

MINUTES of a meeting of **CABINET** held on **10 SEPTEMBER 2013** at County Hall Matlock

PRESENT

Councillor A Western (in the Chair)

Councillor D Allen, J Dixon, K Gillott, C Neill and B Ridgway

Councillors A I Lewer and K P Morgan also attended the meeting

207/13 QUESTIONS SUBMITTED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Councillor Western read the following question on behalf of Elizabeth Potter, Campaign Administrator, Derbyshire Anti-Cuts Campaign who was not present at the meeting.

“We wish to ask, that as in the fight to save the Derbyshire Youth Service that was fought last year when you stood with Derbyshire people shoulder to shoulder in numerous protests, a 15,000 plus signature petition and in a challenge to those in charge of us at Derbyshire County Council at the time that was unprecedented in Council history, will you now also give us your assurances that you will not make us choose between our Derbyshire Council publicly-provided and publicly-delivered services, none of which are low priority, all of which are high priority in the full range of services and facilities that Derbyshire residents have a human right to have available to them, all of which are of equal, vital and essential importance to a decent standard of living and to a civilised life in Derbyshire for all of us. It is with regret that we note that you are asking us in the Budget Consultation being carried out right now to tell you which services we want you to "save", and you ask us to help you to "deal" with the cuts coming from a Government who have made a politically ideological choice to pick the pockets of the Derbyshire people and to attack our Public Services until they no longer exist. We wish to ask you to take your Fair Deal for Derbyshire Campaign up to a new level and allow the residents of Derbyshire and other neighbouring areas to join with the local councils involved to be part of one massive fight back to refuse to accept this suicidal situation and unnecessary austerity policy which is making ordinary people pay for an economic crisis and a national debt that it should not be doing. This is not a recession - it is a robbery! Will Derbyshire County Council keep its integrity and set a proper Needs-led budget to reflect the proper cost of services to Derbyshire people and then take the residents with it to resist this injustice and blatant persecution. There IS an alternative!”

Councillor Western responded and indicated that the subject of Ms Potter’s question would be addressed in forthcoming reports to the Cabinet

and Council. She also agreed to meet with Ms Potter to respond directly to her.

208/13 QUESTIONS SUBMITTED BY MINORITY GROUP LEADERS

Councillor A I Lower asked the following questions:

- (a) Agenda item 7(i) - Living Wage Proposals – Can the Cabinet Member tell us how much it will cost the Authority to implement the Living Wage and the impact it will have on job losses?
- (b) Agenda item 7(k) – Accommodation Care and Support Strategy: status of homes and proposed sites for Extra Care – what does the Cabinet Member believe the impact of this report will be upon the delivery of a high quality adult care system fit for the 21st century in Derbyshire?
- (c) Agenda item 7(q) – Derby and Derbyshire Road Safety Partnership – What role would the Cabinet Member envisage having in the managing group of the Derby and Derbyshire Road Safety Partnership in view of the administration's vision of a Member-led Authority?

Councillor K P Morgan asked the following question:

- (d) Agenda item 6(a) – Cabinet Member meeting for Health and Communities – 20 August 2013 – Substance Misuse Recovery Grant (Minute No. 25/13 refers) – my understanding of this Minute is that the £10,000 is to help towards revenue expenses and the development of a business plan. This is an excellent project and fits well with the work done by the DAAT. But, if this is to be towards revenue, can I ask for assurances that this Council will seriously commit itself to providing the same amount next year, and if the project proves successful, year on year?

209/13 MINUTES **RESOLVED** that the non-exempt minutes of the meeting of Cabinet held on 30 July 2013 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

210/13 CABINET MEMBER MEETINGS **RESOLVED** to receive the non-exempt minutes of the Cabinet Member meetings as follows:-

- (a) Health and Communities – 18 and 30 July and 20 August 2013
- (b) Council Services – 30 July 2013
- (c) Jobs, Economy & Transport – 30 July 2013
- (d) Strategic, Policy and Budget – 30 July 2013
- (e) Children and Young People – 6 August 2013
- (f) Adult Social Care – 7 August 2013

211/13 BUDGET PROCESS (Urgent item) (Strategic, Policy and Budget)

Cabinet considered a joint report of the Chief Executive and the Director of Finance which set out the arrangements for the budget process following a number of changes affecting the County Council's financial position announced by the Government since February 2013. The effect of these changes on the overall cuts requirement was an additional £30m in budget reductions, giving a total, over five years' of £157m.

