

**PUBLIC  
DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL  
COUNCIL**

**ITEM No. 11**

**1 October 2014**

**REPORT FROM CABINET**

**Purpose of the Report**

To provide information to the Council on issues considered by the Cabinet at meetings held on 2 June, 17 June, 15 July, 5 August and 9 September 2014 and to enable Members to ask related questions.

Members may submit questions on the report to the Director of Legal Services by 12 noon on 30 September 2014.

**Information and Analysis**

**2 June 2014**

**1. LOCALITY PUBLIC HEALTH PLANS**

The Director of Public Health sought approval to Public Health Locality Plans following their endorsement by Local Area Committees.

**Decision**

Cabinet (1) approved that the Public Health Plans endorsed by Local Area Committees; (2) approved the deployment of resources as detailed in the report; and (3) agreed that investment and monitoring reports be submitted to Local Area Committees.

**2. SUPPORT AND ASPIRATION IMPLEMENTATION**

The Strategic Director – Children and Younger Adults sought approval to various measures relating to the implementation of the Government's reforms to the provision of support to children with education, health and care needs as part of its response to Part 3 of the Children and Families Act.

**Decision**

Cabinet approved (1) the allocation of resources to Children and Younger Adults for the purpose of designing, implementing and transferring children and young people with education, health and social care needs to

the new processes required by Part 3 of the Children and Families Act as described above; (2) the creation of an earmarked reserve to finance the implementation of Support and Aspiration across Derbyshire; (3) the establishment of and recruitment to a two year fixed-term Senior Programme Manager; and (4) that Standing Orders in Relation to Contracts be waived in order to purchase additional modules from Tribal Limited.

### **3. CHILDREN AND YOUNGER ADULTS CAPITAL PROGRAMME (CAPITAL MAINTENANCE AND BASIC NEED) 2014-15**

The Strategic Director – Children and Younger Adults sought approval for a list of schemes to be included in the Children and Younger Adults Capital Programme 2014-15.

#### **Decision**

Cabinet (1) approved the allocations for projects listed in Appendices A and B as a charge on the Children and Younger Adults Capital Programme 2014-15 totalling £16,093,505; and (2) agreed the balance of funding of £743,693, the allocation of £5,240,482 and the 2016-17 allocation of £5,502,506, subject to a further report to Cabinet.

### **4. SCHOOLS DEVOLVED FORMULA CAPITAL (DFC) 2014-15**

The Strategic Director – Children and Younger Adults reported to Cabinet on the Government's Devolved Formula Capital provisional grant allocation for 2014-15 totalling £2,523,660 and the incorporation of the grant into the Children and Younger Adults Capital Programme and to inform schools and support centres of their provisional allocations.

#### **Decision**

Cabinet approved (1) the incorporation of the 2014-15 provisional DFC grant totalling £2,523,660 in to the Children and Younger Adults Capital Programme; and (2) the individual allocations for 2014-15 being confirmed to schools and support centres, as outlined in the Appendix to the report.

### **5. DERBYSHIRE ECONOMIC REVIEW – MARCH 2014**

The Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment presented the latest Quarterly Economic Review to March 2014 which provided an overview of the current economic conditions within Derbyshire.

## **Decision**

Cabinet noted the information presented within the Derbyshire Economic Review (March 2014) and that the findings be used to support broader discussions and policy development work.

### **6. REQUEST FOR FORMAL ADOPTION OF “THE LANDSCAPE CHARACTER OF DERBYSHIRE” PUBLICATION**

The Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment reported on the adoption of “The Landscape Character of Derbyshire” and technical support documents as an evidence base to support the Local Plan and decision-making across the County.

## **Decision**

Cabinet approved the adoption of “The Landscape Character of Derbyshire” and technical support documents to support the delivery of sustainable economic growth and social wellbeing in the County.

### **7. CONSIDERATION OF ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE DELIVERY OF STREET LIGHTING SERVICES**

The Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment sought Cabinet approval to consult on proposed changes to the Council’s Street Lighting Maintenance Policy in order to achieve identified budget reductions.

## **Decision**

Cabinet (1) approved the carrying out of an eight week public consultation on the proposed changes to the Street Lighting Maintenance Policy as detailed in the report; and (2) noted that following the consultation, a further report would be presented to Cabinet.

