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MINUTES of a meeting of **CABINET** held on **5 August 2014** at County Hall Matlock.

PRESENT

Councillor A Western (in the Chair)

Councillors D Allen, J Dixon and K Gillott.

Councillor B Lewis also attended the meeting.

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors K P Morgan, C Neill and B Ridgway.

264/14 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Public Question from Ms L Del Buono, Service Director, Framework.

Agenda Item 7(a) – Consultation on the proposed changes to the Housing Related Support Programme – Phase Two

The Report draws Members' attention to the impact of cuts to the Young People's Housing Related Support Service (paragraph 2.6): as a result the Council's plans to support young people (specified at Appendix section 10) would not be implemented.

The Council itself identified the need for the service; it has received ample evidence of its impact; and the Council's own cost-benefit analysis shows that every pound spent saves nearly £9 in public expenditure. The Council announced additional funds to be used to mitigate the cuts - £1m from Public Health and £900,000 from the Community Safety Partnership and Business Rates.

The Report shows how £1m from Public Health is to be distributed: please explain how the additional £900,000 is to be used and why the additional funding has not been shared equally across the sector leaving young people bearing a disproportionate 85% cut in support. (It is hard to understand exactly how funds are redistributed as the presentation of data in this Report differs from the presentation in January.)

By implementing these changes the Council is choosing to abandon its young people. Please explain how this proposal promotes the life chances of the vulnerable young people who are Derbyshire's future?

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Councillor P Jones indicated that it was important to recognise that no decisions had been made as the proposals were out to consultation which had been extended from the usual twelve weeks to fourteen weeks. The Council was looking at ways in which the impact of the cuts could be negated and would be willing to engage with those affected to move things forward.

Ms Del Buono asked the following supplementary question. Given that the proposed cuts would have a disproportionate impact on young people, would councillors agree to visit service centres in order to engage directly with those affected?

Councillor Jones responded that he would give a commitment to engage with young people as it was important to engage in positive dialogue with those affected in such circumstances.

Public Question from Mrs Liz Potter

Agenda item 7(i) - Consultation on the Government's Proposals to Allow Local Authorities the Powers to Delegate Children's Social Care Functions

It was noted that in the Radio Derby phone-in programme held last Friday August 1st 2014 with Heather Wheeler, Conservative MP for South Derbyshire, the MP refused to admit that the Government robbery conducted on Derbyshire people by the withholding of Derbyshire County Council's rightful money, resulting in a £157m plus shortfall, is wrong. The MP was adamant that reductions in money make no difference at all and that all Councils have to do is to "do business in a different way", which is just code for forcing councils into the outsourcing and privatisation of OUR publically-provided, publically-delivered public services, paid for and maintained for decades by our council taxes.

Therefore, we welcome and support the Council's submission of its objections to "current Government proposals to allow the outsourcing of children's services to third party providers", but now ask councillors, do you fear as we do that the Government "consultation" will be another done deal because the privatisation agenda is already set, so there definitely will be further starvation in Council funds in order to push councils down this route anyway, and will you then concede to this agenda and tell us you have no choice?

Councillor K Gillott responded that he shared the comments made by Councillor Clare Neill in her radio interview when he heard what Heather Wheeler MP had said. All councils, including Conservative run councils, were saying the cuts go too far, as were the Leader of the Local Government Association and the former Leader of the County Council.

Councillor Gillott said that Heather Wheeler MP was welcome to come to Derbyshire to see the effect of the cuts.

Councillor A Western assured Mrs Potter that she would receive a written response to her question.

Public Questions from Mrs J Goodison, Project Manager, Housing with Care and Support

Agenda Item 7(a) – Consultation on the proposed changes to the Housing Related Support Programme – Phase Two

How does the Cabinet plan to utilize the additional funding that has been identified (£1m) to reduce the impact of the proposed cuts, how and when will this be decided?

In relation to Domestic Abuse support, why is it that only the Housing Related Support Services which are being cut at present, would it not be more cost effective and ensure a uniformity of service for all County funded Domestic Abuse Services to be considered together?

