

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

13 April 2016

REPORT FROM CABINET

Purpose of the Report

To provide information to the Council on issues considered by the Cabinet at meetings held on 2 and 23 February, 15 March and 5 April 2016 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 12 April 2016.

Information and Analysis

2 February 2016

1. IMPROVEMENT AND SCRUTINY REVIEW OF 20 MPH SPEED LIMITS IN DERBYSHIRE

Councillor K Gillott, Chair of the Improvement and Scrutiny Committee – Places, presented the final report of the review of 20mph Speed Limits.

Decision

Cabinet (1) received the report and agreed to provide a response on which recommendations would be accepted to the Improvement and Scrutiny Committee - Places at its meeting on 18 May 2016; and (2) noted that as the recommendations were implemented, progress would be monitored by the Committee at strategic intervals through a completed action plan.

2. PENSION FUND INVESTMENTS – MINOR STAFFING CHANGES

The Strategic Director – Corporate Resources sought approval to revise the staffing structure of the Investment Section in relation to the Settlements and Governance area of the Derbyshire Pension Fund.

Decision

Cabinet agreed to the establishment of two Business Services Officers and two Business Services Assistant roles within the Investments Team, to replace three and a half existing posts, as detailed in the report.

3. PROPOSED CREATION OF A NEW BUSINESS SERVICES OFFICER POST IN THE PENSIONS ADMINISTRATION TEAM FOR A FIXED-TERM OF THREE YEARS

The Strategic Director – Corporate Resources requested approval for the establishment of a new, three year fixed-term post, entitled ‘Business Services Officer’, in the Derbyshire Pension Fund Pensions Administration Team.

Decision

Cabinet approved the addition of a Business Services Officer post to the establishment of the Pensions Administration Team.

4. PROPOSAL FOR THE RE-ORGANISATION OF PRIMARY EDUCATION IN ASHBOURNE

The Strategic Director – Children’s Services reported to Cabinet on the outcome of the pre-publication consultation on the proposal for the re-organisation of primary education in Ashbourne and sought approval for the publication of a Statutory Notice to progress with the proposal.

Decision

Cabinet (1) noted the support expressed in the consultation for the proposal: and (2) approved the publication of a Statutory Notice to progress the proposal for the re-organisation of primary education in Ashbourne.

5. OUTCOME OF THE CONSULTATION ON A PROPOSAL FOR A NEW PRIMARY SCHOOL AT THE AVENUE, WINGERWORTH

The Strategic Director – Children’s Services reported on the outcome of the consultation on the proposal to open a new school at the development known as The Avenue, Wingerworth.

Decision

Cabinet (1) noted the responses to the consultation on a proposed new primary school at The Avenue, Wingerworth; (2) approved the principle of a new school to serve the Avenue; and (3) agreed that the progress of the

development be kept under review and that a further report be received when sufficient information was available to set an opening date for the school, which would be 2019 at the earliest.

6. SITE FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL PROVISION IN WIRKSWORTH

The Strategic Director – Children’s Services sought approval to the de-notification of an area of privately-owned land identified as a future site for a primary school for Wirksworth, and to notify an alternative site as a future location for a primary school.

Decision

Cabinet approved, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report, (1) the de-notification of the site as the proposed site for a new primary school in Wirksworth; and (2) the notification of the site detailed as the new site for a new school.

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7. FUTURE DELIVERY OF THE INTERNAL APPRENTICESHIP SCHEME

The Strategic Director – Corporate Resources reported on the future delivery of the Internal Apprenticeship Scheme.

Decision

Cabinet (1) noted that the current Apprenticeship Training Agency contract expired on 30 June 2016 and the proposed development of a legacy contract; (2) noted the introduction of the Apprenticeship Levy and Public Sector Apprentice Targets; (3) agreed the introduction of a directly employed internal apprenticeship model as detailed in the report; and (4) agreed that the Trade Unions be consulted on the proposals through the CJC.

8. APPROVAL TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO PROVIDE A HYDROTHERAPY POOL FOR ALFRETON PARK SPECIAL SCHOOL

The Strategic Director – Children’s Services reported on an urgent decision taken by the Chief Executive relating to the award of a contract to provide a hydrotherapy pool for Alfreton Park Special School.

