and Budget – 14 April 2015
- (f) Adult Social Care – 15 April 2015

**174/15**      **SUSTAINABLE ENERGY – GROUND MOUNTED SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC (PV) INSTALLATIONS** (Strategic Policy, Economic Development and Budget) The Chief Executive reported on the outcome of the public consultation on proposals for ground mounted solar PV installations on Council owned sites, to seek approval to submit full planning applications for preferred sites and on a joint procurement approach being developed in conjunction with Northumberland County Council.

On 3 March 2015, Cabinet considered a report on proposals for a Council ground mounted solar PV project and consultation on six Council owned sites. The six sites were:

Site Ref	Site Name
0021-01	Westthorpe Hills (Westthorpe Colliery), Killamarsh
1801-01	Pye Bridge Recreation Area, Alfreton
2699-01	Former Swanwick Colliery Reclamation Land, Swanwick
2924-01	Agricultural Land at Swathwick Lane, Wingerworth
4269-01	Land at Mansfield Road, Temple Normanton
4273-01	Former Williamthorpe Colliery Land, Holmewood

Public consultation on the proposals to develop the six sites for ground mounted solar PV took place between 10 March and 21 April 2015, further details of which were presented in the report along with detailed information on the outcome of the consultation exercise. As a result of the consultation exercise, there were objections raised in relation to the proposed site at Swathwick Lane, Wingerworth, and it was therefore agreed that this site should be removed from consideration.

It was anticipated that planning applications for full planning consent would be submitted in May 2015 and the Building Research Establishment National Solar Centre had been appointed as planning consultants for the project and they would be developing the detailed drawings for the planning submissions.

Grid connection was a vital component for each of the sites, allowing the power generated to be transferred into the National Grid. Asset Utilities had been appointed as grid consultants for the project and initial grid connection applications had been submitted to Western Power with “grid offers” anticipated in May 2015.

The Association of Public Service Excellence (APSE) was facilitating a joint procurement exercise to establish a framework for local authority ground mounted solar PV schemes, which was being led by Northumberland County Council. The County Council and the Council’s proposed sites would be named in the framework procurement documentation following which, a further Cabinet report would seek approval to appoint a contractor(s) from the framework contract in Autumn 2015.

The Ground Mounted Solar PV Working Group would continue to manage the programme, led by a Principal Policy Officer, Policy & Research and the Carbon and Energy Manager, Corporate Property with the Corporate Management Team agreeing to act as the over-arching governance group for the project.

Due to the construction and commissioning deadline of 31 March 2016, initial revenue expenditure to fund planning and grid consultants was required to be met by the Council’s Carbon Reduction Initiative Fund (CRIF) revenue budget up to a value of £33,000. A Derbyshire Challenge Fund bid of £125,000 for development costs had been agreed and the CRIF would therefore be reimbursed. Whilst the track record of organisations in delivering renewable energy schemes was generally good and the Council should be optimistic about being able to recover these set-up costs, there was a possibility that they might prove irrecoverable.

It was intended that the five sites be developed with a view to them being built and commissioned before 31 March 2016, when the current feed-in tariff regime for large-scale solar PV installation changed. This would ensure that the maximum rates of return on any potential investment were obtained.

**RESOLVED** to (1) note the responses to the public consultation on proposed ground mounted solar PV installations on six Council owned sites;

(2) note the financial models for the project and that detailed business cases would be submitted to Cabinet in Autumn 2015;

(3) approve the submission of full planning applications for the following sites;

- (a) former Swanwick Colliery reclamation land
- (b) former Williamthorpe Colliery land
- (c) land at Mansfield Road, Temple Normanton
- (d) Westhorpe Hills (Westhorpe Colliery)
- (e) Pye Bridge recreation area;

(4) approve the County Council's participation in the joint procurement exercise to establish a framework of contractors for Local Authority ground mounted solar PV schemes being led by Northumberland County Council; and

(5) note that the Corporate Management Team would act as the over-arching governance group for the project.

