

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

7 February 2018

REPORT FROM CABINET

Purpose of the Report

To provide information to the Council on issues considered by the Cabinet at meetings held on 7 December 2017 and 11 and 25 January 2018 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 6 February 2018.

Information and Analysis

7 December 2017

1. DERBYSHIRE AND DERBY CITY SCHOOLS LIBRARY SERVICE

The Strategic Director – Commissioning, Communities and Policy sought approval to undertake a six week consultation on a proposal to potentially close the Derbyshire and Derby City Schools Library Service.

Decision

Cabinet approved (1) a six week consultation from 1 January 2018 to 11 February 2018 on a proposal to potentially close the Derbyshire and Derby City Schools Library Service; and (2) that the results of the consultation and an Equality Impact Analysis be presented to a future meeting of Cabinet prior to any decision being made as to the potential closure of the Derbyshire and Derby City Schools Library Service.

2. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE COMMISSIONING, COMMUNITIES AND POLICY DEPARTMENT'S SENIOR MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE

The Strategic Director – Commissioning, Communities and Policy sought approval for the establishment of the Commissioning, Communities and Policy Department's senior management structure.

Decision

Cabinet approved (1) the new senior management structure for the Commissioning, Communities and Policy Department; and (2) the establishment of the post of Director of Organisation Development and Policy.

3. VALUE FOR MONEY BOARD

The Strategic Director – Commissioning, Communities and Policy informed Cabinet of progress and the approach being taken to establish a Value for Money Board for the purpose of reviewing Council contracts.

Decision

Cabinet noted the progress and approach being taken to establish a Value for Money Board.

4. HIGHWAY WORKS AGREEMENT – A61 NORTHERN ROUNDABOUT, THE AVENUE, WINGERWORTH

The Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment requested approval to waive the financial bond supporting a highway works Agreement for a new roundabout on the A61 at Wingerworth.

Decision

Cabinet (1) noted the intention to enter into a Section 278/38 Agreement for the highway works for a new Roundabout on the A61 at Wingerworth; and (2) approved the proposal that, in this case, the developer be exempt from having to lodge financial security to cover the cost of the highway improvement works, subject to the content of the Agreements being as set out in this report.

5. HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2018-19

The Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment sought approval to undertake early design and preparatory work for the Highways and Transport Capital Programme 2018-19, enabling the publication of notices, applications for permits to work, or a longer lead-in period for preparation and design; to add a specified scheme to the Capital Programme; and, in principle, accept a grant funding contribution to this.

Decision

Cabinet agreed (1) that preparatory work, including design and the publication of notices and applications for permits to work, be undertaken on a number of potential schemes, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report, in advance of the 2018-19 Economy, Transport and Environment Department

Service Plan; (2) to add the A61 Whittington Moor roundabout improvements to the 2017-18 Capital Programme; and (3) in principle, to accept a grant of up to £3.24m from the Derby, Derbyshire, Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Local Enterprise Partnership.

6. DERBY COUNTY FC COMMUNITY TRUST: ACTIVE CHOICES

The Director of Public Health sought Cabinet approval to allocate a grant of £47,736 to Derby County Football Club Community Trust to provide a twelve month sport and exercise substance misuse recovery activity programme called “Active Choices” in the Derbyshire localities of South Derbyshire, Amber Valley and Erewash.

Decision

Cabinet approved the allocation of £47,736 as a grant from section 256 funds to allow the Derby County FC Community Trust to run a twelve month “Active Choices” project in Derbyshire.

7. DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH ANNUAL REPORT 2017: PROTECTING THE HEALTH OF DERBYSHIRE

The Director of Public Health informed Cabinet of the publication of the Director of Public Health’s Annual Report for 2017.

Decision

Cabinet noted the report.

8. PAYMENTS TO VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS

The Strategic Director – Adult Care sought approval to extend payments to voluntary and community sector (VCS) organisations for a twelve month period from 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019 whilst the future investment in the voluntary and community sector was considered by the Council.