### **8. EXTENSION TO EXISTING CONTRACT FOR THE SUPPLY OF GOODS AND SERVICES RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION, DATA COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS**

The Strategic Director - Economy, Transport and Environment requested approval to the extension of the existing contract with TDC Systems Limited for an additional five year period pursuant to the terms of the contract procured by Manchester City Council on behalf of the County Council and Derby City Council in 2009.

## **Decision**

Cabinet (1) approved the extension of the existing contract procured by Manchester City Council for the supply of transportation data collection and analysis goods and services for a period of five years; and (2) noted that an annual programme of planned expenditure on the contract would be reported to the Cabinet Member – Jobs, Economy and Transport for approval.

### **9. DYNAMIC PURCHASING SYSTEM FOR TAXI AND SMALL VEHICLE SPECIALIST TRANSPORT SERVICES**

Cabinet was asked to approve the replacement of the existing Framework Agreement for taxi and small vehicle specialist passenger transport services with a Dynamic Purchasing System.

## **Decision**

Cabinet approved (1) the establishment of a Dynamic Purchasing System for taxi and small vehicle passenger transport services, as outlined in the report; and (2) the continuation of the existing Framework Agreement until the new Dynamic Purchasing System was established with approval for this being the subject of a further Cabinet report later in 2014.

### **10. REVIEW OF VOLUNTARY SEVERANCE SCHEMES**

Cabinet considered various matters relating to a review of the Council's Voluntary Severance Schemes in view of anticipated workforce reductions.

## **Decision**

Cabinet (1) agreed to the terms and availability of the Voluntary Severance Schemes as detailed in the report; (2) noted the application of vacancy control as detailed in the report; (3) agreed that the trade unions be consulted on the details proposed in the report in accordance with Section 188 of the Trade Unions and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992 and that the Secretary of State be informed of the proposals in accordance with Section 193; and (4) that decisions regarding the release of employees be delegated to the Chief Executive and Strategic Directors in consultation with the appropriate Cabinet Member and that the Pensions Committee be invited to put in place appropriate delegations in relation to compensation and the early release of pensions.

## **11. DERBYSHIRE DISCRETIONARY FUND BUDGET**

The Acting Strategic Director – Adult Care sought approval to the setting up of a revenue reserve from the remaining balance of the 2013-14 Derbyshire Discretionary Fund budget, to support and strengthen the continued operation of the Fund 2014-15 and to assist the Council in managing the budget for 2015-16, when funding for the scheme would cease.

### **Decision**

Cabinet approved the establishment of a revenue reserve from the remaining balance of the 2013-14 Fund budget to support and strengthen the continued operation of the Fund during 2014-15 and to assist the Council to manage the budget for 2015-16, when it was expected that Government funding for this important welfare scheme would cease.

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## **12. PROCUREMENT OF STATUTORY ADULT CARE ADVOCACY SERVICES**

The Acting Strategic Director – Adult Care sought approval to jointly procure along with Derby City Council, a combined contract for the provision of three statutory services from 1 April 2015.

### **Decision**

Cabinet (1) approved the proposed procurement arrangements for three statutory Adult Care Advocacy services from 1 April 2015 for a period of five years, with annual options for the Council to extend for up to three further periods of twelve months; and (2) noted that a further report would be submitted to seek approval for the award of a contract when the procurement process was completed.

## **13. PROPOSED CHANGES TO ADULT CARE POLICIES ON TRANSPORT, CLIENT CONTRIBUTIONS AND THE ELIGIBILITY THRESHOLD**

The Acting Strategic Director – Adult Care informed Cabinet of the outcome of the consultation on the raising of the eligibility threshold; increasing the level of client contributions towards non-residential services and the introduction of a transport policy which included a transport charging policy.