In July 2013, the Department for Communities and Local Government issued an unexpected technical consultation on the Local Government Finance Settlement for 2014/15 and 2015/16. The consultation indicated a grant reduction, on average, of 27.6% between 2014/15 and 2015/16. The full impact was being analysed and a response was being prepared to meet the consultation deadline of 1 October.

Work was underway to revise the Five Year Financial Plan and the Council meeting on 2 October 2013 would consider revisions to the current 2013/14 budget and also approve the process for the 2014/15 budget. The budget report for Council would also be considered at the Cabinet meeting on 1 October to enable Cabinet to formally approve recommendations to the Council meeting.

RESOLVED that (1) the arrangements for the budget process as set out in the report be approved; and

(2) the formal response to the Department for Communities and Local Government technical consultation on the Local Government Finance Settlement be delegated to the Director of Finance, in consultation with the Leader of the Council.

212/13 BREAKFAST CLUB FUNDING FOR VULNERABLE CHILDREN

(Children And Young People) Cabinet considered a joint report of the Strategic Director – Children & Younger Adults and the Director of Public Health which sought approval to the proposed use of funding for a pilot project creating breakfast clubs to a number of primary and junior schools having a highest percentage of children eligible to receive Free School Meals.

Following consultation with a group of Headteachers it was proposed that:-

- Schools bid for funding on the basis of what they would be able to provide for children in the school and the expected outcomes of this might be.
- Funding be calculated using the numbers of children within the school eligible for Free School Meals.
- Headteachers and Governors were able to use the money to best meet the needs of their children and families.

- Delivery, outcomes and evaluation, both qualitative and quantitative, would be undertaken by the Education Advisory Service and Public Health to support a high quality consistent evaluation of the breakfast club interventions in the selected schools.

Details of the schools selected for the pilot project were presented in the report.

The cost of the project would be £180,000 and the pilot would be jointly funded by Children and Younger Adults and Public Health. It had been agreed that Public Health would contribute £115,000 to the initiative and the Children and Younger Adults Department £65,000.

This kind of provision often took some time to become embedded and there would need to be a reasonable period of time working with children in order to see the results in terms of improved attainment levels. On this basis, it was proposed that there was a commitment to funding this programme by Public Health for two years after which time the evaluation would determine whether these clubs should be funded for a further period.

RESOLVED that (1) the proposals to establish a breakfast club pilot be approved;

(2) the proposed commitment for two years, followed by an evaluation and review of affordability, be supported;

(3) delegated authority be given to the Strategic Director – Children and Younger Adults to extend the pilot to include the next group of schools should the funding allow for this; and

(4) further reports on this development be received as required.

213/13 GUIDANCE FOR CHILD CARE ON SCHOOL SITES (Children and Young People) The Strategic Director – Children and Younger Adults sought approval to publish and distribute guidance to schools to assist them in establishing and maintaining child care provision on the school site. A copy of the Guidance was attached at Appendix A of the report.

RESOLVED that the printing and distribution of the Guidance for Childcare on school sites be approved.

214/13 SUPPORT SERVICE FOR SPECIALIST EDUCATIONAL NEEDS – RELOCATION OF HOLBROOK TEAM (Children and Young People) The Strategic Director – Children and Younger Adults and the Director of Property sought approval to a proposed relocation of the office base for the Holbrook Team within the Support Service for Special Educational Needs.

As part of the Changing the Way Derbyshire Works project, office accommodation located in the residential block of the former Ferriby Special School in Breadsall was gradually being vacated. The Holbrook Team was located within that accommodation and the opportunity had arisen for the Team to move into spare accommodation in the former School House at Cromford Primary School. A budget cost of £30,000 had been allocated for essential minor building adaptations, electrical works, ICT network and furniture and equipment.

RESOLVED that approval be granted to the proposed relocation of the Holbrook Support Service for Special Educational Needs Team into Cromford Primary School at a budget cost of £30,000, as a charge on savings in the 2012/13 Children and Younger Adults Capital Programme.