How would Derbyshire plan to respond to any Domestic Homicide Review/Serious Case Review which, given the risks highlighted in the proposals, could occur as a direct result of the cuts?

As the Cabinet report correctly highlights, support needs are intrinsically linked, with such drastic cuts being made across all services, how does Derbyshire propose that other services such as housing/social care/health services/Police, cope with the increasing demands that will be placed upon them, as the essential and very cost effective preventative Housing Related Support is minimised or no longer exists?

Councillor P Jones apologised but he had only received these questions immediately before the meeting and so his answers would be brief but a more substantial response would be sent later in writing.

The Council recognised the need to reduce the administration of the domestic violence service within the organisation to that end instead of three separate departments dealing with different elements these had all been unified under one directorate and that was under the Health and Communities portfolio of Councillor Dave Allen. The savings this generated would be re-invested in front line services.

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The Council recognises the need to work with other public bodies, especially the Police, in respect of domestic homicide and serious case reviews and examine how we can best work together to ensure that services continue to be provided that are as robust as possible

Public Question from Mr W Lloyd

Agenda Item 7(a) – Consultation on the proposed changes to the Housing Related Support Programme – Phase Two

The Derbyshire Labour Party's Manifesto on which they were elected, promises a fair deal for the people of Derbyshire. It is not a fair deal for those aged 18-24 who are the County's future. Why would young people vote Labour if you are going to break promises?

Councillor P Jones indicated that when the Labour Group took over control of the County Council, they were faced with £30m of additional cuts taking the total to £157m. Faced with this position, the County Council has had to make stark choices and look at all the alternatives in order to try to protect the vulnerable.

Adult Care was facing a structural deficit of £48m by 2018. Reserves would be used to negate some of the impact, but this could not be sustained. Labour would however, strive to maintain services wherever possible

265/14 MINORITY GROUP LEADER QUESTIONS

Councillor B Lewis had submitted the following questions:-

Agenda item 7(b) - The Aiming High Derbyshire Offer

This was an area we protected despite the severity of the savings we had to make in Administration, we note that it is proposed to make a very significant overall cut to this vital service. Will the Cabinet consider the considerable evidence that cuts made here will impact elsewhere upon the Council's budget?

Councillor K. Gillott responded that the previous Conservative Administration had implemented budget reductions which by comparison had been relatively easy to achieve and yet they had still not made all of the proposed savings. The current Administration however, was faced with implementing severe cuts which would impact greatly on service users. The Council is consulting with parents and families and listening to what they have to say and their views will help shape future proposals. Once the consultation

has ended and been analysed, Cabinet will receive a further report in the New Year.

Agenda item 7(c) - The Ecclesbourne School - Section 106 Funding

Whilst it is nice to see a slew of papers discussing developer contributions to school building works, will the Cabinet Member please tell us what his strategic vision is to provide much needed investment in our school buildings?

Councillor K Gillott responded that the Council had been allocated £9m in 2014/15 Basic Need Funding plus a similar sum for condition related issues for the 400 schools in the County. This was not enough to tackle the problems in the county and compared to the £45m the Government had allocated for the provision of one school in London. Section 106 funding would be an important element of funding school development and the council would work to maximise income from this source. What was needed was a Government that was committed to investing in state education.

Agenda item 7(i) - Consultation on the Government's Proposals to Allow Local Authorities the Powers to Delegate Children's Social Care Functions

This paper does not recognise that 'outsourcing' in this context means with 'not for profit organisations', unlike the reference in the report highlighting only commercial companies and given the failings and difficulties at Doncaster and Birmingham local authority run children's services, shouldn't the Cabinet and this Council at least have an open mind? For example, how many Derbyshire young people currently reside with not for profit or private commercial care homes?

Councillor K Gillott responded that he was not prepared to experiment on service delivery by allowing the private and voluntary sector to discharge important functions relating to children's safety. Child Protection was the role of the State and local authorities and if privatised, the safety of children and young people could be compromised.