## **Decision**

Cabinet considered the response to the consultation and the outcome of the Equality Impact Analysis and, having given due regard to the responses to the proposals and balancing these against the need to save £157m from the Council budget, approved: (1) that the eligibility threshold for access to Adult Care services be raised from Higher Moderate to Substantial; (2) that Co-Funding contributions be increased with a further report to be presented to the next Cabinet meeting detailing the extent of the increase; (3) that the income protection buffer be set at 25% above basic benefit rates with further exploration of the differentials to be considered at the next Cabinet meeting; (4) that clients with over £50k capital (not including their main home) would pay 100% of the costs of their care; (5) that the proposed transport policy be implemented with the exception of funding for voluntary sector transport to day opportunities; and (6) that a charge of £5 per day for transport to Adult Care services be adopted.

### **14. ELVASTON CASTLE AND ESTATE 10 YEAR VISION AND PLAN**

The Strategic Director – Corporate Resources sought approval to the recommendations of the Elvaston Castle and Country Park Working Group in respect of the 10 year Vision and Plan for the Elvaston Castle and Estate.

## **Decision**

Cabinet approved the final Vision and Plan for Elvaston Castle and Estate.

### **15. REVIEW OF SUSTAINABLE ENERGY POTENTIAL – DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

The Chair of the Improvement and Scrutiny Committee – Resources presented the final report of the Review of Sustainable Energy Potential for Derbyshire County Council.

## **Decision**

Cabinet (1) considered and received the recommendations of the report of the Improvement and Scrutiny Committee – Resources on Sustainable Energy Potential for Derbyshire County Council; and (2) noted that progress reports would be submitted to the Committee at strategic intervals to enable the monitoring of the implementation of the agreed actions.

## 16. DERBYSHIRE LOCAL ECONOMIC ASSESSMENT – 2014

The Chief Executive and the Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment presented to Cabinet the Derbyshire Local Economic Assessment 2014.

### **Decision**

Cabinet noted the information presented within the Derbyshire Local Economic Assessment 2014 and that the findings would be used to support the delivery of the Derbyshire Economic Strategy Statement and inform future service planning and policy development.

## 17. DERBYSHIRE ECONOMIC STRATEGY STATEMENT

The Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment sought approval to adopt the Strategy Statement which formed an integral part of the strategic planning framework and sets out Derbyshire's contribution to the recently approved D2N2 Strategic Economic plan and associated regeneration funding and delivery priorities.

### **Decision**

Cabinet approved and adopted the Derbyshire Economic Strategy Statement as the County-wide economic strategy, subject to no further amendments.

## 18. DERBYSHIRE WATERWAYS STRATEGY

The Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment requested approval of the Derbyshire Waterways Strategy.

### **Decision**

Cabinet approved the adoption of the first Derbyshire Waterways Strategy.

## 19. DEVELOPER CONTRIBUTIONS MONITORING

The Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment updated Cabinet on the progress in implementing the Develop Contributions Protocol.

## **Decision**

Cabinet (1) welcomed the £3.757m of additional funding secured from developer contributions in 2013-14; (2) noted the continuing funding gap for strategic infrastructure; and (3) endorsed on-going engagement with Local Planning Authorities to work towards securing the necessary investment for strategic infrastructure.

### **20. POOLED BUDGET FOR CHILDREN WITH COMPLEX NEEDS**

Cabinet considered the revised arrangements for and to approve the extension of, a formal partnership agreement and pooled budget arrangement between Derbyshire County Council's Children and Younger Adults and Adult Care Departments and the four Derbyshire Clinical Commissioning Groups to provide and fund support packages for children and young people with complex needs.

## **Decision**

Cabinet approved the extension of the pooled budget arrangement, and revised formal partnership agreement with the five Derbyshire Clinical Commissioning Groups up to September 2014.

### **21. CAPITAL FUNDING TO SUPPORT UNIVERSAL INFANT FREE SCHOOL MEALS: INSTALLATION OF SCHOOL MEAL KITCHENS TO CONVERT FROM SERVERIES**

The Strategic Director - Children and Younger Adults sought approval for the conversion of serveries to school kitchens to be added to 2014-15 Capital Programme to meet extra demands on the service following the introduction of the Universal Infant Free School Meal for all Key Stage 1 pupils from September 2014, along with associated construction works and the placing of orders for mobile kitchens.