215/13 SOLOMON HOUSE, BUXTON CHILDREN'S HOME – MINOR WORKS IMPROVEMENT (Children and Young People) Cabinet considered a joint report of the Strategic Director – Children and Younger Adults and the Director of Property which sought to approve a minor capital project at Solomon House, Children's Home, Buxton.

Approved in the 2013/14 Children and Younger Adults Capital Programme was a budget of £100,000 to carry out minor works improvements in the Authority's Children's Homes. A proposed project at Solomon House, Children's Home identified during the annual review of properties issues in all children's homes, comprised several elements details of which were presented. A tender had been received from the Director of Property for the project at Solomon House in the sum of £29,942 and this could be met from the uncommitted capital funding of £76,350.

RESOLVED that the project at Solomon House Children's Home, Buxton be approved at a cost of £29,942 with the cost being met from the allocation of £100,000 in the 2013/14 Children and Younger Adults Capital Programme for minor improvements in children's homes.

216/13 CHURCH GRESLEY INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL – POTENTIAL FUTURE USE (Children and Young People) Cabinet considered a joint report of the Strategic Director – Children and Younger Adults and the Director of Property which sought approval to invite expressions of interest in acquiring the current Church Gresley Infant and Nursery School building to meet a demand for additional day nursery provision in the area.

The Authority had been approached by a private day nursery provider with a view to leasing the main school building and possibly the additional annex buildings, in order to offer day nursery facilities. The population was growing in the area and there was a demand for additional high quality local day nursery places. It was recommended that this potential use be considered

in more detail prior to a decision being taken regarding the future use of these buildings. In order to assess whether or not there were other providers who would be interested in acquiring the buildings for such development, it was proposed that an advertisement be placed in the local press and on the County Council's website as well as contacting other local providers to seek expressions of interest. A further report would be presented to Cabinet thereafter detailing the responses received, together with a recommendation on how to proceed with this proposal.

RESOLVED that approval be granted to invite expressions of interest in acquiring the current Church Gresley Infant and Nursery School building to meet a demand for additional day nursery provision in the area and that a further report be presented to Cabinet detailing the responses.

217/13 PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE ALLOWANCES PAYABLE TO RESIDENCE AND SPECIAL GUARDIANSHIP ORDERS HOLDERS

(Children And Young People) The Strategic Director - Children and Younger Adults sought agreement to consult on proposed new policy and procedures in relation to the payment of allowances for Residence and Special Guardianship Order holders. Details of the new policy and the proposed consultations were presented in the report.

RESOLVED that the proposed consultation be undertaken and a subsequent report with final proposed procedures be submitted to Cabinet in due course.

218/13 REVIEW OF RESOURCES@DERBYSHIRE/COMENSURA

(Council Services) The Director of Human Resources sought approval for the establishment of Resources@Derbyshire and to note continued supply of agency workers through Comensura via the MSTAR Framework.

Resources@Derbyshire, the Council's in-house agency providing temporary Business Support staff to departments, was established in the context of an increasing demand for temporary business support staff provided to the Council by Comensura at a cost in 2011/12 of £1.23m. It was estimated that the implementation of the Agency Workers Regulations in October 2012 would have added a further £100K because of the need to provide pay parity with comparable Council employees after twelve weeks in their placement. Resources@Derbyshire also provided the opportunity for the Council to develop its own Business Services employees as well as reducing expenditure. Recruitment to nineteen full-time equivalent positions in the Resources@Derbyshire pool was achieved in April 2012 and the new arrangements had enabled the increased scrutiny of the need for placements. The reduction in spend with Comensura started immediately but the level of savings had increased correspondingly throughout the year as the revised arrangements had become more effective.

Providing Business Services temporary workers from Resources@Derbyshire as opposed to Comensura revealed an overall reduction in spend during 2012/13 of £370K. This excluded any savings which had arisen from not paying the enhanced rate of pay rising from the Agency Worker Regulations and details of the reduction in spend with Comensura were attached at Appendix 2 to the report. A breakdown of the costs of all Business Services and other agency costs in 2012/13 was also attached at Appendix 1 to the report.

