

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

2 October 2013

REPORT FROM CABINET

Purpose of the Report

To provide information to the Council on issues considered by the Cabinet at meetings held on 30 July and 10 September 2013 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 1 October 2013.

Information and Analysis

30 July 2013

1. **DERBYSHIRE YOUTH COUNCIL** (Children and Young People)

Cabinet considered a report from the Derbyshire Youth Council which outlined the work of the Youth Council since April 2012.

Decision

Cabinet noted the work of the Derbyshire Youth Council and accepted the minutes of the meeting of the Youth Council held on 21 May 2013.

2. **REQUEST TO INCREASE THE RECOMMENDED SELLING PRICE OF SCHOOL MEALS** (Children and Young People)

The Strategic Director - Children and Younger Adults sought approval to increase the recommended selling price of school meals for children and adults in Secondary, Primary, Nursery and Special Schools with effect from 4 September 2013. Approval was also sought to increase the value of the Free School Meal offer for eligible pupils.

Decision

Cabinet approved (1) a 5p increase in the recommended price of school meals for pupils in Secondary, Primary, Nursery and Special Schools, to take effect from 4 September 2013; (2) an increase of 8p (excluding VAT) in the recommended price of adult meals provided in Secondary, Primary, Nursery and Special Schools, to take effect from 4 September 2013; and (3) an increase in the value of the Secondary Free School Meal offer to £2.30, with effect from 4 September 2013.

3. DEVELOPMENT OF PROVISION FOR POST-16 STUDENTS WITH LEARNING DIFFICULTIES AND DISABILITIES AT HOPE VALLEY COLLEGE (Children and Young People)

The Strategic Director - Children and Younger Adults sought Cabinet approval to additional capital and revenue funding for the project at Hope Valley College to secure high quality provision for Post-16 students with severe and complex learning difficulties and disabilities at the Academy. The project would also provide a purpose-designed base for the area's Multi-Agency Team (MAT).

Decision

Cabinet (1) agreed to proceed with the proposed capital project at Hope Valley College to create a Post-16 learning hub for disabled young people aged 16 - 18 together with a Multi-Agency Team base; (2) approved an additional capital allocation of £176,000 from savings in the 2012/13 CAYA Capital Programme, thus increasing the approved capital budget for this project to £656,000; (3) agreed to set aside £252,000 from the DSG underspend to meet the net revenue costs of the provision for 2013/14; and (4) noted that the pupils would be registered at Hope Valley College from September 2014 following the re-designation of the College's age range from 11-16 to 11-18.

4. CHILDREN AND YOUNGER ADULTS CAPITAL PROGRAMME – JOINT FUNDING INITIATIVE FOR SCHOOLS (Children and Young People)

The Strategic Director – Children and Younger Adults sought approval to a further schedule of joint-funded proposals submitted by schools, to be funded from the budget approved in the 2013/14 CAYA Capital Programme. Approved in the 2013/14 CAYA Capital Programme was an allocation of £1.123m to continue with the 'Joint Funding' Initiative

whereby, with an equal contribution from schools, a total budget of £2.246m was available to address condition related priorities in schools. A further eight projects were submitted for approval along with the re-allocation of £30,000 in respect of a project at Castle View Primary School.

Decision

Cabinet (1) approved the grant funded projects as detailed in the report, with funding being split equally between the schools and the Authority, resulting in a charge of £90,500 on the approved allocation of £1.123m in the 2013/14 CAYA Capital Programme; (2) approved the re-location of an approved Joint Funding allocation of £30,000 at Castle View Primary School in order to undertake urgent security fencing works.

5. SUPPORT SERVICE FOR SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS ACCOMMODATION (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 a proposed relocation of the office bases for two teams within the Support Service for Special Educational Needs (SSSEN). It was proposed that the Ashgate Croft Team currently located at the St Helena Centre be relocated to Cavendish Junior School and the Stubbin Wood Team currently based in Stubbin Wood School be relocated to Whaley Thorns Primary School.

Decision

Cabinet granted approval to the proposed relocation of two SSSEN Teams into school-based locations together with the associated capital projects at Cavendish Junior School (Chesterfield) and Whaley Thorns Primary School, at a total budget cost of £53,000, as a charge on savings in the 2012/13 CAYA Capital Programme.