## **Decision**

Cabinet (1) approved the capital expenditure on converting kitchen serveries to cooking kitchens, to be financed by £680k from the Capital Grant Funding, and that this be added to the 2014-15 Capital Programme; (2) approved the construction works in connection with the conversions detailed in the report; (3) approved the placing of orders under existing frameworks for the mobile kitchens; and (4) noted that a further report would be submitted to Cabinet in due course for the appointment of a preferred bidder once the procurement had been carried out.



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**22. FINANCIAL STRATEGY**

The Director of Finance asked Cabinet to note and approve the Strategy.

**Decision**

Cabinet approved the Financial Strategy.

**23. REVENUE OUTTURN 2013-14**

The Director of Finance set out the final outturn position for 2013-14, identify significant variations from the revised estimate and identify commitments already agreed against the underspend, together with proposals for the further use of underspends. The allocations for the further use of underspends would be held in departmental earmarked reserves and would only be released to departments subject to final approval by the appropriate Cabinet member.

**Decision**

The Outturn report was noted.

**24. RESERVES POLICY**

The Director of Finance asked Cabinet to note and approve:

- the Reserves Policy
- the transfer of Earmarked Reserves no longer required to the General Reserve balance;
- the transfer of revenue contributions to the Capital Programme, or earmark them in reserve where spend has not yet occurred.

**Decision**

Cabinet approved the transfer of £1.665m from Earmarked Reserves to the General Reserve; and the Reserves Policy.

**25. FIVE YEAR FINANCIAL PLAN**

The Director of Finance requested Cabinet note the details of the Provisional Five Year Financial Plan for the period 2014-15 to 2018-19 and the further budget reduction proposals that the Council was considering to help balance the budget over the medium-term.

## **Decision**

Cabinet noted the details of the Provisional Five Year Financial Plan, the forward projection for the level of the General Reserve subject to successful achievement of budget reductions in each year of the Plan, the possible budget reduction measures identified and agreed the allocation of an additional £4m from General Reserve to cover the increase in Adult Care demographic costs in 2014-15.

### **26. PUBLIC HEALTH RESOURCE FUND**

The Director of Public Health reported to Cabinet the outcomes of a prioritisation process for the allocation of the Public Health Resource Fund and sought approval for the deployment of the resources through an agreed process to meet the conditions in the Public Health ring-fenced grant

## **Decision**

Cabinet approved the financial support for Council-wide preventative programmes for 2014-15; the process for deployment of the funds supported and a report be made in six months on progress; and the 2015-16 departmental planning allocations set out in the report were approved with the detailed proposals to be agreed by Cabinet.

### **27. TIMESCALE FOR THE CHANGE IN CLIENT CONTRIBUTIONS AND THE INTRODUCTION OF TRANSPORT CHARGES**

The Acting Strategic Director – Adult Care sought approval for the phasing of the increase to co-funding contributions and the implementation date for transport charges.

## **Decision**

Cabinet agreed a phased introduction of the charges with a start date of 1 April 2015.

### **28. PROPOSED CHANGES TO HOUSING RELATED SUPPORT PROGRAMME – PHASE ONE**

The Acting Strategic Director – Adult Care informed Cabinet of the outcome of the recent consultation on the proposal to end funding for Phase One services in the Housing Related Support Services programme and to agree mitigating actions to reduce the impact on vulnerable local people.

## **Decision**

Cabinet agreed the recommended changes to Housing Related Support and agreed to continue the Leaseholder Scheme for the current twenty-one older people and also to extend the High Risk Serious Offenders support.

### **29. FIRE PRECAUTION WORK**

The Strategic Director – Corporate Resources requested approval to expenditure of £539,000 from the 2014-15 Fire Precaution Capital Allocation, to address fire precaution improvement works identified by Fire Risk Assessments.

## **Decision**

A number of schemes totalling £539,000 were approved.

### **30. INVEST TO SAVE FUNDING PROPOSAL FOR STREET LIGHTING**

The Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment informed Cabinet of the benefits and affordability of an invest to save proposal for street lighting to assist, mitigate and sustain required revenue budget savings and deliver further revenue savings through reduced energy consumption.

## **Decision**

Cabinet noted the benefits and affordability of an invest to save proposal and agreed to receives a further report after completion of the public consultation on the policy change.