Decision

Cabinet noted the urgent decision taken by the Chief Executive.

9. PEAK RESORT

The Strategic Director – Environment, Transport and Economy sought approval for the County Council taking responsibility for the development and construction of road improvements to facilitate the development of the Peak Resort complex.

Decision

Cabinet approved (1) the procurement of design and/or construction resources for those elements of the Peak Resort complex which would subsequently be adopted into the highway, subject to all design and/or construction costs being met by the developer; and (2) the addition of the project to the Council's Capital Programme, at an estimated cost of £1.85m, to be funded by the developers and Chesterfield Borough Council.

10. DEVELOPMENT OF A KEY CYCLE NETWORK AND CYCLE INFRASTRUCTURE DELIVERY PLAN

The Strategic Director – Environment, Transport and Economy requested approval to the principle of developing a Key Cycle Network and the associated Cycle Infrastructure Development Plan and also for the approach to be adopted in their development.

Decision

Cabinet (1) approved in principle, the creation of a Derbyshire Key Cycle Network and Cycle Infrastructure Delivery Plan; (2) noted the use of the proposed criteria as detailed in the report in their development; and (3) agreed to receive consultation drafts of the Plan at a future date.

11. ILKESTON RAIL STATION

The Strategic Director – Environment, Transport and Economy sought approval to increase the County Council's maximum offer towards the funding package for Ilkeston Rail Station in order to permit the awarding of a construction contract and also to underwrite any initial revenue deficit.

Decision

Cabinet (1) approved the raising of the Council's maximum capital contribution to the delivery of Ilkeston Station by £0.813m in order to permit the procurement of a construction contractor; (2) approve in principle, a revenue contribution to the early operation of the Station should this be required; (3) authorised the Director of Legal Services to agree and sign an

Implementation Agreement with Network Rail under which the Station would be constructed and funded, and separate agreements with Northern Rail and East Midlands Trains over associated revenue costs; and (4) noted that the Chair of the Improvement and Scrutiny Committee – Places had agreed to waive call-in in respect of this decision.

12. CARE LEAVERS' EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The Strategic Director – Children's Services sought approval to develop and implement an entry route into employment by the Council in order to improve the outcomes for care leavers.

Decision

Cabinet (1) approved the development of pathways to employment within the Council as set out in the report, to ensure positive action for care leavers; (2) approved the creation of ten FTE paid Internships within the Council ring-fenced to NEET care leavers; (3) noted the proposal to continue to identify job opportunities with organisations from whom the Council procures goods and services; and (4) agreed to develop a monitoring and challenge role for senior managers tasked with improving education, training and employment outcomes for individual care leavers.

13. YOUTHINC ANNUAL REPORT

The Strategic Director – Children's Services reported on the first anniversary of the launch of YOUTHINC and to inform Elected Members of its achievements over the last twelve months.

Decision

Cabinet agreed (1) to a new publicity/marketing programme to increase visibility of the YOUTHINC website, and ensure ease and greater access to information, advice and guidance; (2) to identify effective marketing, branding opportunities and support resources for young people, teachers and service practitioners and to redesign the YOUTHINC website in alignment with the Youth Offer to increase traffic and integrate brands across all County Council services; and (4) to decommission and redirect the existing (but outdated) Routes Ahead website which provided comprehensive information about colleges, courses, qualifications and other learning opportunities in and around Derbyshire for post-16s to the YOUTHINC prospectus feature, ensuring the usage, monitoring and support of the system was available for Derbyshire schools and young people, post-16.

15 March 2016

14. COUNCIL PLAN UPDATE 2016-17

The Chief Executive recommended the Authority's Council Plan update 2016-17 for approval by Full Council.

Decision

The Council Plan update was recommended for approval by Council.

15 DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE PLANS 2016-17

The Chief Executive sought approval for the Departmental Service Plans for 2016-17.

Decision

The Departmental Service Plans were recommended for approval by Council.