6. REVENUE OUTTURN 2012/13 (Council Services)

The Director of Finance reported on the final outturn position for 2012/13 which included significant variations from the revised estimate and 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

Cabinet (1) noted the departmental outturn positions for 2012/13; (2) noted the position on the General Reserve; (3) approved the use of underspends to meet previously agreed commitments as listed in the report; (4) noted the suggested use for the uncommitted balances made by the Strategic Director and agreed to the sums being transferred into departmental earmarked reserves with any use in line with the contents of the report being subject to final approval by Cabinet Member; and (5) approved the return of £4.976m of underspend back into the General Reserve.

7. INTRODUCTION OF MARKET SUPPLEMENT PAYMENTS (Council Services)

The Chief Executive and the Director of Human Resources sought approval for the introduction of Market Supplement payments and the introduction of the Market Supplement Procedure in order to address anticipated difficulties in recruiting to specialist roles within the organisation in exceptionally competitive markets following the implementation of job evaluation.

Decision

Cabinet approved (1) the introduction of Market Supplement payments; and (2) the implementation of the proposed Market Supplement Procedure.

8. INTERNAL APPRENTICESHIP SCHEME (Council Services)

The Director of Human Resources updated Cabinet on the progress of the Council's Internal Apprenticeship Scheme and the proposed further developments to support the apprenticeships agenda in the Council. This included the payment of the national minimum wage appropriate to age for all internal apprentices with effect from 1 August 2013 and a range of measures to mitigate against the travel problems faced by young people on the Council's Internal Apprenticeship Scheme.

Decision

Cabinet (1) noted the progress on the Council's internal apprenticeship scheme; (2) agreed that all young people placed on the Council's Internal Apprenticeship Scheme receive the national minimum wage appropriate to their age with effect from 1 August 2013; and (3) noted the transport to work proposals for all young people placed on the Council's Internal Apprenticeship Scheme as detailed in the report.

9. EMPLOYMENT APPEALS (Council Services)

Approval was sought to restore to Elected Members the responsibility for hearing employment appeals relating to redundancy, disciplinary and capability dismissals, grievances and harassment.

Decision

Cabinet approved the restoration to Elected Members of the responsibility to hear employment appeals as specified.

10. LONG SERVICE AWARDS (Council Services)

The Director of Human Resources sought approval for a series of presentation evenings to recognise employees of the Council with continuous service of twenty-five years and forty years.

Decision

Cabinet approved (1) a series of presentation evenings as detailed in the report; and (2) the events being an approved duty for the purposes of Members' Allowances (Travel and Subsistence).

11. ADDITIONAL HIGHWAY WORKS RESULTING FROM SEVERE WEATHER CONDITIONS (Jobs, Economy and Transport)

Cabinet considered a report of the Acting Strategic Director of Environmental Services which recommended a programme of works to address damage to the highway resulting from severe weather conditions.

Decision

Cabinet (1) approved the list of works set out in the Appendix to the report as those to be undertaken and funded from the Government grant for remedial works resulting from severe weather conditions; (2) noted that £500,000 had already been spent on the hire of specialist machinery to address the condition of the highway network at the start of the financial year; and (3) approved the publication of the programme on the County Council's website as required by the conditions of the grant.

12. ADDITION TO THE CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2013/14 – HAWTHORNE AVENUE, DRONFIELD – COMPLETION OF OUTSTANDING SECTION 278 WORKS FOR HIGHWAY ADOPTION (Jobs, Economy and Transport)

The Acting Strategic Director – Environmental Services sought Cabinet approval to include a scheme to carry out outstanding Section 278 works on Hawthorne Avenue, Dronfield in the 2013/14 Capital Programme.

Decision

Cabinet approved the inclusion of the scheme to undertake the outstanding Section 278 works for South Yorkshire Housing Association Limited in the 2013/14 Capital Programme.