The reduction in Comensura placements following the introduction of Resources@Derbyshire had highlighted the potential savings to be made in other employee groups and consideration was being given to the same arrangement applied to Business Services Assistants (Grade 6) undertaking secretarial duties. Two Business Services Assistants had recently been appointed to the Resources@Derbyshire pool and work would commence shortly to consider the provision of drivers to departments which had not been considered whilst the focus had been on the recruitment of Business Services apprentices. It was also intended that the level of rigour applied to Business Services requests be applied to all requests for temporary agency workers to ensure that such costs were kept to a minimum. The co-ordination and management of the service would be managed by the existing Resources@Derbyshire Manager and an additional HR officer post who would be recruited in line with the Council's recruitment and selection procedures. Business Services Support would be provided by an apprentice covering a Grade 4 position and the costs would be met from within the existing HR Division budget. In light of the success of the Resources@Derbyshire since April 2012, it was recommended that Cabinet approve its permanent establishment.

In October 2007, Cabinet agreed that Comensura would supply agency staff to the Council under a Framework Agreement set up by the Eastern Shires Purchasing Organisation Consortium. Prior to the implementation of the Comensura contract, it was estimated that the Council spent £1.34m per annum on all agency staff (excluding schools) and this included front line employees undertaking operational roles in for instance, care homes. Management information provided as a consequence of utilising Comensura showed that the actual level of spend was considerably higher and in 2012/13 was £2.7m.

Prior to the expiry of the Framework Agreement in December 2011, Cabinet agreed to continue with the existing arrangements with Comensura and migration to the new National MSTAR Framework until the Council's future demand for temporary agency staff was determined. This was intended to enable the most effective method of meeting future demand to be identified.

The National MSTAR Framework commenced in April 2011 and had a contract term of three years plus one year. The Council had been advised that the extension option until April 2015 was highly likely and any contracts let within this time period would be honoured for the full contract term of up to four years.

RESOLVED to approve (1) the permanent establishment of Resources@Derbyshire; and
(2) the continued supply of agency staff through Comensura via the MSTAR Framework.

219/13 PAY AWARD – NATIONAL JOINT COUNCIL FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES 2013/14 PAY SCALES AND ALLOWANCES
(Council Services) The Director of Human Resources reported on the National Joint Council for Local Government Services pay settlement for 2013/14, details of which are attached at Appendix 1 to the report.

Following the application of the national 1% increase, the lowest pay rate on the Derbyshire Pay and Grading Structure was £6.31 per hour which was the same as the National Minimum Wage from 1 October 2013. To reflect the increase in the National Minimum Wage it was proposed to delete pay points 1 and 2 respectively from the Derbyshire scale. The lowest pay point on the Derbyshire pay scales would then be £6.57 per hour including the 1% pay award.

RESOLVED to approve (1) the application of the National Joint Council for Local Government Services pay award to the Derbyshire pay and grading structure with effect from 1 April 2013 as detailed in Appendix 2, including the removal of pay points 1 and 2 as detailed;
(2) the increase in the cost of pay related allowances as detailed in the report with effect from 1 April 2013; and
(3) the implementation of the Joint Negotiating Committee for Local Authority Craft and Associated Employees revised tool allowances payments as detailed in Appendix 3 to the report.

220/13 LIVING WAGE PROPOSALS (Council Services) Cabinet considered a joint report of the Chief Executive, the Director of Human Resources and the Director of Finance which set out the issues and steps necessary to enable Cabinet to consider the introduction of the Living Wage within the Council. The introduction of the Living Wage for employees of the County Council was a key commitment for the Council. Living Wage was the calculation made by the Department for Income Studies at Loughborough University on behalf of the Living Wage Foundation and could be identified as the “level of income needed to provide an acceptable standard of living in Britain to ensure good health, adequate child development and social inclusion”. It was not clear at this stage whether the Loughborough University

calculation was definitive or whether regional or sector considerations could be taken into account.

The Living Wage was currently £7.45 per hour and it was last updated on 5 November 2012. It would be updated again in early November 2013. £7.45 was equivalent to Derbyshire pay point 9 in Grade 4, which in 2013 was £7.44 per hour, including the nationally agreed 1% pay rise for 2013/14. The arrangements agreed for the implementation would remain in place until April 2015 when the Living Wage rate would be updated.