**175/15      URGENT DECISION TAKEN BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE – CHARGING FOR RESIDENTIAL CARE – CARE ACT 2014** (Adult Social Care) The Strategic Director – Adult Care provided details of an urgent decision taken by the Chief Executive in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation contained in the Council's Constitution. The decision was taken on 16 March 2015 by the Chief Executive and a copy of the report was attached at Appendix 1 to the report.

**RESOLVED** to note the report.

**176/15      INDEPENDENT SECTOR CARE HOME FEES 2015-16** (Adult Social Care) The Strategic Director – Adult Care sought approval to various matters relating to independent sector care home fees for 2015-16. Specifically it was proposed to:

- Increase the rate paid to independent sector care homes for the financial year 2015-16 by £11.76 per week as detailed in Appendix 3 to the report;
- Make an inflationary payment of up to 2% where the provider could evidence their increase in costs for specialist care home placements;
- Introduce an additional Dementia Fee of £36.96 per week;
- Increase the rate to £33.02 per session for a day care placement in a care home; and
- Commence a review of the Quality Premium Scheme with the involvement of representatives of the Derbyshire Care Providers Association and other individual home owners who expressed a wish to be involved.

Further details of all the proposals were presented in the report.

**RESOLVED** to approve (1) the proposed fee increases for independent sector care homes for the financial year 2015-16 by £11.76 per week as detailed at Appendix 3 to the report;

(2) the payment of up to 2% inflation for specialist care home placements where evidence was provided of inflationary pressures;

(3) the introduction of a Dementia Fee of £36.96 per week;

(4) the payment of £33.02 per day session for a day care placement in a care home; and

(5) a review of the Quality Premium Scheme with the involvement of representatives of the Derbyshire Care Providers Association and other individual home owners who expressed a wish to be involved.

**177/15      CREATION OF EARMARKED RESERVES** (Children and Young People) The Strategic Director – Children and Younger Adults sought approval to create earmarked reserves in respect of a number of Children and Younger Adult services. The reserves related to:

- Citizens' Advice Bureaux
- Support for SAP in schools - Staffing
- Support for SAP in schools - Development Fund
- School Improvement Advisors
- Children's Centres
- Starting Point
- Traded Services
- Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs - Audit of Accounts Payable

The total value of the earmarked reserves was £3.453m.

**RESOLVED** to approve the creation or earmarked reserves as detailed in the report.

**178/15      HILTON PRIMARY SCHOOL: ALLOCATION OF FUNDING FOR ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS** (Children and Young People) The Strategic Director - Children and Younger Adults sought approval of Section 106 monies for Hilton Primary School. The Authority had received Section 106 contributions totalling £302,093 for the School and the majority of this funding had been used to provide two additional classrooms. A balance of £91,093 remained unallocated.

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It was proposed that this balance be allocated to the School's access and parking scheme with any balance being available to support improvements to the main entrance, further details of which were presented in the report.

**RESOLVED** to allocate £91,093 of Section 106 funding to access improvements at Hilton Primary School.

**179/15      DERBYSHIRE YOUTH COUNCIL UPDATE** (Children and Young People) The Strategic Director - Children and Younger Adults updated Cabinet on the work of the Derbyshire Youth Council which related to the outcomes of the Derbyshire Youth Council Conference which held on Saturday 14 March 2015.

**RESOLVED** to note the work of the Derbyshire Youth Council.

**180/15      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 14 April 2015.
2. To receive the exempt minutes of Cabinet Member meetings as follows:
  - (a) Children and Young People – 7 April 2015
  - (b) Council Services – 7 April 2015
  - (c) Highways, Transport and Infrastructure - 14 April 2015
  - (d) Strategic Policy, Economic Development and Budget - 14 April 2015
3. Consideration of the report of the Assistant Chief Executive on the Distribution of "Your Derbyshire" – Award of Contract (contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person, including the Authority holding that information).
4. Consideration of the report of the Strategic Director – Corporate Resources on Temporary Accommodation for Children for Younger Adults Directorate Contact and Referral Service (contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person, including the Authority holding that information).