13. ADDITION TO THE CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2013/14 – HSBC BANK – IMPROVEMENTS TO FOOTWAY AT THE KING STREET/HIGH STREET JUNCTION, ALFRETON (Jobs, Economy and Transport)

Cabinet considered a report of the Acting Strategic Director – Environmental Services to include a scheme to carry out improvements to the footway fronting the HSBC Bank at the junction of King Street and High Street, Alfreton in the 2013/14 Capital Programme.

Decision

Cabinet approved that (1) the inclusion of the scheme to undertake a footway improvement and relocation of traffic signal equipment at King Street/High Street, Alfreton, in the 2013/14 Capital Programme; (2) subject to a Section 278 Agreement being entered in to with HSBC Bank, the works to the junction of King Street and High Street, Alfreton be carried out.

14. PROPOSED PASSENGER BOAT SERVICE - CROMFORD CANAL (Jobs, Economy and Transport)

The Acting Strategic Director – Environmental Services presented a report which sought to confirm and seek approval for the arrangements for the proposed passenger boat operation on the Cromford Canal by the Friends of Cromford Canal.

Decision

Cabinet endorsed the arrangements for a passenger boat service on the Cromford Canal, as approved by the Cabinet Member for Council Services.

15. DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL'S POSITION ON BOVINE TUBERCULOSIS, BADGER VACCINATION AND BADGER CULLING ON COUNTY COUNCIL LAND (Jobs, Economy and Transport)

Cabinet considered a report of the Acting Strategic Director – Environmental Services establishing the County Council's position with regards to bovine TB, badger vaccination and badger culling, and to seek Cabinet approval to respond to any future proposals for badger vaccination or badger culling on County Council land.

Decision

Cabinet (1) noted the suffering and financial hardship that bovine TB causes to farmers and their families and the animal welfare issues associated with the disease; (2) noted the strong public concern for badgers and the sensitivities associated with culling; (3) noted the concerns that have been raised that the currently proposed methods of badger culling may have little or no beneficial impact on the occurrence and spread of bovine TB, and may exacerbate the situation; and (4) supported the County Council position on these issues which included (i) supporting the principle of badger vaccination as a practical measure to reduce the spread of bovine TB and allowing vaccination to occur on County Council land; (ii) maintaining the view that a nationwide badger vaccination programme should be supported, coordinated and funded as part of the central Government Bovine TB Control Strategy, which also included improved cattle testing, improved biosecurity, and the development of cattle vaccinations; (iii) opposing badger culling which evidence shows may exacerbate the spread of TB, and prohibiting badger culling on County Council land; and (iv) not permitting badger culling to take place on land owned by the County Council.

16. PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSIONED SERVICES IN 2013/15 (Health and Communities)

The Director of Public Health sought Cabinet approval on the approach to the public health commissioned services that were now the responsibility of the County Council which included a mandate to progress with a programme of commissioning and procurement. The report included details of the three main types of contract used to commission public health services, the review process, areas recommended for continuation, areas recommended for redesign and recommended new programmes.

Decision

Cabinet (1) noted the conclusions of the Review as set out in the report; (2) agreed the areas recommended for continuation in section 5 including indicative funding where identified; (3) agreed that the services areas recommended for redesign in section 6 are supported and a mandate be given to the Director of Public Health to develop a phased programme of redesign and tendering as set out in the report; (4) agreed

the proposed new dates for delivery, outlined in section 7, mainly for older people, uplifting locality funds to focus on health inequalities, making healthy choices easier and tackling poverty are supported in principle with the indicative funding and agreed for the commencement of developing business cases then subsequent procurement as set out in the report; (5) authorised the Director of Public Health to commence procurement processes as specified with further reports being provided for Cabinet/CabCO for entering into new contracts as appropriate; and (6) waived Standing Orders to permit the extension of contracts as set out in the report.

17. PROPOSED CONSULTATION ON THE RE-COMMISSIONING OF A FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICE (Children and Young People)

The Strategic Director – Adult Care sought approval to undertake formal consultation on options for the provision of low to medium need family support services.

Decision

Cabinet approved (1) the carrying out of public consultation on future low to medium family support service need in Derbyshire; and (2) the extension of current contracts with Home-Start referred to in the report for a maximum of six months if required.