Agenda Item 7(n) – Interim Report on the Emerging Strategy for Employment and Skills in Young People

Will there be a real strategy that encompasses delivering jobs, skills and apprenticeships with the private sector as well as with the local authority before today's young people become unemployed adults?

Councillor J Dixon responded that there would be a strategy.

266/14 MINUTES RESOLVED that the non-exempt minutes of the meeting of Cabinet held on 15 July 2014 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

267/14 CABINET MEMBER MEETINGS - MINUTES RESOLVED to receive the non-exempt minutes of Cabinet Member meetings as follows;

- (a) Children and Young People – 1 July 2014
- (b) Council Services – 7 July 2014
- (c) Strategic Policy and Budget – 14 July 2014
- (d) Jobs, Economy and Transport – 15 July 2014

268/14 CONSULTATION ON THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO HOUSING RELATED SUPPORT (HRS) PROGRAMME – PHASE TWO

(Adult Social Care) The Acting Strategic Director – Adult Care sought approval to commence a process of formal consultation on the proposed changes in the Housing Related Support Services Programme for Phase Two. The proposals impacted on a number of contracts which was the subject of a separate exempt Cabinet report to this meeting.

HRS was not a statutory requirement for the Council, but such services provided cost effective preventative support to vulnerable people. On 21 January 2014, Cabinet considered a report which outlined a range of measures including efficiencies, service redesign with reduction and decommissioning of some services in order to deliver £9m of savings phased over the two year period 2014-16. The proposed Phase One changes were approved by Cabinet on 15 July 2014.

Phase Two proposals would, if implemented, achieve savings of £7m by making reductions in the services commissioned by remodelling and contractual negotiations. The rationale of the proposed savings were based on retaining services which helped the Council meet its statutory responsibilities and to continue to fund HRS which delivered on the Council's corporate and departmental Service Plans for Public Health and Adult Care as detailed at Appendix 1 to the report. Initial engagement had taken place with current providers affected by Phase Two proposals and all interested parties, on how services could potentially be developed to deliver the proposed savings. The proposals had taken in to account the responses from providers and stakeholders.

It was noted that there could be a cumulative impact as a result of the introduction of the proposed changes to HRS services and the introduction of changes to Adult Care eligibility criteria, co-funding and transport policy. This would affect the quality of life for people who would have services withdrawn or in the case of prospective clients, not provide it at all. Any cumulative impact would be further detailed in a future Cabinet report prior to any

decisions being made and Members would need to take into account that not proceeding with these proposals would result either in a deeper cut still to other services provided by Adult Care, or to further consideration to alternative ways of meeting the cuts across the Council.

Details were presented in respect of revised HRS services under Phase Two, the continuation of services subject to review, the continuation of services within reduced budgets and proposed contracts not to be re-procured.

These proposals had implications for organisations providing services and for people receiving services which were commissioned and funded by Adult Care and a period of consultation would be required. It was proposed to extend the current length of the consultation from twelve weeks to fourteen weeks to take account of the summer holiday period. All people and providers who were potentially affected would be made fully aware of the proposals contained in the Cabinet report and the reasons for these and would have the opportunity to comment or propose alternative means of achieving savings. The plan would be informed by an on-going equality analysis and include engagement with protected groups. It was estimated that approximately 1,858 existing clients would be affected by the proposals and all would be contacted as part of the consultation exercises. The consultation would need to include other stakeholders such as prospective users of the service where these could be identified, statutory agencies and appropriate independent sector groups. Further details of the proposed consultation exercise were presented in the report.

RESOLVED to (1) approve the commencement of a period of full public consultation on the proposals set out in the report regarding proposed changes to the HRS programme; and

(2) agree that a further report be brought to Cabinet following a period of public consultation and the completion of an Equality Impact Analysis, in February 2015.