### **31. PRIORITY SCHOOL BUILDING PROGRAMME TWO – PROPOSED EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**

The Strategic Director - Children and Younger Adults requested approval of an expression of interest to the Education Funding Agency for Derbyshire schools to be included in the second round of the Priority School Building Programme.

## **Decision**

Expressions of interest were to be submitted to the Department for Education.

### 32. SUPPORT AND ASPIRATION – CONSULTATION ANALYSIS AND UPDATE

The Strategic Director - Children and Younger Adults informed Cabinet about the outcome of the consultation and how that information would be used and sought agreement to register a new domain name for the Local Offer site.

#### **Decision**

Cabinet noted the outcome of consultation and agreed the registration of a new domain name.

### 33. REPORT RECOMMENDING ADOPTION OF A PAY POLICY AND AN APPRAISAL POLICY TO BE APPLIED TO TEACHERS EMPLOYED BY DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL BUT NOT ATTACHED TO SCHOOLS

The Strategic Director - Children and Younger Adults requested approval for the adoption of a Teachers' Pay Policy and an Appraisal Policy that reflected the changes made in the School Teachers' Pay and Conditions Document 2013 (STPCD) and incorporated the Education (School Teachers' Appraisal) [England] Regulations 2012.

#### **Decision**

The Policy was adopted.

### 34. ALLOCATION OF GRANT FUNDING TO REPAIR LOCAL ROADS DAMAGED BY SEVERE WEATHER

The Strategic Director - Economy, Transport and Environment sought approval to accept grant funding from Government for repairing local roads damaged by severe weather and to add the schemes to the 2014-15 Capital Programme.

#### **Decision**

Grant for repairs accepted and schemes were added to the Capital Programme.

### **35. ADDITIONAL HIGHWAYS WORKS RESULTING FROM SEVERE WEATHER CONDITIONS**

The Strategic Director - Children and Younger Adults recommended a programme of works to address damage to the highway as a result of severe weather conditions.

#### **Decision**

Cabinet agreed the list of works to be undertaken.

### **36. PUBLIC HEALTH FINANCE**

The Director of Public Health reported to Cabinet on a number of financial anomalies that had arisen following the transfer of Public Health responsibilities to the Council last year and sought approval for the transfer of resources between the NHS and the Council.

#### **Decision**

Cabinet approved the transfer of funding between the NHS and the Council; that a mechanism for the transfer of funds be developed and approval given to explore the potential to include the funding changes within the ring-fenced grant for 2015-16 with Public Health England

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### **37. CONSULTATION ON THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO HOUSING RELATED SUPPORT PROGRAMME – PHASE TWO**

The Acting Strategic Director – Adult Care sought Cabinet approval to commence a process of formal consultation on proposed changes to the Housing Related Support Services programme for Phase Two.

#### **Decision**

Cabinet approved (1) the commencement of a period of full public consultation on the proposals set out in the report regarding proposed changes to the Housing Related Support programme; and (2) that a further report be brought to Cabinet following the period of public consultation and the completion of an Equality Impact Analysis in February 2015.

### 38. THE AIMING HIGH DERBYSHIRE OFFER

The Strategic Director – Children and Younger Adults reported on proposed savings to the Aiming High Offer budget and their implementation and to seek agreement to consult on the future delivery of the Offer.

#### **Decision**

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

### 39. THE ECCLESBOURNE SCHOOL – SECTION 106 FUNDING

The Strategic Director – Children and Younger Adults requested approval to the allocation of Section 106 funding from two housing developments in the Duffield area to The Ecclesbourne School.

#### **Decision**

Cabinet (1) agreed 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) agreed 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) noted 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.

### 40. PROPOSED TRIAL TO SUPPORT CHILDREN WHO HAVE BEEN TRAFFICKED

The Strategic Director – Children and Younger Adults provided information on the proposed inclusion of the County Council in a Home Office project trialling a new approach to support children who had been trafficked.

#### **Decision**

Cabinet noted the report.

**41. NOTIFICATION TO MEMBERS THAT THE RECOMMENDED SELLING PRICE OF SCHOOL MEALS TO REMAIN THE SAME – ALL SCHOOLS**

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.