16. VISIT PEAK DISTRICT AND DERBYSHIRE DESTINATION MANAGEMENT ORGANISATION (DMO) – FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION 2016-17

The Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment requested approval for a core funding contribution to Visit Peak District and the Derbyshire DMO for 2016-17.

Decision

Cabinet approved the Council's contribution of £150k to support Visit Peak District and Derbyshire DMO for 2016-17 and requested that officers from the Economy and Regeneration Service work closely with the DMO to develop a financial plan for 2017 onwards which recognised reduced grant funding from the Council.

17. BUDGET MONITORING 2015-16 (AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2015)

The Director of Finance provided Cabinet with the Revenue Budget position for 2015-16 as at 31 December 2015.

Decision

Cabinet noted the budget monitoring position as at 31 December 2015.

18. CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING TO MONTH 9 2015-2016

The Director of Finance informed Cabinet of the latest budget monitoring position for open capital schemes.

Decision

Cabinet noted the capital budget monitoring position to month 9.

19. PROVISION OF EXTERNAL VENUE HIRE

The Strategic Director – Corporate Resources sought approval to undertake a procurement exercise to establish a multi-supplier framework agreement for the provision of external venue hire.

Decision

Cabinet approved a procurement exercise to establish a multi-supplier framework agreement for the provision of external venue hire.

20. COMMUNITY ASSET TRANSFER PROTOCOL

The Strategic Director – Corporate Resources reported on the introduction of a Community Asset Transfer Protocol to ensure that applications for community asset transfers were dealt with in a consistent and transparent way across the County.

Decision

Cabinet approved the introduction of a Community Asset Transfer Protocol to ensure applications for community asset transfers were handled in a consistent and transparent way across the County.

21. FUNDING FOR LUNCHEON CLUBS AND SERVICES IN RECEIPT OF SMALL GRANT AWARDS IN 2016-17

Cabinet considered a joint report of the Strategic Director – Adult Care and the Director of Finance which sought approval to:

- a. Fund Luncheon Clubs by a permanent virement of budget from the Members' Community Leadership Scheme (MCLS) to Adult Care
- b. Changes to the amount available to Members through the MCLS.

Decision

Cabinet approved a permanent virement of £21,727, in 2016-17, from the Members' Community Leadership Scheme budget to Adult Care to allow the Luncheon Clubs to continue to be funded; and changes to the amount available to each Member to allocate through the Members' Community Leadership Scheme.

22. HIGH NEEDS AND EARLY YEARS BLOCK BUDGETS 2016-17

The Strategic Director – Children's Services sought approval to a number of matters to enable High Needs and Early Years Budgets of the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) to be determined for 2016-17.

Decision

Cabinet noted the report and (1) noted the Forum's refusal to allow the Authority to retain funding for Early Help provision for the Early Years sector centrally for 2016-17; (2) noted the Forum's approval to allow the Authority to retain funding centrally for the Early Years Services set out as items 2-14 of Appendix 1 for 2016-17; (3) agreed to retain the EYSFF multipliers for two, three and four year olds for 2016-17 at 2015-16 levels, other than for the removal of time limited Single Status funding within the Nursery Schools formula; (4) agreed the High Needs places for 2016-17 as set out in Appendix 3; (5) agreed to keep the High Needs pupil profiles (top-ups) for 2016-17 at 2015-16 levels; (6) agreed to cease shadow funding allocations to ER Schools as set out in section 4.3.1; (7) noted the change in special schools' MFG protection calculations for 2016-17; (8) agreed to set aside £1.224m of the High Needs Block to help with the potential impact of demographic pupil changes and support the AEN contingency; (9) agreed to the revised recharging arrangements in respect of support for pupils with medical needs; (10) noted the intention to consult schools during the summer regarding a cost recovery model in respect of excluded pupils; agreed to delegate the Early Help funding in respect of special schools and PRUs as set out in section 5.1; (11) agreed to retain centrally the funding for Early Help services in respect of pupils with High Needs, other than those in special schools and PRUs; and (12) agreed that services' budgets funded by the High Needs Block should generally be retained at 2015-16 cash levels.