269/14 THE AIMING HIGH DERBYSHIRE OFFER (Children and Young People) The Strategic Director – Children and Younger Adults proposed potential savings to the Aiming High Derbyshire Offer budget, detailing how these could be achieved in a way that supported the personalisation agenda, the changes that would be required and how the impact on children and young people and their families would be managed. The report also sought agreement to consult on recommendations for the future delivery of the Offer.

During the previous five years, services for disabled children had expanded and improved mainly as a result of the increased funding that was made available as part of the Government's "Aiming High" agenda to increase

access to breaks for disabled children and their families. Short breaks were different from education, child care or universal services as they were intended to give disabled children and young people enjoyable experiences away from their primary carers and parents and families a necessary and valuable break from caring responsibilities. Whilst this had been extremely positive, the funding stream was no longer ring-fenced as part of the Early Intervention Grant and, as a consequence of the requirement that local authorities significantly reduced their spending due to budget cuts, there was a need to review the priorities of the service and to agree what could be maintained in the future.

Details were presented in respect of the proposed areas for saving for non-statutory services, group activities, targeted funding proposed interim arrangements and additional considerations. The total anticipated savings arising from the proposed measures were £485,000. This comprised £35,000 for play schemes, £150,000 for group activities and £300,000 for one to one activities and grants.

As part of the consultation on Derbyshire's approach to the Special Educational Needs and Disability Reforms which closed on 4 June 2014, respondents were asked to comment on how the Council could ensure that specialist group activities and support continued to be available to the young people and families who needed them most as part of the Council's Local Offer. Details of the responses were contained in the report.

The proposals in the report were consistent with the first theme which emerged from consultation, to target available resources towards those with greater need. Means testing and parental contributions had been considered however, this would be complex and costly to administer as there would be a large number of potential applicants for a relatively small amount of funding each. Families were already able to purchase additional support if they wished to, whether from a provider on the Derbyshire Framework or another provider of their choice. The Council would take steps to ensure that families were aware of this.

RESOLVED to agree that consultation takes place with children, young people, parents, carers and stakeholders on the basis of the proposals set out in the report.

270/14 THE ECCLESBOURNE SCHOOL – SECTION 106 FUNDING
(Children and Young People) The Strategic Director – Children and Younger Adults sought approval to the allocation of Section 106 funding from two housing developments in the Duffield area to the Ecclesbourne School, details of which were presented in the report.

RESOLVED to (1) agree that Section 106 funding of £1,699,910.51 from the development at Radbourne Lane, Mackworth by Miller Homes be transferred to the Ecclesbourne School for the capital programme to address both sufficiency and suitability of accommodation on site currently;

(2) agree that Section 106 funding of £51,801.60 from the development at Cumberhills Farm, Duffield by Radleigh Homes be transferred to the Ecclesbourne School to address both sufficiency and suitability of accommodation; and

(3) note that there would be further reports on the transfer of Section 106 funds when received for the next stages of the building programme at the Ecclesbourne School.

271/14 PROPOSED TRIAL TO SUPPORT CHILDREN WHO HAD BEEN TRAFFICKED (Children and Young People) The Strategic Director – Children and Younger Adults reported on the proposed inclusion of the County Council in a Home Office project trialling a new approach to support children who had been trafficked. Under the trial arrangements proposed by the Home Office, each child victim of trafficking would be allocated a person with specialist training and expertise in trafficking who would provide dedicated support and guidance and ensure the child's voice was heard. The individual would act as a specialist advocate and would provide a single point of contact throughout the care and immigration process, and would be responsible for promoting the child's safety and well-being which was particularly important in the light of the risk of children being re-trafficked. Details of the proposed approaches to the trial were presented in the report.

RESOLVED to note the report.

272/14 NOTIFICATION TO MEMBERS THAT THE RECOMMENDED SELLING PRICE OF SCHOOL MEALS TO REMAIN THE SAME – ALL SCHOOLS (Children and Young People) The Strategic Director – Children and Younger Adults informed Cabinet that there would be no increase in the recommended selling price of a school meal to children and adults in secondary, primary and nursery schools and for pupils in special schools from 8 September 2014, details of which were presented in the report.