**Decision**

Cabinet noted that the selling price of the paid meal in all schools from 8 September 2014 was to remain the same and also approved 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.

**42. STENSON FIELDS PRIMARY COMMUNITY SCHOOL – SECTION 106 FUNDING**

Cabinet were asked to approve the allocation of Section 106 funding to Stenson Fields Primary School along with an initial project at the School and consultation in connection with the expansion of the School.

**Decision**

Cabinet approved (1) the application of Section 106 funding of £1.5m in respect of land adjacent to Stenson Road Derby to the expansion of Stenson Fields Primary Community School; (2) an initial project of £166,730 be agreed to allow the remodelling and refurbishment of a modular building to meet the immediate need for places; (3) that consultation on the proposed larger expansion of the School takes place with the results being reported back to Cabinet.

**43. HARPUR HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL – SECTION 106 FUNDED TWO CLASSROOM EXTENSION**

The Strategic Director – Children and Younger Adults sought the release of Section 106 funding for the provision of a new two classroom block at the School.

**Decision**

Cabinet approved 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 Department Capital Programme, would provide a total of £280,220 for this development at the School.

**44. SECTION 106 CONTRIBUTION TO BUILDING SCHOOLS FOR THE FUTURE (BSF) PROJECT TO REBUILD THE BOLSOVER SCHOOL**

Cabinet were asked to approve the allocation of a developer contribution to the BSF project carried out at the Bolsover School in 2009-10.

**Decision**

Cabinet approved the allocation of the Section 106 contribution of £239,785 to meet the funding requirements of the Derbyshire Building Schools for the Future programme.

**45. CONSULTATION ON THE GOVERNMENT'S PROPOSALS TO ALLOW LOCAL AUTHORITIES THE POWERS TO DELEGATE CHILDREN'S SOCIAL CARE FUNCTIONS**

The Strategic Director – Children and Younger Adults informed Cabinet of Government proposals regarding regulations to allow local authorities to enter into arrangements with third party providers for the discharge of a wider range of its social services functions relating to children.

**Decision**

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

**46. HERITAGE HIGH SCHOOL FACILITIES MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT**

The Strategic Director – Children and Younger Adults sought agreement to terminate the Facilities Management Agreement for Heritage High School and to take out an agreement limited to statutory maintenance only in line with other Building Schools for the Future schools.

**Decision**

Cabinet agreed that (1) the Authority terminates the Facilities Management Agreement in respect of Heritage High School at a cost of £130,000; (2) the staff affected by the termination of the Facilities Management Agreement be transferred to the employment of Heritage High



School; (3) contributions to the lifecycle fund end and that Heritage High School receives its share of the unused fund; and (4) the Governing Body Agreement with the School be amended as required to reflect the agreement to terminate the Facilities Management Agreement.

#### 47. A FAIRER, HEALTHIER DERBYSHIRE

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 for Public Health to the County Council in April 2013 and to consider the recommendations in the report for implementation.

##### **Decision**

Cabinet endorsed and supported the recommendations in the Director of Public Health Annual Report.

#### 48. VISIT PEAK DISTRICT AND DERBYSHIRE (VPDD) DESTINATION MANAGEMENT ORGANISATION – FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION 2014-15

The Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment sought approval for a funding contribution to be made to VPDD Management Organisation for 2014-15 and reported on the Service level Agreement being drafted.

##### **Decision**

Cabinet approved (1) the County Council's revenue contribution of £164,000 to support VPDD for 2014-15 to be taken from the Tourism Marketing budget, subject to satisfactory completion of the Service Level Agreement; and (2) the Service Level Agreement for 2014-15 be completed subject to discussion with VPDD and considered and agreed at the next available meeting of the Jobs, Economy and Transport Cabinet Member.

#### 49. DERBYSHIRE ECONOMIC REVIEW – JUNE 2014

The Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment presented the latest Quarterly Review to June 2014.

##### **Decision**

Cabinet noted the information presented within the Review and that the findings would be used to support broader discussions and policy development work.

## **50. INTERIM REPORT ON THE EMERGING STRATEGY FOR EMPLOYMENT AND SKILLS IN YOUNG PEOPLE**

Cabinet were updated regarding on-going work to review the effectiveness of Council and partner services in employment and approval was also sought 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 align to the work of external providers and partners.