18. AUTHORISATION TO CARRY OUT ENFORCEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES (Health and Communities)

Cabinet considered a joint report of the Strategic Director – Cultural and Community Services and the Director of Legal Services on various matters relating to the authorisation of enforcement and administrative duties to be undertaken by the Trading Standards Service arising from legislation.

Decision

Cabinet approved the detailed proposals contained in the report.

19. ELECTORAL COMMISSION REVIEW – ELECTORAL FRAUD IN THE UK (Strategic Policy and Budget)

The Director of Legal Services informed Cabinet of the review regarding electoral fraud in the UK which was being undertaken by the Electoral Commission and invited Cabinet to comment in response to the consultation by the Electoral Commission upon its suggestions for review of the current electoral system regarding postal and proxy voting.

Decision

Cabinet (1) noted the review being undertaken by the Electoral Commission; and (2) delegated authority to the Cabinet Member for Strategy, Policy and Budget to prepare a response to the Commission in consultation with the Director of Legal Services, opposing proposals to place restrictions on postal and proxy voting.

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20. BUDGET PROCESS (Strategic Policy and Budget)

Cabinet considered an urgent report setting out the arrangements in relation to the budget process following the announcement by the Government of a number of changes which required detailed consideration by the Council.

Decision

Cabinet (1) approved the arrangements for the budget process as set out in the report; and (2) delegated approval of the formal response to the Department of Communities and Local Government technical consultation to the Director of Finance in consultation with the Leader of the Council.

21. BREAKFAST CLUB FUNDING FOR VULNERABLE CHILDREN (Children and Young People)

Cabinet considered a joint report of the Strategic Director – Children and Younger Adults and the Director of Public Health which sought approval to the proposed use of funding for a pilot project creating breakfast clubs in a number of primary and junior schools having the highest percentage of children eligible to receive free school meals.

Decision

Cabinet (1) approved the proposals to establish a Breakfast Club pilot; (2) supported the proposed commitment for two years followed by an evaluation and review of affordability; (3) authorised delegated authority 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 (5) agreed to receive further reports on this development as required.

22. GUIDANCE FOR CHILDCARE ON SCHOOL SITES (Children and Young People)

The Strategic Director – Children and Younger Adults sought approval to publish and distribute guidance for schools to assist them in establishing and maintaining childcare provision on the school site.

Decision

Cabinet approved the printing and distribution of the Guidance for Children on School Sites.

23. SUPPORT SERVICE FOR SPECIAL 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 a team within the Support Service for Special Educational Needs (SSSEN). The Holbrook Team were currently based at Ferriby Special School, Breadsall which was currently being vacated. It was proposed to move the team in to accommodation at Cromford Primary School at a budget cost of £30,000.

Decision

Cabinet approved the proposed relocation of the Holbrook SSSEN Team into Cromford Primary School at a budget cost of £30,000, as a charge on savings in the 2012/13 CAYA Capital Programme.

24. SOLOMON HOUSE, BUXTON CHILDREN'S HOME – MINOR WORKS IMPROVEMENTS (Children and Young People)

The Strategic Director – Children and Younger Adults and the Director of Property sought approval for a minor capital project totalling £29,942 at Solomon House Children's Home, Buxton identified during an annual review of property issues.

Decision

Cabinet approved the above project at Solomon House Children's Home, Buxton, at a total cost of £29,942; the costs being met from the allocation of £100,000 in the 2013/14 CAYA Capital Programme for minor improvements in Children's Homes.

**25. CHURCH GRESLEY INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL
POTENTIAL FUTURE USE** (Children and Young People)

The Strategic Director – Children and Younger Adults and the Director of Property sought approval to invite expressions of interest in acquiring the current Church Gresley Infant & Nursery School building to meet a demand for additional day nursery provision in the area.

Decision

Cabinet agreed 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 detailing the responses.

**26. PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE ALLOWANCES PAYABLE TO
RESIDENCE AND SPECIAL GUARDIANSHIP ORDERS HOLDERS**
(Children and Young People)

Cabinet considered a report of the Strategic Director - Children and Younger Adults seeking agreement to consult on proposed new policy and procedures in relation to the payment of allowances for Residence and Special Guardianship Order holders.