The Living Wage would be applicable to all eligible Council employees and the introduction of the revised contract arrangements for relief employees had been incorporated within the review of the Derbyshire Package which would be the subject of a future report to Cabinet. A number of issues remained to be considered and resolved prior to the introduction of the Living Wage and an implementation plan that set out the steps required prior to implementation was attached at Appendix 1 to the report.

The introduction of the Living Wage affected employees across the Council including those working within traded services and schools. The implementation of the Living Wage, the review of the Derbyshire package and the introduction of single status in schools had a number of inter-dependencies and in the current financial climate it was essential that all these issues were considered in depth and it was proposed that an Advisory Group should be established to assist in managing the introduction of the Living Wage proposals as well as their review prior to 2015. It was proposed that membership of a Joint Living Wage Advisory Group would include the Leader and Deputy Leader, the Cabinet Member for Council Services, officers including the Chief Executive, Strategic Director of Children and Younger Adults and the Directors of Human Resources, Finance and Legal Services and Property, and Trade Union representation. Once established the Advisory Group would agree the detailed terms of reference and would report to Cabinet.

RESOLVED that (1) the consideration being given to the introduction of the Living Wage proposals within the Council and the related processes as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report be noted;

(2) the establishment of the Joint Living Wage Advisory Group comprising the Leader and Deputy Leader, the Cabinet Member for Council Services, the Chief Executive, Strategic Director for Children and Younger Adults and the Directors of Human Resources, Finance, Legal Services and Property along with three Trade Union representatives be approved; and

(3) further reports be received from the Advisory Group within the timescales identified which outlined the detailed arrangements proposed for implementation.

221/13 NEW HOMES BONUS AND THE LOCAL GROWTH FUND

(Council Services) Cabinet considered a joint report of the Director of Finance and the Acting Strategic Director- Environmental Services to agree the County Council's response to the Department of Communities and Local Government consultation on the New Homes Bonus and the Local Growth Fund. The County Council had concerns regarding the proposals which were summarised as follows:-

- It was disappointing that the Government was proposing to top-slice existing County Council budgets rather than provide new money
- There was no guarantee that the top-slice funding would benefit infrastructure delivery in Derbyshire
- The County Council, whilst working hard to develop stronger partner relationships with Sheffield, believed that these proposals provided added complexity which might hamper growth in Derbyshire.

A copy of the formal response was attached as an Appendix to the report.

RESOLVED that the letter set out at Appendix A to the report be approved as the County Council's formal response to the Department of Communities and Local Government's consultation on the New Homes Bonus and the Local Growth Fund.

222/13 ACCOMMODATION CARE AND SUPPORT STRATEGY: STATUS OF HOMES AND PROPOSED SITES FOR EXTRA CARE

(Adult Care) The Strategic Director – Adult Care sought Cabinet approval to the recommended change of status of three Homes for Older People that were proposed as potential extra care sites within the plans to deliver the Accommodation Care and Support Strategy for Older People in Derbyshire. The three homes at Beechcroft in West Hallam, The Spinney in Chesterfield and New Bassett House in Shirebrook were no longer deemed suitable for extra care development.

RESOLVED to (1) note that The Spinney in Chesterfield and New Bassett House in Shirebrook were no longer deemed suitable for development as extra care sites and their future would be determined in line with the current review of the Accommodation Care and Support Strategy and local consultation;

(2) agree that Beechcroft in West Hallam was no longer deemed suitable for development as an extra care site and should remain open as a residential home; and

(3) note that a further report would be presented to Cabinet on the review of the Accommodation Care and Support Strategy for Older People in Derbyshire.

223/13 DEMENTIA ENVIRONMENT FUND: IMPROVEMENT WORKS TO FOUR HOMES FOR OLDER PEOPLE (Adult Care)

Cabinet considered a joint report of the Strategic Director – Adult Care and the Director of Property which sought approval to a programme of work to improve the environment in four homes for older people namely: Thomas Colledge at Bolsover, The Grange at Eckington, Whitestones at Chapel-en-le-Frith and Castle Court at Castle Gresley to ensure that they were suitable for older people with dementia. The Council's bid project involved provision of dignified washing and bathing facilities, signage and way finding, outdoor areas and improved lighting levels at the four homes.