### **Decision**

Cabinet (1) noted the work being developed to support young people to enter employment; and (2) approved the establishment of a Member-led Programme Board as set out in the report.

## **51. PERMIT SCHEME FOR STREET WORKS AND WORKS FOR ROAD PURPOSES**

The Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment reported on the submission to the Department for Transport of a draft scheme for street works and works for road purposes.

### **Decision**

Cabinet (1) approved the introduction of a permit scheme for street works and works for road purposes; (2) acknowledged the draft scheme attached at Appendix 1 to the report submitted to the Department for Transport; and (3) noted that a further report would be submitted to Cabinet for the formal approval of the scheme before its implementation.

## **52. ACCELERATED HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE**

The Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment sought approval to allocating additional funds to highway maintenance to improve the condition of Derbyshire's roads.

### **Decision**

Cabinet approved (1) the investment of £23m to the Accelerated Highway Maintenance proposal, based on the principles of asset management as set out in the report; (2) the allocation of Economy, Transport and Environment Department reserves to the project; (3) the allocation of unallocated Local Transport Plan Capital Grant to the

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

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### **53. CORPORATE ENVIRONMENT POLICY**

The Chief Executive sought Cabinet approval of the revised Corporate Environmental Policy.

#### **Decision**

Cabinet approved the revised Corporate Environment Policy.

### **54. PREPARATION OF BUDGET 2015-16**

The Director of Finance sought approval for the timetable for the Council's 2015-16 budget preparation and associated consultation arrangements.

#### **Decision**

Cabinet approved the timetable for completion of the 2015-16 budget and the proposed consultation arrangements.

### **55. HEALTHY WORKPLACES**

Cabinet was asked to approve the development of a healthy workplaces approach, the adoption of a Derbyshire Healthy Workforce Charter and the recruitment of two staff to implement the necessary work.

#### **Decision**

Cabinet approved the development of a Healthy Workplace approach including the adoption and implementation of a Derbyshire Healthy Workforce Charter and the creation of two established posts of Public Development Workers, as set out in the report, to support the implementation of the approach.

### **56. SCHOOLS' FUNDING 2015-16**

The Strategic Director – Children and Younger Adults informed Cabinet of national and local developments in respect of schools' funding.

#### **Decision**

Cabinet (1) noted the increased DSG funding announced by the Department for Education for 2015-16; (2) noted the other technical changes

to the schools' funding framework as set out in section 2.2 of the report; (3) noted the views of schools to the Authority's recent consultation; (4) following the responses to the consultation in (3) above, agree in principle, to increase the multipliers as set out in the report; (5) confirm, in principle, that additional funding will be allocated to schools to help with the costs of Single Status on the same basis as in 2014-15; (6) confirm, in principle, the increases in special school and PRU top-ups as set out in section 2.3 of the report; (7) confirm, in principle, the reductions in the non-term time top-up for early years provision in nursery schools and nursery units as set out in section 2.3 of the report; (8) note the continuing financial pressures facing schools, in particular secondary and special schools; and (9) note that proposals to allocate the residual DSG increase will be considered by Cabinet as part of the 2015-16 budget setting process.

#### **57. EDUCATION SERVICES GRANT 2015-16**

The Strategic Director – Children and Younger Adults reported on the Department for Education Services Grant arrangements for 2015-16.

##### **Decision**

Cabinet noted the ESG changes for 2015-16 and the potential impact on schools, academies and the Authority's funding.

#### **58. GLOSSOPDALE COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

The Strategic Director – Children and Younger Adults sought approval to provide revenue funding support to the Community College.

##### **Decision**

Cabinet noted the financial difficulties faced by the School and agreed (1) to provide additional revenue funding as detailed in section 2.3 of the report; (2) to seek to fund the cost from the DSG; and (3) subject to (2) above, to underwrite the cost from the YPLA Post-16 threshold reserve.

#### **59. PROPOSED FEE LEVEL INCREASES FOR INDEPENDENT SECTOR HOMES**

The Acting Strategic Director – Adult Care and the Director of Finance advised Cabinet on the outcome of the recent consultation on the proposal to set independent sector fee levels at an appropriate level to reflect the actual cost of care. Approval was also sought to approve fee increases and associated matters.

