

**DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**COUNCIL MEETING**

**2 December 2015**

**REPORT FROM CABINET**

**Purpose of the Report**

To provide information to the Council on issues considered by the Cabinet at meetings held on 22 September, 13 October and 3 and 24 November 2015 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 December 2015.

**Information and Analysis**

**22 September 2015**

**1. GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND LOCAL AUTHORITY FUNDING**

The Director of Finance reported on the details of the Government's announcements and the latest estimates for local authority funding.

**Decision**

Cabinet noted the details of the Government's Summer Budget 2015.

**2. BUDGET MONITORING 2015-16**

The Director of Finance provided Cabinet with details of the Revenue Budget position for 2015-16 as at 30 June 2015.

**Decision**

Cabinet noted the 2015-16 budget monitoring position as at 30 June 2015.

### 3. INSURANCE FUND ACTUARIAL REVIEW JUNE 2015

The Director of Finance informed Cabinet of the outcome of the latest actuarial report on the Council's Insurance Fund.

#### **Decision**

Cabinet noted the report.

### 4. INDEPENDENT INSURANCE SCHEME OF ARRANGEMENT

The Director of Finance advised Cabinet on the Independent Insurance Scheme of Arrangement and recommendation of the options for recovery under it.

#### **Decision**

Cabinet agreed that (1) no IBNR claim be made under the Independent Scheme of Arrangement; and (2) Members accept the position that the Council would become “uninsured” for those insurance policies underwritten by Independent Insurance between 1993 and 1997.

### 5. MUNICIPAL MUTUAL INSURANCE – SCHEME OF ARRANGEMENT

The Director of Finance advised Cabinet of the latest position with relation to the “run-off” of the business of the former local authority insurer Municipal Mutual Insurance.

#### **Decision**

Cabinet noted (1) that £8.1m had been set aside in the Insurance Reserves as a contribution to the Clawback; and (2) that future uninsured claims would be monitored and budgetary provision made to meet those claims as and when required with any deficit being met from General Reserves.

### 6. GROUND MOUNTED SOLAR PV DEVELOPMENT WORK – GRID CONNECTIONS

The Chief Executive sought approval to initially fund potential grid connection offers for the proposed ground mounted solar PV projects from general reserves to secure the connections.

#### **Decision**

Resolved to approve the use of £150,000 General Reserves to secure any formal grid connection offers for the ground mounted Solar PV schemes.

**7. SUBSTANCE MISUSE (DRUGS) ADULT TREATMENT CONTRACT EXTENSION AND COMMISSIONING FOR NEW SUBSTANCE MISUSE TREATMENT CONTRACT**

The Director of Public Health sought approval to extend the Substance Misuse (Drugs) Adult Treatment contract until 31 March 2017.

**Decision**

Cabinet approved (1) the Substance Misuse (Drugs) contract extension for a further year to 31 March 2017; and (2) approve the approach to commissioning Substance Misuse Treatment Services (Drugs, Alcohol and Children and Young People's) taking into account the outcome of the public consultation, and a contract period of three plus two plus two years.

**8. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT WORKS AT EVERGREEN CHILDREN'S HOME, ILKESTON AND SPIRE LODGE CHILDREN'S HOME, CHESTERFIELD**

The Strategic Director – Children's Services requested approval to place two orders for capital improvement works at Evergreen Children's Home, Ilkeston and Spire Lodge Children's Home, Chesterfield.

**Decision**

Cabinet approved the placing of an order to Corporate Property to the value of £122,744 for capital improvements at Evergreen Children's Home, Ilkeston, and another order to the value of £47,500 to Corporate Property for capital improvements at Spire Lodge Children's Home, Chesterfield.

**9. PROPOSAL FOR THE EXPANSION OF STENSON FIELDS PRIMARY SCHOOL**

The Strategic Director – Children's Services reported on the outcome of the consultation held with interested parties on the proposal for the increase in the capacity of Stenson Fields Primary School from 280 places to 420 places and to agree funding for the project.