Decision

Cabinet agreed that the proposed consultation be undertaken and that a subsequent report with final proposed procedures be submitted to Cabinet.

27. REVIEW OF RESOURCES@DERBYSHIRE/COMENSURA
(Council Services)

The Director of Human Resources requested approval to the establishment of Resources@Derbyshire and to note the continued supply of agency workers through Comensura via the Managed Services Temporary Agency Resources (MSTAR) Framework.

Decision

Cabinet approved (1) the permanent establishment of Resources@Derbyshire; and (2) the continued supply of agency staff through Comensura via the MSTAR framework.

28. PAY AWARD – NATIONAL JOINT COUNCIL FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES 2013/14 PAYSCALES AND ALLOWANCES
(Council Services)

The Director of Human Resources asked Cabinet to note the National Joint Council for Local Government Services pay settlement for 2013/14.

Decision

Cabinet approved (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, including the removal of pay points 1 and 2 as detailed; (2) the increase in the cost of pay related allowances with effect from 1 April 2013; and (3) the implementation of the Joint Negotiating Committee for Local Authority Craft and Associated Employees revised tool allowance payments.

29. LIVING WAGE PROPOSALS (Council Services)

The Chief Executive, Director of Finance and the Director of Human Resources reported on the issues around the Living Wage and the steps necessary for the Council to consider its introduction.

Decision

Cabinet (1) noted the consideration being given to the introduction of Living Wage proposals within the Council and the related processes as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report; (2) approved 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 of Children and Younger Adults, the Director of Finance, the Director of Human Resources, Director of Legal Services along with three trade union representatives; and (3) agreed to receive a future report from the Advisory Group within the timescales identified which outlined the detailed arrangements proposed for implementation.

30. NEW HOMES BONUS (Council Services)

The Acting Strategic Director – Environmental Services and the Director of Finance sought agreement to the County Council's response to the Department for Communities and Local Government's consultation on the New Homes Bonus and the Local Growth Fund.

Decision

Cabinet approved a letter as the County Council's formal response to the Department for Communities and Local Government consultation on the New Homes Bonus and the Local Growth Fund.

31. ACCOMMODATION CARE AND SUPPORT STRATEGY: STATUS OF HOMES AND PROPOSED SITES FOR EXTRA CARE (Adult Social Care)

The Strategic Director – Adult Care sought approval to the recommended change of status of three homes for older people that were potential extra care sites within plans to deliver the Accommodation Care and Support Strategy for Older People in Derbyshire. The three homes were Beechcroft in West Hallam, The Spinney in Chesterfield and New Bassett Home in Shirebrook and these sites were no longer deemed suitable for Extra Care developments.

Decision

Cabinet (1) noted that The Spinney in Chesterfield and New Bassett House in Shirebrook, are 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) agreed 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) noted that a further report would be presented to Cabinet on the review of the Accommodation Care and Support Strategy for Older People in Derbyshire.

32. DEMENTIA ENVIRONMENT FUND: IMPROVEMENT WORKS TO FOUR HOMES FOR OLDER PEOPLE (Adult Social Care)

A joint report of the Strategic Director – Adult Care and the Director of Property sought approval to a programme of work to improve the environment in four homes for older people to ensure that they were suitable for people with dementia. The homes were Thomas Colledge at Bolsover, The grange at Eckington, Whitestones at Chapel-en-le-Frith and Castle Court at Castle Gresley.

Decision

Cabinet (1) noted the Department of Health approval of the Council's funding bid for £623,000 and inclusion of Derbyshire County Council as a national pilot organisation within the Improving the Environment of Care for People with Dementia Initiative; and (2) approved 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 are suitable for people with dementia.

33. PROPOSALS TO PILOT HEALTH IMPACT ASSESSMENTS IN DERBYSHIRE (Health and Communities)

The Director of Public Health presented a report which requested approval to implement a programme of Health Impact Assessments to contribute to improving the health of local people and to reduce health inequalities.

Decision

Cabinet (1) approved a pilot of Health Impact Assessments across relevant departments and programmes within the County Council with the aim of enhancing health benefits and reducing health inequalities; and (2) noted that a further report would be submitted to Cabinet notifying it of the outcome of the pilot.