RESOLVED to note that the selling price of the paid meal in all schools from 8 September 2014, would remain the same and also to approve the value of the Free School Meal Offer to remain at £1.95 primary and £2.30 secondary and that the universal infant free school meals be charged at £2.00 per meal, subject to termly reviews.

273/14 STENSON FIELDS PRIMARY COMMUNITY SCHOOL – SECTION 106 FUNDING (Children and Young People) The Strategic

Director – Children and Younger Adults sought approval to the allocation of Section 106 funding to Stenson Fields Primary School and to approve an initial project at the School and give approval for a consultation to be carried out in connection with the larger expansion of the School.

A Section 106 agreement had been negotiated in respect of a development on land adjacent to Stenson Road, Derby within the normal area of the School. The agreement provided for a total of £1.5m towards works required at the School to accommodate increased pupil numbers.

The housing development was already producing pupils and adding to the pressure on the School and it was proposed to remodel and refurbish a modular building from the former Tibshelf Secondary School site to provide additional accommodation whilst the longer-term expansion plan for the School to a capacity of 420 was being developed. The remodelling and refurbishment of the modular building would cost £166,730.

Once the full expansion plan had been developed, the Authority would conduct a consultation with the school and the community concerning the proposals.

RESOLVED (1) to agree that Section 106 funding of £1.5m in respect of land adjacent to Stenson Road, Derby be applied to the expansion of the Stenson Fields Primary Community School;

(2) to agree an initial project of £166,730 to allow the remodelling and refurbishment of a modular building to meet the immediate need for places and;

(3) to agree that consultation on the proposed larger expansion of the School takes place with the results being reported back to Cabinet.

274/14 HARPER HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL – SECTION 106 FUNDING - TWO CLASSROOM EXTENSION (Children and Young People) The Strategic Director – Children and Younger Adults sought approval to the release of Section 106 funding for the provision of a new two classroom block at Harpur Hill Primary School, details of which were presented in the report.

RESOLVED to approve the allocation of £237,720 Section 106 funding for the provision of two additional classrooms at Harpur Hill Primary School, Buxton which with additional funding of £42,500 already approved from the 2014-15 Children and Younger Adults Capital Programme, would provide a total of £280,220 for the development at the School.

275/14 SECTION 106 CONTRIBUTION TO BUILDING SCHOOLS FOR THE FUTURE (BSF) PROJECT TO REBUILD THE BOLSOVER SCHOOL

(Children and Young People) The Strategic Director – Children and Younger Adults sought approval to the allocation of a developer contribution to the BSF project carried out at the Bolsover School in 2009-10.

The Authority had previously negotiated a Section 106 contribution of £239,785 from Gleeson Homes to provide additional secondary school places at the Bolsover School. This payment had been received and was negotiated at the same time as the Authority was developing its business case for the BSF scheme at Bolsover School. The business case was approved and a replacement school was built following contracts being signed in July 2009 with projects being completed in November 2010.

The project at the school resulted in a larger school with high capacity as one of the aims of the project was to address overcrowding in life expired buildings. The scheme at the Bolsover School was 89% new build which was significantly in advance of the amount of new build funded by Government, which across the Programme, was limited to 50% new build. As a consequence, there was an affordability gap for both capital and revenue for this wave of BSF. Across the group of schemes including the Bolsover School, there was a capital shortfall of around £3.6m. It was proposed that this be applied to meet the funding shortfall on this project and the resources that had been used to date to make up the shortfall could be retained to meet on-going liabilities relating to these projects.

RESOLVED to approve the allocation of the Section 106 contribution of £239,785 to meet the funding requirements of the Derbyshire BSF Programme.

276/14 CONSULTATION ON THE GOVERNMENT'S PROPOSALS TO ALLOW LOCAL AUTHORITIES THE POWERS TO DELEGATE

CHILDREN'S SOCIAL CARE FUNCTIONS (Children and Young People) The Strategic Director – Children and Younger Adults provided details on the proposal made by the Government to make regulations to allow local authorities to enter into arrangements with third party providers for the discharge of a wide range of its social services functions relating to children.