**Decision**

Cabinet resolved to (1) support the expansion of Stenson Fields Primary School from 280 to 420 places and recommended approval to the School Adjudicator; and (2) agree to allocate a £1.5m S106 contribution from Hallam Land, the housing developer of Stenson Fields, to support the

expansion project, to be used alongside the £1.2m already allocated within the 2015-16 CAYA Capital Programme.

#### **10. CHILDREN AND YOUNGER ADULTS APPOINTMENT OF SPONSOR FOR NEW PRIMARY SCHOOLS AT HILTON AND CHELLASTON FIELDS**

The Strategic Director – Children’s Services sought approval to the process and the details of Derbyshire County Council’s advertising for Academy Sponsors for new primary schools at Chellaston Fields and at Hilton, and future new development of schools across the County.

##### **Decision**

Cabinet approved the proposals for the Local Authority to initiate the process to appoint an Academy Sponsor for the new primary schools at Hilton and Chellaston Fields.

#### **11. ILKESTON RAIL STATION – DIVERSION OF HIGHWAY**

The Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment sought approval to make an application to divert a public highway on to the new footbridge access to Ilkeston Rail Station and permit the removal of the existing footbridge.

##### **Decision**

Cabinet authorised the making of an application under Section 116 of the Highways Act 1980 to divert a public highway on to the new footbridge access to Ilkeston Rail Station and stop up the public highway over the existing footbridge adjacent to Coronation Road, Ilkeston.

#### **12. SOUTHERN DERBY INTEGRATED TRANSPORT LINK**

The Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment sought approval for the County Council to play a role in the governance of work to prepare a major infrastructure project in support of land-use planning and regeneration priorities and to approve, in principle, some initial financial support.

##### **Decision**

Cabinet (1) noted the intention of Derby City and South Derbyshire District Councils to initiate preparation work for the Southern Derby Integrated Transport Link and agreed to the participation of the County Council; (2) authorised the Cabinet Member - Highways, Transport and

Infrastructure to ensure appropriate representation for the County Council on governance structures associated with the scheme; (3) approved an initial financial contribution of up to £25,000 towards early consultancy work; and (4) noted that a further report will be submitted to Cabinet in due course concerning the identification of additional resources for scheme preparation.

### **13. INDEPENDENT SECTOR HOMECARE FEES**

The Strategic Director – Adult Care sought approval for an increase in fees for independent sector home fees from 27 September 2015.

#### **Decision**

Cabinet approved the proposed fee increases for the independent sector homecare fees from 28 September 2015, by 3.61% on all hourly rates for homecare and 7p on all travel/visit rates.

### **14. ORGANISATIONAL REVIEW OF THE COUNCIL'S SENIOR MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE – UPDATE AND NEXT STEPS**

The Strategic Director – Adult Care updated Cabinet on the on-going review of the Council's senior management structures and sought approval for the next steps of the programme, in particular the future delivery of corporate services and the outline Innovations and Transformation Programme.

#### **Decision**

Cabinet (1) noted progress on the Council's on-going review of senior management and approves the proposals for the next phases as outlined in the report; (2) approved the renaming of the Children and Younger Adults Department to Children's Services and the Strategic Director to Strategic Director of Children's Services; (3) approved, in principle, the external commissioning of reviews of ICT and HR services as part of the review of corporate services; (4) approved the outline Innovations and Transformation Programme and the receipt of future reports on the detailed Programme and progress; and (5) approved, in principle, the engagement of a specialist consultant to help the Council develop the detailed proposals for the Combined Authority/Devolution Deal; and (6) note that further reports would be presented to future meetings of Cabinet.

## **13 October 2015**

### **15. DERBYSHIRE ECONOMIC REVIEW**

The Chief Executive presented the latest Quarterly Economic Review – September 2015.

#### **Decision**

Cabinet noted the report.