The bid for the dementia design fund totalled £623,000 and the total estimated cost break-down of the works was £628,697. The balance of £5,697 would be met from the refurbishment allocation set out in the report to Cabinet on 20 February 2012.

RESOLVED to (1) note the Department of Health approval of the Council's funding bid of £623,000 and inclusion of the Derbyshire County Council as a national pilot organisation within the Improving the Environment of Care for People with Dementia Initiative; and

(2) approve the works to be carried out at four homes, Thomas Colledge (Bolsover), The Grange (Eckington), Whitestones (Chapel-en-le-Frith) and Castle Court (Castle Gresley) by the Council to fulfil its commitment as a pilot organisation to improve the environment in each home to ensure they were suitable for people with dementia.

224/13 PROPOSED PILOT HEALTH IMPACT ASSESSMENTS IN DERBYSHIRE (Health and Communities)

The Director of Public Health sought approval to implement a programme of Health Impact Assessments (HIAs) to contribute to improving the health of local people and reduce health inequalities in the County.

The aim of HIAs was to identify factors that would have a significant impact on health and to use the evidence to maximise health gains and mitigate any negative impact. Public Health professionals had the knowledge and skills to develop a programme of HIAs within the County Council and its partners and communities. Developing capacity within other departments of the County Council could be achieved through an in-house training programme for staff designed and delivered by a Public Health officer who had been trained in the theory and practice of HIAs.

RESOLVED that (1) the pilot of HIAs across relevant departments and programmes within the County Council with the aim of enhancing health benefits and reducing health inequalities be approved; and

(2) a further report would be submitted to Cabinet on the outcomes of the pilot.

225/13 GLOBAL DERBYSHIRE SMALL BUSINESS SUPPORT PROGRAMME (Jobs, Economy and Transport) Cabinet considered a report of the Acting Strategic Director – Environmental Services which sought approval for Derbyshire County Council to act as an Accountable Body for the Global Derbyshire Small Business Support Programme and to commit £70,000 match funding to secure the Regional Growth Fund Round 4 conditional offer of support.

RESOLVED that (1) approval be given to the County Council acting as an Accountable Body and managing agent for the Derbyshire Economic Partnership Global Derbyshire Small Business Support Programme;

(2) the County Council accept, subject to necessary due diligence being completed, the grant of £3m from the Department of Business, Innovation and Schools to deliver this Programme and;

(3) £70,000 be committed as revenue match funding to support the delivery of the scheme from existing Economic Regeneration budgets.

226/13 PEDAL PEAK DISTRICT – GRANTS TO SUPPORT CYCLING IN NATIONAL PARKS (Jobs, Economy and Transport) The Acting Strategic Director – Environmental Services sought approval to the acceptance of Government grant for a project to encourage cycling in and around the Peak District National Park, to confirm the County Council's financial contribution and to approve project management arrangements.

The County Council had submitted a package of schemes to Government in April 2013, seeking grant funding of £5m against the total estimated cost of £7.5m. The Government had approved the grant application in full and this offered the opportunity to make a substantial change to the role played by cycling in the area, benefitting healthy and sustainable travel and boosting visitor economy, and it was therefore recommended that the grant be accepted and the project be added to the Highways and Transport Capital Programme.

The County Council's contribution to the scheme cost for the Derbyshire elements of the project would need to be met from within approved Highways and Transport Capital Programmes. In approving the submission of a bid in April 2013, the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport approved a local contribution of up to £1.5m to be met from the Local Transport Plan 2010/11 budgets. The minimum County Council contribution required against the final submitted bid would be £1.18m, details of which were presented in the report. It was recommended that the Cabinet reaffirms County Council budget of £1.5m which would accommodate the minimum contribution of £1.18m and allow for contingencies.

With several different authorities involved in delivery of the Pedal Peak District Phase II Project, there would be a need for joint management arrangements and early discussions with partners were under way. One authority must however, act as an Accountable Body for the receipt and distribution of the grant and it was recommended that the County Council, having submitted the original bid, take on this role. There was, within the funding profile, a budget of £50,000 for project management which would support this work.