In November 2013, the Government commenced Part 1 of the Children and Young Persons Act 2008, to allow local authorities to delegate looked after children functions to a third party provider of social work services. The Government was now seeking views on proposed regulations.

The 2008 Act already excluded delegation of independent reviewing officer functions and other adoption agency functions other than to a registered adoption society. In addition, the draft regulations made clear that

an authority's power to delegate under Part 1 of the Act could not itself be delegated. Functions that were delegated under the 2008 Act must be discharged by or under the supervision of registered social workers and local authorities would have to decide with their third party provider, how best to manage this requirement. This would require robust contractual arrangements to be put in place between local authorities and the providers, in particular ensuring the contract included clear and detailed specifications of the functions to be delivered and effective contract monitoring and review of provisions.

In addition to Ofsted's inspection of local authority functions under the new single inspection framework, Ofsted currently also inspected delegated arrangements as a result of the commencement of Part 1 of the 2008 Act in November 2013. It was argued that this registration process did not offer any additional safeguards and therefore the Department of Education by clause 61 of the Deregulation Bill currently before Parliament, sought to remove this requirement. A number of experts had expressed concern regarding the Government's proposal to allow the outsourcing of children's services to third party providers, details of which were presented in the report.

The consultation closed on 30 May 2014 and the County Council had submitted a consultation response form.

RESOLVED that Cabinet endorse the Authority's objections to current Government proposals to allow the outsourcing of children's services to third party providers.

277/14 HERITAGE HIGH SCHOOL'S FACILITIES MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT (Children and Young People) The Strategic Director – Children and Younger Adults sought approval to terminate the Facilities Management Agreement for Heritage High School and to take out an agreement limited to statutory maintenance only, to bring the School in to line with other Building Schools for the Future (BSF), non PFI schools.

The School moved into new premises in January 2011 which was built as one of three sample schools under the BSF programme, but unlike the other two which were PFI schools, Heritage was a design and build project with ownership remaining with the Authority. A requirement of the BSF funding was that long-term maintenance of new facilities along PFI lines should be put in place and the Authority entered into a Facilities Management Agreement with the Derbyshire Learning and Community Partnership at a cost of £301,599 per annum, to ensure that the building was maintained to high standards. In addition, there was a payment to a life cycle fund of £178,516 per annum to ensure funding for future maintenance requirements. These sums were funded partly by the School, based on pupil numbers and partly by

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the Authority and were determined by a Governing Body Agreement that was entered into at the same time.

Due to the reduction in pupil numbers at Heritage High School and the subsequent reduction in funding, the School was facing a budget shortfall. With the demise of the BSF Programme in its original form, Heritage was the only school in the County which was included in this Facilities Management Agreement.

It was proposed to terminate the Agreement, cease with lifecycle contributions and for the School to take out an agreement covering statutory maintenance. The cost of termination under the contract drawn up was £130,000. The Authority's legal costs were subject to confirmation when the scope of the work was finalised and the cost of the statutory maintenance agreement would be £54,296.89 per annum plus a cost of £2,500 every three years and £6,727.50 every five years for periodic checks. Under this proposal, the School would become responsible for all other elements of maintenance.

It was estimated that the revised arrangement would save the School £268,782 per annum, although it would assume financial responsibility for other maintenance tasks such as window cleaning and waste disposal. The Authority would save £157,035 per annum on the same basis.

RESOLVED to (1) terminate the Facilities Management Agreement in respect of Heritage High School at a cost of £130,000;

(2) agree that staff affected by the termination of the Agreement be transferred to the employment of Heritage High School;

(3) agree that contributions to the lifecycle fund end and that Heritage High School receives its share of the unused fund; and

(4) amend the Governing Body Agreement with the School as required to reflect the agreement to terminate the Facilities Management Agreement.