### **16. CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING 2015-16**

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

#### **Decision**

Cabinet noted the 2015-16 budget monitoring position of capital schemes.

### **17. PREPARATION OF THE BUDGET**

The Director of Finance sought Cabinet approval for the proposed timetable for the Council's 2016-17 budget preparation and procedures, and the associated consultation arrangements.

#### **Decision**

Cabinet (1) approved the 2016-17 budget timetable; (2) noted proposals for the review of the Five Year Financial Plan; and (3) noted the arrangements for reviewing Earmarked Reserves and General Reserves projections.

### **18. CONTRACT FOR THE SUPPLY AND MAINTENANCE OF MULTI-FUNCTIONAL DEVICES AND PRINT ROOM EQUIPMENT AND ASSOCIATED SERVICES**

The Strategic Director – Corporate Resources reported on the procurement of Multi-Functional Devices for use throughout the Council.

#### **Decision**

Cabinet noted progress on the procurement of Multi-Functional Devices and approved (1) proceeding to the Invitation to tender stage of procurement for the supply and maintenance of Multi-Functional Devices a,

print room equipment and associated services; and (3) that a further report setting out the business case regarding the potential implementation of a print management solution be presented to Cabinet.

#### **19. CHILDREN'S SERVICES CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2015-16 – FURTHER PROJECT ALLOCATIONS**

The Strategic Director - Children's Services sought Cabinet approval for a further capital allocation as part of the CAYA Capital Programme 2015-16 of £2.4m for Phase 3 of the replacement of Dallimore Primary School, Kirk Hallam.

##### **Decision**

Cabinet approved the capital allocation of £2.4m for Phase 3 replacement of Dallimore Primary School, Kirk Hallam.

#### **20. PROVISION OF NEW PRIMARY SCHOOL TO SERVE THE AVENUE DEVELOPMENT, WINGERWORTH**

The Strategic Director - Children's Services requested Cabinet approval to a consultation on the provision of a new primary school to serve the Avenue development in Wingerworth and on the timing of the delivery of the new school.

##### **Decision**

Cabinet (1) approved that consultation be undertaken on the proposal for a new school to serve The Avenue development, Wingerworth and the timing of its opening with neighbouring schools and other interested bodies; and (2) noted that a further report on the outcome of the consultation be brought to Cabinet for consideration.

#### **21. APPROVAL OF THE HIGHWAY INFRASTRUCTURE ASSET MANAGEMENT POLICY AND HIGHWAY INFRASTRUCTURE ASSET MANAGEMENT STRATEGY**

The Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment sought approval to the Highway Infrastructure Asset Management Policy and Strategy and on the updating of the Transport Asset management Plan 2009.

##### **Decision**

Cabinet (1) approved the Highway Infrastructure Asset Management Policy and Strategy; (2) noted the intended development of a Highway

Infrastructure Asset Management (Plan), comprising a suite of Carriageways, Footways and Drainage, Structures, Street Lighting and Traffic Technology, to be brought to a future Cabinet meeting for consideration.

## **22. REHABILITATION SERVICES FOR BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED PEOPLE**

The Strategic Director – Adult Care requested permission to undertake a procurement exercise for the provision of rehabilitation and advice services for blind and visually impaired people in Derbyshire from 1 April 2016, for a period of up to three years, subject to annual review.

### **Decision**

Cabinet approved the proposed procurement of a contract for the provision of rehabilitation and advice services for blind and visually impaired people to commence on 1 April 2016.

## **3 November 2015**

## **23. THE ENGLISH INDICES OF DEPRIVATION – 2015**

The Chief Executive presented the key findings from the English Indices of Deprivation 2015 to Cabinet highlighting the latest position for Derbyshire and change since 2010.

### **Decision**

Cabinet noted the report.