34. GLOBAL DERBYSHIRE SMALL BUSINESS SUPPORT PROGRAMME (Jobs, Economy and Transport)

Cabinet approval was sought for the County Council to act as 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.

Decision

Cabinet (1) approved the County Council to act as Accountable Body and Managing Agent for the Derbyshire Economic Partnership “Global Derbyshire” Small Business Support Programme; (2) accepted, subject to the necessary due diligence being completed, the grant of £3m from the Department of Business, Innovation and Skills to deliver this programme; and (3) committed £70,000 revenue match funding to support delivery of the scheme from existing Economic Regeneration budgets.

35. PEDAL PEAK DISTRICT – GRANTS TO SUPPORT CYCLING IN NATIONAL PARKS (Jobs, Economy and Transport)

The Acting Strategic Director – Adult Care sought Cabinet approval to the acceptance of a Government grant for a project to encourage cycling

in and around the Peak District National Park. The report also sought to approve the Council's financial contribution of up to £1.5m and the project management arrangements.

Decision

Cabinet (1) approved the acceptance of grant for the Pedal Peak District Phase II project and its addition to the Highways and Transport Capital Programme; (2) agreed to the County Council acting as accountable body for the administration of the grant; (3) noted that a County Council budget of up to £1.5m had been set aside for the proposed Derbyshire projects from the Local Transport Plan 2010/11; and (4) noted the intention to set up a new joint liaison and reporting arrangements for cycling in and around the Peak District.

36. DERBY AND DERBYSHIRE ANNUAL CASUALTY REPORT 2012 (Jobs, Economy and Transport)

The Acting Strategic Director – Environmental Services reported on the Derby and Derbyshire Annual Casualty Report 2012.

Decision

Cabinet noted the current trends in road casualties as reported in the Derby and Derbyshire Annual Casualty Report 2012.

37. DERBY AND DERBYSHIRE ROAD SAFETY PARTNERSHIP (Jobs, Economy and Transport)

The Acting Strategic Director – Environmental Services updated Cabinet on developments affecting the Partnership and sought approval for the proposed organisational and financial arrangements embodied in the Business Plan.

Decision

Cabinet (1) noted the progress made by the Derby and Derbyshire Road Safety Partnership in seeking to reduce road casualties on Derbyshire's roads; (2) approved the organisational and financial arrangements for the Partnership, as set out in the Business Plan; (3) approved the indicative budget and key projects set out in the Business Plan; and (4) subject to partners agreeing to the establishment of a Strategic Road Safety Board, agreed that the County Council be represented by the Cabinet Member – Jobs, Economy and Transport or a nominated Deputy.

38. HIGHER LEVEL ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP AGREEMENT (Jobs, Economy and Transport)

The Acting Strategic Director – Environmental Services asked Cabinet to accept the offer of a Higher Level Agreement from Natural England for the management of countryside sites in the west and south of Derbyshire.

Decision

Cabinet (1) approved 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; and (2) accepted grant funding totalling £238,681.02, spread over ten years, for the carrying out the Higher Level Environmental Stewardship works.

39. 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 to adoption standard and adopt it as publically maintainable highway.

Decision

Cabinet (1) agreed to the outstanding street works at Avonside Close, Barrow Hill being 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 acceptable standard; and (2) noted that on completion of the works, Avonside Close would be adopted and thereafter maintained as publically maintainable highway.

40. ADDITION TO THE 2013/14 CAPITAL PROGRAMME – FLOOD MITIGATION PROJECTS – PINXTON, RENISHAW AND SHIREBROOK (Jobs, Economy and Transport)

Cabinet were requested to add the flood mitigation schemes at Pinxtan, Renishaw, and Shirebrook to the Capital Programme 2013/14.

Decision

Cabinet (1) approved the following schemes to be added to the Capital Programme 2013/14:

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

and;

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

Other Considerations

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

Background Papers

Cabinet papers – 30 July and 10 September 2013.

RECOMMENDATION

That the report be noted.

**Councillor A Western
Leader of the Council**