278/14 A FAIRER, HEALTHIER DERBYSHIRE (Health and Communities) The Director of Public Health informed Cabinet of the production of the first Public Health Annual Report "A Fairer, Healthier Derbyshire" following the transfer of responsibilities of Public Health to the County Council in April 2013 and to consider the recommendations in the report. A copy of the report was attached as an Appendix to the report.

RESOLVED to endorse the recommendations in the Director of Public Health Annual Report and to support with partners.

279/14 VISIT PEAK DISTRICT AND DERBYSHIRE DESTINATION MANAGEMENT ORGANISATION – FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION 2014-15

(Jobs, Economy and Transport) The Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment sought approval for a funding contribution to be made to the Visit Peak District and Derbyshire Destination Management Organisation for 2014-15 and to advise Cabinet of the Service Level Agreement (SLA) which was currently being drafted.

For the financial years 2011-12 and 2012-13, the Council approved a core financial contribution of £164,000 per annum along with additional support to offset the continuing impact of the demise of East Midlands Development Agency. The support helped ensure that Visit Peak District and Derbyshire Destination continued to operate whilst a more sustainable delivery model was developed by the organisation.

A detailed SLA was currently being negotiated with Visit Peak District to set out clearly the functions and activities to be carried out and to identify specific areas of support that would be provided to the County Council in return for the proposed financial contribution of £164,000.

RESOLVED to approve (1) the County Council's revenue contribution of £164,000 to support Visit Peak District & Derbyshire for 2014-15 to be taken from the Tourism Marketing budget, subject to the satisfactory completion of the SLA; and

(2) the SLA for 2014-15 be completed subject to discussion with Visit Peak District & Derbyshire and considered and agreed at the next available meeting of the Cabinet Member for Jobs, Economy and Transport.

280/14 DERBYSHIRE ECONOMIC REVIEW – JUNE 2014 (Jobs, Economy and Transport) The Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment presented the latest quarterly Economic Review to June 2014 which provided an overview of the current economic conditions within Derbyshire.

RESOLVED to note the information presented within the Derbyshire Economic Review (June 2014) with the findings being used to support broader discussions on policy development work.

281/14 INTERIM REPORT ON THE EMERGING STRATEGY FOR EMPLOYMENT AND SKILLS IN YOUNG PEOPLE (Jobs, Economy and Transport) Cabinet considered a report which provided an update on the on-going work to review the effectiveness of the Council and partner services in supporting the transition of young people into education, training and employment and to seek approval to establish a Member-led programme board to effectively co-ordinate and develop the Council's resources used to

support employment, training and skills in young people to ensure they aligned to the work of external providers and partners.

The Council commenced work on developing its Skills Strategy in early March 2014 and good progress had been made to date, with work focussing on two key areas of activity namely; the effectiveness of Council services in providing targeted support to young and vulnerable people and the degree of alignment, overlap and effectiveness in the provision of skills and training support by external providers. Further details were provided of emerging issues, support for young people, skills for young people, employment and the labour market and the proposed way forward.

At present there was no single Council service or department with sole (or lead) responsibility for skills and employment and given the level of current activity and the financial and human resources applied to this area of work, it was proposed that a formal mechanism be established to help improve programming and co-ordination in the form of a Member-led programme board, the membership and objectives of which were presented in the report.

RESOLVED to (1) note the work being developed to support young people to enter employment; and

(2) approve the establishment of a Member-led programme board as detailed in the report.

282/14 **PERMIT SCHEME FOR STREET WORKS AND WORKS FOR ROAD PURPOSES** (Jobs, Economy and Transport) The Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment informed Cabinet of the submission to the Department for Transport of a draft Permit Scheme for Street Works and Works for Road Purposes, a copy of which was attached as an Appendix to the report.

RESOLVED to (1) approve the introduction of a Permit Scheme for Street Works and Works for Road Purposes;

(2) acknowledge the draft Scheme contained within the Appendix to the report submitted to the Department for Transport; and

(3) note that a further report would be submitted to Cabinet for formal approval of the scheme prior to its implementation.