23. PRE-PUBLICATION CONSULTATION ON THE ORGANISATION OF PRIMARY EDUCATION IN TIBSHELF AND ON THE DISPOSAL OF PART OF THE FORMER SECONDARY SCHOOL SITE

The Strategic Director – Children's Services requested permission to carry out a pre-publication consultation on a proposal to reorganise primary

education in Tibshelf by utilising the former site of Tibshelf Community School.

Decision

Cabinet agreed to undertake consultation on the disposal of a section of the playing field land at the site of the former Tibshelf Secondary School and at Tibshelf Town End Junior School, and on a proposal to use the proceeds of these sales to reorganise primary education for the town.

24. ICT SERVICES CONTRACT, BUILDING SCHOOLS FOR THE FUTURE PROGRAMME

The Strategic Director – Children’s Services sought approval to terminate the ICT Services Contract provided by the Dell Corporation Limited (Dell) at Shirebrook Academy, Bolsover Academy (including the Bolsover Support Centre) Netherthorpe Academy, Heritage High School, Springwell Community School and Stubbin Wood Special School

Decision

Cabinet (1) agreed to terminate the ICT Services Contract with Dell Corporation Ltd; (2) noted that the staff affected by the termination of the ICT Services Contract would be transferred to the employment of individual schools currently within the BSF programme or the new ICT provider; (3) agreed that contributions to the ICT refresh fund end and each school to receive any unused funds it had contributed to refresh; and (4) agreed that the respective Governing Body Agreements with the schools to be amended as required, to reflect the agreement to terminate the ICT Services Contract

25. CHILDREN’S SERVICES CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2015-16 BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

The Strategic Director – Children’s Services sought approval to a number of changes to the Children’s Services Capital Programme

Decision

Cabinet approved the changes to the project budgets of the following schemes: Longmoor Primary School £675,000 (increased from £525,000) and Findern Primary School kitchen £425,000 (increased from £300,000),

26. EXTENSION OF GRANT FUNDING IN 2016-17 ADULT CARE SERVICE STATUTORY PRIORITIES

The Strategic Director – Adult Care reported on proposals relating to grant funding in 2016-17 for Adult Care statutory service priorities.

Decision

Cabinet agreed to (1) continue payments for services listed in Appendices 1 and 2 of this report provided by Voluntary and Community Sector organisations for up to a twelvemonth period from 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2017; (2) review these services and develop commissioning proposals to ensure future service delivery meets Adult Care's identified service priorities to meet statutory requirements as identified in the Care Act 2014; and (3) receive further reports detailing the outcome of each of the proposed service reviews, including any consultation exercise undertaken on future commissioning arrangements.

27. GRANT FUNDING IN 2016-17 NON-STATUTORY SERVICE PRIORITIES

The Strategic Director – Adult Care reported on proposals relating to grant funding in 2016-17 for Adult Care non- statutory service priorities.

Decision

Cabinet agreed to (1) commence a process of formal consultation with local Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) providers, service users and other stakeholders, as appropriate, on proposals to identify a sustainable funding model for strategically relevant services provided by the VCS in Derbyshire; and (2) continue payments to Voluntary and Community Sector organisations for services listed in the report for a six month period from 1 April 2016 to 30 September 2016, whilst the outcome of the consultation was undertaken and considered by Cabinet.

28. PRIORITISATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH GRANT INVESTMENT

The Director of Public Health outlined proposals for allocation of the Public Health Grant over the next two years based upon an analysis of existing commitments with respect to evidence base, value for money, impact on health and on health inequalities and sought approval for a package of measures to achieve financial balance, including redesign, releasing efficiencies and new investment measures in 2016-17 and 2017-18, together with further development in collaboration with partners, of ambitious and realistic plans for new investment in prevention to support the priorities of the Health and Wellbeing Board.

Decision

Cabinet approved the financial plans as described for 2016-17 and 2017-18, and supported the proposal for Public Health officers to work with colleagues and partners to develop ambitious and realistic proposals for new investment in prevention.

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29. DERBYSHIRE ECONOMIC REVIEW – MARCH 2016

The Chief Executive presented the Quarterly Economic Review to March 2016.