## **Decision**

Cabinet (1) approved the proposed fee increases for independent sector Care Homes for the financial years 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report; (2) approved the backdating of payments to Care Homes that were impacted by the proposed changes to fee rates; (3) noted the non-payment of backdated payments for the period a Care Home was subject to a suspension of new placements due to poor performance; (4) noted the proposal to backdate payments to homes that were sold or closed down being considered on a case by case basis; (5) approved the discontinuance of the “standard” residential older persons fee rate from 1 April 2014; (6) noted the proposal for the introduction of a new Dementia Care payment being introduced together with a set of Dementia Care standards being developed in partnership with representatives of the Care Home sector; and (7) noted the proposal to review the Quality Premium Scheme in partnership with representatives of the Care Home sector.

### **60. INDEPENDENT SECTOR CARE HOME FEES**

The Acting Strategic Director – Adult Care requested Cabinet approval to proposed fee increases for independent sector home care fees from 29 September 2014 and to amendments to the Council’s Contract terms and Conditions for the Provision of Home Care Services to promote improvements in the terms and conditions for provider employees.

## **Decision**

Cabinet approved (1) the proposed fee increases for the independent sector home care fees from 29 September 2014, by 2% on home care paid per hour and 5p on all travel/visit rates; and (2) the proposal to amend the Council’s Contract Terms and Conditions for the Provision of Home Care Services to promote improvements in the terms and conditions for provider employees.

### **61. A610 RIPLEY – CODNOR – WOODLINKIN IMPROVEMENTS**

Delegated authority was sought for the Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment, in discussion with the Cabinet Member for Jobs, Economy and Transport, to formulate a response to evidence provided in support of a highway proposal promoted by Amber Valley Borough Council.

## **Decision**

Cabinet (1) noted the observations in the report on the “need” for a bypass scheme for the A610 in Ripley and Codnor; (2) authorised the

Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment to formulate a response to evidence on a possible by-pass scheme in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Jobs, Economy and Transport.

**62. DAY OPPORTUNITIES FOR OLDER PEOPLE AND PEOPLE WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES IN ASHBOURNE AREA AND DISTRICT**

The Acting Strategic Director – Adult Care reported on matters relating to the provision of day opportunities for older people and people with learning disabilities in the Ashbourne areas and district.

**Decision**

Cabinet approved (1) the new integrated service as outlined in the report; (2) the closure of Bankcroft Centre and to declare the property surplus to requirements of Adult Care and notice be given to Derbyshire Dales District Council to terminate the rental agreement; and (3) the revised staffing structure as detailed in the report, subject to consultation with staff and trade unions.

**63. JOINT COMMITTEE FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH AND PROSPERITY – UPDATE ON GOVERNANCE REVIEW**

The Strategic Director – Economy Transport and Environment updated Cabinet on the progress and emerging findings of the governance review undertaken by the D2 Joint Committee and on the next steps in developing a Combined Authority.

**Decision**

Cabinet noted (1) the progress made to date regarding the governance review and the initial draft of proposals for inclusion in the draft Combined Authority Scheme; (2) and agreed the next steps set out in section 2 of the report which would take place between September and October, including the proposed period of consultation and on-going refinement of the detailed proposals; and (3) that a further report would be presented to Full Council for formal consideration and approval on completion of the negotiations and preparations of the Scheme, prior to submission to Government.

**64. ROAD TRAFFIC COLLISIONS IN DERBYSHIRE: THE CASUALTY REPORT 2013**

The Strategic Director – Economy Transport and Environment presented the Annual Casualty Report for 2013.

## **Decision**

Cabinet (1) noted the current trends in road casualties as reported in the Derby and Derbyshire Annual Casualty Report 2013; and (2) approved its wider publication both in electronic and printed form.

## **Other Considerations**

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: - equality of opportunity; environmental, health; financial, human resources; legal and human rights; prevention of crime and disorder, property and transport considerations.

## **Background Papers**

Cabinet papers.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

That the report be noted.

**Councillor A Western**  
**Leader of the Council**