RESOLVED (1) that the acceptance of grant for the Pedal Peak District Phase II Project and its addition to the Highways and Transport Capital Programme be approved;

(2) that the County Council to act as an Accountable Body for the administration of the Grant;

(3) to note that a County Council budget of up to £1.5m had been set aside for the proposed Derbyshire projects on the Local Transport Plan 2010/11; and

(4) the intention to set up a new joint liaison reporting arrangement for cycling in and around the Peak District be noted.

227/13 ROAD TRAFFIC COLLISIONS IN DERBYSHIRE: THE CASUALTY REPORT 2012 (Jobs, Economy and Transport) The Acting Strategic Director – Environmental Services brought to Cabinet’s attention the Derby and Derbyshire Annual Casualty Report detailing road traffic collision trends within the County.

RESOLVED that the current trends in road casualties, as reported in the Derby and Derbyshire Annual Casualty Report 2012, be noted.

228/13 DERBY AND DERBYSHIRE ROAD SAFETY PARTNERSHIP (Jobs, Economy and Transport) The Acting Strategic Director – Environmental Services updated Cabinet on developments affecting the Derby and Derbyshire Road Safety Partnership and sought approval for the proposed organisational and financial arrangements embodied in the Business Plan, a copy of which was attached to the report.

It was proposed that a new Strategic Road Safety Board be introduced, meeting twice yearly to provide strategic guidance to the managing group with the membership of the Board being drawn from senior representatives of the partner agencies. It was recommended that the County Council be represented on the Board if approved, by the Cabinet Member for Jobs, Economy and Transport or a nominated deputy.

The funding arrangements for the Partnership comprised three elements. Derbyshire County Council and Derby City Council provided funding on a 4:1 ratio which covered minimum funding requirements for these

services. In addition, the Police provided funding from the administration fee paid by AA DriveTech, the service provided for speed awareness courses. These courses were nationally approved and were alternatives to punishment by fixed penalty fines or Court.

As part of the budget reviews undertaken by all departments, the Partnership had also reduced its costs significantly over recent years and in 2013 the cost was £300,000 net of speed awareness course income. Funding was also supported by reserves approved by the Partnership which amounted to £1,082,000 of revenue and £161,510 capital which had been maintained to provide short-term continuous service if income fell below the level required.

As the County Council was successful in meeting demanding casualty reduction targets under the Public Service Agreement Programme in 2009, it was awarded funding of £1.9m by the Department of Transport. In May 2010, Cabinet approved it be made available through the Road Safety Partnership to support road safety work.

RESOLVED that (1) the progress made by the Derby and Derbyshire Road Safety Partnership in seeking to reduce road casualties on Derbyshire's roads be noted;

(2) the organisational and financial arrangements for the Partnership, as detailed in the Business Plan, be approved;

(3) the indicative budget and key projects set out in the Business Plan be approved; and

(4) subject to partners agreeing to the establishment of a Strategic Safety Board, the County Council be represented by the Cabinet Member – Jobs, Economy and Transport or a nominated deputy.

229/13 HIGHER LEVEL ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP
AGREEMENT (Jobs, Economy and Transport) The Acting Strategic Director – Environmental Services sought Cabinet approval to accept the offer of a Higher Level Environmental Stewardship Agreement from Natural England for the management of countryside sites in the west and south of Derbyshire. The Higher Level Environmental Stewardship Scheme managed by Natural England provided funding towards agreed management for the benefit of wildlife and landscape character over a ten year period and the Council was invited by Natural England to submit an application for the management of land and bio-diversity value on its countryside sites across South Derbyshire, Erewash, Amber Valley, High Peak and Derbyshire Dales Borough/Districts. The Council appointed a consultant to prepare its Farm Environment Plan and draft a list of possible stewardship options which, following discussions, was submitted to Natural England.

Natural England had now offered the Council an Agreement, starting from 1 November 2013 and acceptance of the Agreement would support the

Council's existing management to maintain, or enable it to improve, the value of important hedges, species rich grassland, lowland heath and ponds on twenty-one countryside sites, whilst not adding to the Council's on-going commitments. The Agreement covered both annual management for the full ten years and a four year work programme to restore boundary features such as dry stone walls and stock fences, to carry out tree works, scrub removal and the eradication of invasive weed species. The work programme also included funding for the restoration of the historic Cromford and High Peak Railway Wheel Pit at High Peak Junction Workshops as an item under the historic archaeological feature protection heading.