Decision

Cabinet noted the information presented within the Derbyshire Economic Review – March 2016 and that the findings be used to support future service planning and policy and development.

30. PAY AND DISPLAY AT WILLINGTON PICNIC SITE – COMMENTS RECEIVED FOLLOWING THE REVISED CHARGING ARRANGEMENTS

The Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment informed Cabinet of the results of the consultation exercise regarding amended charging arrangements for the Picnic Site and sought authorisation for the amendment of the Order.

Decision

Cabinet authorised the Director of Legal Services to (1) amend the proposed Derbyshire County Council (Off-Street Parking Places) (Amendment) Order 2016 by including provision for (a) the introduction of a first hour free and non-return period; and (b) for local residents directly affected by the imposition of charges to be eligible to purchase a season ticket at a reduced rate; and (2) make the Derbyshire County Council (Off-Street Parking Places) (Amendment) Order 2016.

31. SCAPE NATIONAL PROCUREMENT FRAMEWORKS

The Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment sought approval to the County Council's use of the Scape National Procurement Framework for the delivery of highways maintenance programmes and individual projects.

Decision

Cabinet (1) approved, under Protocol 2 of the Council's Financial Regulations, the County Council use of the Scape Civil Engineering and Infrastructure Framework; (2) agreed to delegate authority to the Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Infrastructure, for the award of contracts for jet patching and surface dressing for the 2016-17 surface dressing season; and (3) noted that officers would undertake further investigation of the use of the Framework for other projects where appropriate.

32. INDEPENDENT SECTOR HOME CARE FEES 2016-17

The Strategic Director – Adult Care sought approval to changes to home care fees for 2016-17.

Decision

Cabinet agreed (1) the proposed fee increases for the independent sector home care fees from April 2016, by 6.1% on all hourly rates for home care; (2) an increase of 6.1% on all travel/visit rates from 1 April 2016; (3) the introduction of a weekend sitting rate from 1 April 2016 of £9.92 per hour; (4) the introduction of a minimum call time of thirty minutes for all new packages located in rural parts of the County; (5) the introduction of a new model of travel payments with the funding being allocated by the postal ward where a client lives; (6) to make an inflationary payment of up to 6.1% for specialist home care placements where evidence was provided of inflationary pressures; and (7) to make an inflationary payment of 0.69% on all fees from 1 October 2016;

33. INDEPENDENT SECTOR CARE HOME FEES 2016-17

The Strategic Director – Adult Care sought approval to changes to care home fees for 2016-17.

Decision

Cabinet agreed to (1) increase the rate paid to independent sector care homes for the financial year 2016-17 by 6.17% per week as summarised in Appendix 3; (2) make an inflationary payment of up to 6.1% for specialist care home placements where evidence was provided of inflationary pressures; (3) an updated fee rate of £35.05 per session for a day care placement in a care home; (4) an updated dementia fee rate of £39.24 per week; (5) make an inflationary payment of up to 5% for well-performing block contracts in specific circumstances; and (6) make an inflationary payment of 0.98% on all standard care home fees from 1 October 2016

34. LIFESTYLE SERVICES PROCUREMENT

The Director of Public Health sought approval to procure healthy lifestyle services (smoking cessation, weight management, Making Every Contact Count (MECC) and Wellbeing) across Derbyshire.

Decision

Cabinet approved the procurement of healthy lifestyle services (smoking cessation, weight management, MECC and Wellbeing) across Derbyshire for three years and four months, commencing on 1 December 2017, with an option to extend for one further period of twenty-four months.

35. ECONOMY, TRANSPORT AND ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT SERVICE PLAN 2016-17 APPENDICES: REVENUE AND CAPITAL PROGRAMMES

The Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment sought approval to the 2016-17 Revenue and Capital Programmes.

Decision

Cabinet approved (1) the Service Plan 2016-17 Revenue and Capital Programmes; and (2) the Service Plan 2016-17 Appendices to be submitted to full Council for endorsement as part of the Department's Service Plan 2016-17.

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 – 2 and 23 February, 15 March and 5 April 2016.

RECOMMENDATION

That the report be noted.

Councillor A Western
Leader of the Council