## **24. D2 (DERBY AND DERBYSHIRE) ENTERPRISE GROWTH FUND – MATCH FUNDING**

The Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment requested approval to a match funding contribution over three years towards the proposed “D2 Enterprise Growth Fund” project.

### **Decision**

Cabinet approved a total funding contribution of a maximum of £600k over three years from 2016-17 from the General Reserve to support economic growth towards the proposed D2N2 Enterprise Growth Fund.



**25. D2EE (DERBY, DERBYSHIRE ENERGY AND EFFICIENCY) LOW CARBON ECONOMY – MATCHFUNDING**

The Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment requested approval to a match funding contribution over three years towards the proposed “D2EE (Derbyshire, Derby – Energy and Efficiency)” project.

**Decision**

Cabinet approved a total funding contribution of a maximum of £187k over three years from 2016-17 from the General Reserve to support economic growth towards the proposed “D2EE (Derby, Derbyshire – Energy and Efficiency)” project.

**26. GROWING AND DEVELOPING THE VISITOR ECONOMY SECTOR WITHIN DERBYSHIRE – MATCH FUNDING**

The Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment requested approval to a match funding contribution over three years towards the proposed “Growing and Developing the Visitor Economy Sector within Derbyshire” project.

**Decision**

Cabinet approved a funding contribution of £50k per year for three years from 2016-17 from the Economy and Regeneration budget towards the proposed “Growing and Developing the Visitor Economy Sector within Derbyshire” project.

**27. DERBYSHIRE CHALLENGE FUND BID FOR DEVELOPING A COUNTY-WIDE APPROACH TO EXTERNAL FUNDING**

The Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment sought approval for the bid to the Derbyshire Challenge Fund to support the development of a temporary external funding function to support County-wide economic development and regeneration.

**Decision**

Cabinet approved the application to the Derbyshire Challenge Fund as detailed in Appendix A to the report and the subsequent recruitment of Senior Economic Development Officers at grade 11 until the end of March 2018.

## **28. D2 (DERBY AND DERBYSHIRE) BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME – MATCH FUNDING**

The Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment requested approval to a match funding contribution over three years towards the proposed “D2 Business Development Programme” project.

### **Decision**

Cabinet approved a total funding contribution of £325k over three years from 2016-17 from the General Reserve to support the proposed “D2 Business Development Programme” project.

## **29. CONTRACT FOR THE SUPPLY OF PERSONAL COMPUTERS**

The Strategic Director – Corporate Resources requested approval to participate in a Crown Commercial Services (CCS) Framework, which would include an e-auction for the procurement of personal computers.

### **Decision**

Cabinet approved, under Protocol 2 of the Council’s Financial Regulations, participation in a Crown Commercial Services Framework for the procurement of computer equipment, including an e-auction, for an initial period of two years, with an option to extend for two further periods of twelve months.

## **30. ASHBOURNE PRIMARY REORGANISATION**

The Strategic Director – Children’s Services sought approval to carry out a ‘pre-publication’ consultation on a proposal to reorganise primary education in Ashbourne.

### **Decision**

Cabinet approved a public consultation by means of the consultation paper attached as an Appendix to the report, with all relevant parties and that the consultation responses be reported back to Cabinet.

## **31. DERBYSHIRE CHALLENGE FUND BID FOR SUPPORT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF ELVASTON CASTLE COUNTRY PARK**

Cabinet considered a joint report of the Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment and the Strategic Director – Corporate Resources on a bid to the Derbyshire Challenge Fund to support the

development of Elvaston Castle Country park and Estate and also to extend the partnership arrangement with the National Trust.

### **Decision**

Cabinet approved (1) the Derbyshire Challenge Fund Bid for £150k to support the development of Elvaston Castle Country Park and Estate; and (2) the extended partnership arrangement with the National Trust as detailed in the report.

### **32. TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SUB-CONTRACT WORKS**

The Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment requested approval to extend the current contract for Traffic Management for a period of up to one year.