The Agreement offered by Natural England would pay £13,583.85 in year one and £13,768.85 per annum from year two – year ten for carrying out the annual management on the sites. Over the period of the agreement this funding amounted to £137,503.50. The Agreement also offered additional funding of £101,177.52 for the four year work programme of which £35,600 was 100% funding for the restoration of the Cromford and High Peak Railway Wheel Pit.

RESOLVED that (1) the signing of a ten year Higher Level Environmental Stewardship Agreement between the County Council and Natural England for funding of £238,681.02 for the management of land at countryside sites in the west and south of Derbyshire be approved; and

(2) grant funding totalling £238,681.02 be accepted spread over ten years for the carrying out of Higher Level Environmental Stewardship works.

230/13 MAKING UP AND ADOPTION OF AVONSIDE CLOSE, BARROW HILL (Jobs, Economy and Transport) The Acting Strategic Director – Environmental Services sought approval to include works in the 2013/14 Capital Programme utilising Section 38 bond monies to bring Avonside Close, Barrow Hill, Chesterfield up to adoption standard and adopt it as a publicly maintainable highway.

RESOLVED (1) that the outstanding street works at Avonside Close, Barrow Hill be included in the 2013/14 Capital Programme to be paid for from the Section 38 bond monies deposited with the Council in order to bring the road up to an adoptable standard be approved; and

(2) to note that on completion of the works Avonside Close, Barrow Hill would be adopted and therefore maintained as a public maintainable highway.

231/13 ADDITION TO THE 2013/14 CAPITAL PROGRAMME – FLOOD MITIGATION PROJECTS – PINXTON, RENISHAW AND SHIREBROOK (Jobs, Economy and Transport) The Acting Strategic Director – Environmental Services sought approval to add the flood mitigation schemes at Pinxtton, Renishaw and Shirebrook to the Capital Programme for 2013/14, details of which were presented in the report. The total cost of the three

projects was £110,000 and grant funding to the value of £68,000 had been secured from the Environment Agency. The remainder of the costs would be met from the Flood Risk Management Revenue Budget.

RESOLVED that (1) the following schemes be added to the 2013/14 Capital Programme;

- Pinxton Property Level Protection
- Renishaw flood Mitigation Study
- Thickley Bank, Shirebrook Flood Relief

; and

(2) a further report be presented before the end of the financial year on a funding/grant supported strategy for further flood mitigation schemes.

232/13 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC FROM THE MEETING

RESOLVED that the public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the remaining items on the agenda to avoid the disclosure of the kind of exempt information detailed in the following summary of proceedings.

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS CONDUCTED AFTER THE PUBLIC HAD BEEN EXCLUDED FROM THE MEETING

1. Confirmation of the Exempt Minutes of the meeting of Cabinet held on 30 July 2013.
2. Receipt of the Exempt Minutes of Cabinet Member meetings held as follows:
 - (a) Health and Communities – 18 July 2013
 - (b) Jobs, Economy and Transport – 30 July 2013
 - (c) Children and Young People – 6 August 2013
 - (d) Adult Social Care – 7 August 2013
3. Consideration of the report of the Strategic Director – Adult Care on Adult Care Day Services (Adult Social Care) (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 – Adult Care on the Procurement of Adult Care Services (Adult Social Care) (contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person, including the Authority holding that information).
5. Consideration of the report of the Director of Public Health on an Update on Procurement of Public Health Programmes (Director of

Public Health) (contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person, including the Authority holding that information).

6. Consideration of the report of the Strategic Director – Children and Younger Adults on the Contract for the Provision of Mobile Heated Bain Marie Cupboards and Ambient Units (Children and Young People) (contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person, including the Authority holding that information).
7. Consideration of the report of the Acting Strategic Director – Environmental Services on the Procurement of Vehicles (Jobs, Economy and Transport) (contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person, including the Authority holding that information).
8. Consideration of the report of the Acting Strategic Director – Environmental Services on the Award of Local Bus Contracts (ES73697/PPU146) (Jobs, Economy and Transport) (contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person, including the Authority holding that information).
9. Consideration of the report of the Acting Strategic Director – Environmental Services on the Award of School Bus Contracts (PTU147) (Children and Young People) (contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person, including the Authority holding that information).