283/14 **ACCELERATED HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE** (Jobs, Economy and Transport) The Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment sought Cabinet approval to making additional funds available to highway maintenance to improve the condition of Derbyshire roads to help fulfil the Council plan pledge of “A Derbyshire that works”.

A significant injection of funding into highway maintenance over a period of three years was proposed to stem the deterioration to such an extent that the principles of asset management could be applied to the investment to maximise the long-term benefits. By treating significant lengths of highway with surface dressing, much of the deterioration could be slowed or stopped, creating a window of opportunity in which to make the Department of Transport's block maintenance allocation to progress a sound programme of highways maintenance utilising the principles of asset management, evidence from condition and lifecycle planning to deliver a programme targeted to reduce the need for the current excessive levels of reactive maintenance and restore the condition of the network.

Calculations indicated that a minimum investment of £23m was needed to offset further problems in the future, reduce the likelihood of insurance claims and allow on-going maintenance costs to be reduced. Whilst this was a very large sum of money, a significant proportion of it could be financed without the need for additional borrowing, meaning that additional debt charges would kept to a minimum. Within the Economy, Transport and Environment Department there were monies derived from sources which were hypothecated to highway maintenance. By amalgamating these reserves, some £6m of the total could be found. In addition, some capital funding was available in the form of unused Local Transport Plan capital grant, which would not attract additional debt charges and could be allocated. By the use of these funds, a further £3.5m could be made available and the remaining £13.5m would need to be borrowed and would attract additional interest charges of approximately 10%.

This investment would enable the highway to be maintained in reasonable condition despite the significant reduction in revenue funding and it was anticipated that the base revenue budget for highway maintenance would need to be reduced by a further £2m by 2017-18 to help meet the Council's budget cuts

In order to maximise the benefit of the investment, it was vital that those areas where works were undertaken were carefully selected so that the highway network improved in both durability and condition. It was therefore proposed that authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for Jobs, Economy and Transport to approve the details of the programme.

RESOLVED to approve the (1) investment of £23m to the accelerated highway maintenance proposal, based on the principles of asset management detailed in the report;

(2) allocation of Economy, Transport and Environment Department reserves to the project;

(3) allocation of unallocated Local Transport Plan Capital Grant to the project and;

(4) delegation of authority to the Cabinet Member for Jobs, Economy and Transport to approve the details of the programme.

284/14 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 15 July 2014.
2. To receive the exempt minutes of Cabinet Member meetings as follows:
 - (a) Children and Young People – 1 July 2014
 - (b) Council Services – 7 July 2014
 - (c) Strategic Policy and Budget – 14 July 2014
 - (d) Jobs, Economy and Transport – 15 July 2014
3. Report of the Acting Strategic Director – Adult Care on Extensions to Contracts for Housing Related Support Services Which Were Subject to Consultation – Phase Two (Adult Social Care) (contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person, including the Authority holding that information).
4. Report of the Chief Executive on an Urgent Decision Taken by the Chief Executive (Children and Young People) (contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person, including the Authority holding that information and information which was likely to reveal the identity of an individual).
5. Joint report of the Acting Strategic Director – Adult Care and the Strategic Director – Corporate Resources on Adult Care ICT Solution (Adult Social Care/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 Director of Public Health on the NHS Health Check Programme 2014-15 (Health and Communities) (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 – Economy, Transport and Environment on Gully Cleansing Operations in Amber Valley, Bolsover and Erewash (Jobs, Economy and Transport) (contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person, including the Authority holding that information).
8. Report of the Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment on Glossop Waste Transfer Station and Household Waste Recycling Centre – Upgrade of Access Road and Future Maintenance and Redevelopment of the Facility (Jobs, Economy and Transport) (contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person, including the Authority holding that information).
9. Report of the Strategic Director - Corporate Resources on the Data Centre Refurbishment – Evaporative Cooling (Council Services) (contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person, including the Authority holding that information).