### **Decision**

Cabinet approved under Protocol 10 of the Council's Financial Regulations, the extension of the Traffic Management Sub-Contract with Galliford Try Infrastructure Limited for a period of up to one year from 1 January 2016 until 31 December 2016, prior to the implementation and mobilization of the Highway Maintenance Framework Contract.

### **33. ILKESTON GATEWAY**

The Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment requested approval to the allocation of funding to secure external funding and enable the delivery of a project for the upgrading of the Erewash Canal towpath.

### **Decision**

Cabinet approved the allocation of £350k from existing 2015-16 Local Transport Plan budgets to the Canal and Rivers Trust for the upgrading of the Erewash Canal towpath.

### **34. PENNINE BRIDLEWAY NATIONAL TRAIL – OFFER OF GRANT AID FROM NATURAL ENGLAND**

The Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment reported to Cabinet on the offer of a £190k grant from Natural England for the continued development of the Bridleway.

## **Decision**

Cabinet (1) agreed to accept the offer of grant aid of £190k from Natural England to design and construct part of the route of the Pennine Bridleway National trail between Monks Bank, near Charlesworth and High Lane, Simmondley; and (2) approved the inclusion of the scheme in the 2015-2016 Capital Programme.

### **35. DRIVERS FOR WINTER MAINTENANCE**

The Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment reported on the establishment of a Council framework for the engagement of agency drivers to provide a winter maintenance service across the County.

## **Decision**

Cabinet approved the award of a framework for the engagement of agency drivers to provide a winter maintenance service for a period of five months to commence with immediate effect.

### **24 November 2015**

### **36. BUDGET MONITORING 2015-16**

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

## **Decision**

Cabinet noted the report.

### **37. CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING TO MONTH 5 2015-16**

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

## **Decision**

Cabinet noted the report.

### **38. TREASURY MANAGEMENT**

The Director of Finance, in accordance with agreed procedures, presented an interim report on Treasury Management activities for 2015-2016.

## **Decision**

Cabinet noted the interim report on Treasury Management for 2015-16 and compliance with the prudential indicators as shown in Appendix 1.

### **39. RELOCATION OF GLOSSOP LIBRARY**

Cabinet considered a joint report of the Strategic Director – Corporate Resources and the Strategic Director – Health and Communities which sought approval for a replacement Library in Glossop and the reallocation of existing capital funding to a new scheme.

## **Decision**

Cabinet (1) approved the relocation of Glossop Library from Victoria Hall and the handing back of the building to High Peak Borough Council; (2) agreed Option 1 as preferred option providing for an extension to the existing Adult education building on Talbot Street; (3) approved public engagement being undertaken on the design of the new library; and (4) approved the use of the £1.76m remaining in the approved Capital Programme for 2008-09 for the provision of a new Glossop Library, with any capital funding shortfall being met from the existing Capital Programme Contingencies Budget.

### **40. FIRE PRECAUTION WORK**

The Strategic Director – Corporate Resources sought approval to expenditure to address fire precaution improvement works identified from fire risk assessments.

## **Decision**

Cabinet approved the expenditure of £688,250 from the 2015-16 Fire Precaution Capital allocation and £211,000 from the 2014-15 Fire Precaution Capital allocation for fire precaution improvement works at the Schools detailed in the report.

### **41. POOLED BUDGETS FOR CHILDREN WITH COMPLEX NEEDS**

The Strategic Director – Children's Services requested Cabinet approval for an agreement with a pooled budget arrangement between the Council and the four Derbyshire Clinical Commissioning Groups, North Derbyshire, South Derbyshire, Hardwick and Erewash (the CCGs) to provide and fund support packages for children and young people with complex needs.

## **Decision**

Cabinet approved the entering into a Section 75 agreement with pooled budget arrangement with the four Derbyshire Clinical Commissioning Groups for a three year period, in order to provide and fund support packages for children and young people with complex needs.

### **42. PROVISION OF A NEW PRIMARY SCHOOL TO SERVE BOULTON MOOR DEVELOPMENT AND PROVISION OF A NEW PRIMARY SCHOOL TO SERVE DRAKELOW PARK DEVELOPMENT**

The Strategic Director – Children’s Services sought Cabinet approval to consult on a proposal for the establishment of a new primary school at Boulton Moor (Phase 1), and the establishment of a new primary school at Drakelow Park.

## **Decision**

Cabinet (1) agreed to undertake a consultation in relation to this proposal for a new school at each of these sites; and (2) agreed that S106 funds be allocated as outlined in the report to the design of the new school as soon as they were received by the Authority

### **43. APPROVAL OF A FIVE YEAR FORWARD WORKS PROGRAMME FOR HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE 2016-2021**

The Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment requested Cabinet approval of the Programme.

## **Decision**

Cabinet (1) approved the Five Year Forward Works Programme for Highway Maintenance 2016-2021; and (2) noted that the full Forward Works Programme was unlikely to be able to be delivered within the currently available funding for highway maintenance.

### **44. RESPONSES TO THE CONSULTATIONS ON PROPOSED CLOSURES OF HILLCREST, RED HOUSE, THE GLEBE AND THE WILLOWS HOMES FOR OLDER PEOPLE AND RESPITE CARE BEDS AT ECCLESFOLD RESOURCE CENTRE**

The Strategic Director – Adult Care informed Cabinet of the responses to the consultations, together with the outcome of the Equality Impact Analysis on the proposed closure of respite care beds at Ecclesfold

Resource Centre Home for Older People in Chapel-en-le-Frith and the proposed closure of the following four homes for older people:

- Red House in Chesterfield
- The Glebe in Alfreton
- Hillcrest in Kirk Hallam
- The Willows in Ripley

The report also detailed the outcome of the Equality Impact Analysis carried out on the Accommodation Care and Support Strategy for 2015-20.

As a result, Cabinet approval was sought to:

- (a) proceed with the closure of the four care homes and the six respite care beds at Ecclesfold Resource Centre
- (b) conduct an individual, person-centred assessment with residents, users of the respite care services and their carers on how their individual needs could be best met in alternative accommodation
- (c) consult with staff on future employment opportunities as a result of the proposed closures
- (d) allow the sites of the four homes for older people to be sold and the proceeds from the sale to be used to offset the costs of the Accommodation, Care and Support Strategy
- (e) enter into discussion with High Peak Borough Council which, under the terms of the lease for Ecclesfold Resource Centre, had to consent to possible alternative uses of the premises occupied by the residential care facility

## **Decision**

Cabinet (1) approved the closure of The Glebe Home for Older People, The Willows Home for Older People, Red House Home for Older People, Hillcrest Home for Older People and the respite care beds at Ecclesfold Resource Centre; (2) declared the sites of the four homes for older people surplus to operational requirements once they are no longer required as residential care homes; (3) approved the Strategic Director - Adult Care to agree the reasonable relocation, rent and service charge costs for Derbyshire Carers Association; (4) noted the proposal for officers to enter into discussions with High Peak Borough Council on possible alternative uses of the residential element of the resource centre once these have been established; (5) (a) subject to (3) above, to approve the work with residents and family carers to commence enabling residents and other users of the service to move to new accommodation. Adult Care would aim to complete this as soon as suitable alternative arrangements can be made for each resident; and (b) for this work to be carried out in accordance with the Pledges made and the Major Change and Closure Guidance; (6) approved

formal consultation with staff and trade unions representing staff affected by (1) above and to note a further report to Cabinet would follow; and (7) noted the Equality Impact Analysis completed on the Accommodation, Care and Support Strategy.

### **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 & disorder, property and transport considerations.

### **Background Papers**

Cabinet papers – 22 September, 13 October and 3 and 24 November 2015.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the report be noted.

**Councillor A Western  
Leader of the Council**