Decision

Cabinet approved the proposed allocation of £1.359m to VCS organisations for 2018-19 as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report and the allocation of small grants to 110 luncheon clubs, old people clubs and clubs for disabled people.

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9. CONSULTATION ON DRAFT EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY STRATEGY AND REVISED EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY POLICY

The Strategic Director – Commissioning, Communities and Policy sought approval to carry out consultation on the Council's draft Equality and Diversity Strategy and revised Equality and Diversity Policy.

Decision

Cabinet approved the draft Equality and Diversity Strategy and Policy for consultation with stakeholders.

10. ARRANGEMENTS FOR EXTERNAL VALIDATION AGAINST THE EXCELLENT LEVEL OF THE EQUALITY FRAMEWORK FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

The Strategic Director – Commissioning, Communities and Policy requested approval for the Authority to undergo an external assessment for the "Excellent" level of the Equality Framework for Local Government.

Decision

Cabinet approved the proposals to undertake an external peer challenge for the "Excellent" level of the Equality Framework for Local Government between 9–11 May 2018.

11. ADOPTION OF INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE ALLIANCE WORKING DEFINITION OF ANTI-SEMITISM

The Strategic Director – Commissioning, Communities and Policy requested approval to adopt the working definition of anti-Semitism and to set out the next steps for the Council.

Decision

Cabinet (1) approved the adoption of the working definition of anti-Semitism and agreed the next steps as detailed in the report; and (2) agreed to the presentation of the report to next meeting of Council for information.

12. FUTURE ARRANGEMENTS FOR PLANNED PROPERTY MAINTENANCE AT ELVASTON CASTLE COUNTRY PARK

The Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment informed Cabinet of the successful completion of the process to create a single budget

and management structure for Elvaston Castle Country Park and sought approval for new arrangements for planned property maintenance in the future.

Decision

Cabinet approved that an earmarked reserve for Elvaston Castle be created to hold any revenue budget not utilised within a financial year to offset future maintenance and larger projects funding requirements.

13. DELIVERING ECONOMIC GROWTH THROUGH ENTERPRISE AND INVESTMENT SERVICES

The Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment sought approval for an additional core budget of £200k per annum for the delivery of enhanced services to support economic growth in Derbyshire.

Decision

Cabinet (1) noted the commitment to support economic growth as set out in the Council Plan and the evolving international, national, regional and local policy context global challenges to growth; (2) approved a revenue allocation £200k per annum for a new “Enterprise and Investment” budget under the Economy and Regeneration Service ; and (3) delegated responsibility for the detailed allocation of resources to the Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment following consultation with the Cabinet Member - Economic Development and Regeneration.

14. MUSIC EDUCATION HUB GRANT 2017-2020

The Strategic Director – Children’s Services informed Cabinet of Derby and Derbyshire Music Partnership’s role in administering the Music Education Hub grant to encourage collaborations between key local and regional music organisations, in order to deliver high quality music education provision in and out of Derbyshire and Derby City schools.

Decision

Cabinet (1) noted the work of the Derby & Derbyshire Music Partnership; (2) approved the Derbyshire & Derbyshire Music Partnership to devolve funds of up to £25k per approved delivery partner organisation in order that each may fulfil its role in the local delivery of the National Plan for Music Education; and (3) approved the creation of an earmarked reserve to which account surpluses would be transferred from 2017-18 onwards.

15. CHILDREN’S SERVICES CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2017-18 – SECTION 106 PROJECT ALLOCATIONS

The Strategic Director – Children’s Services informed Cabinet of the receipt of recent Section 106 developer contributions and to requested approval for the allocation of those contributions to projects in line with the individual Section 106 agreements.

Decision

Cabinet noted the report and approved funding allocations as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report.

16. OUTCOME OF INFORMAL CONSULTATION ON THE PROPOSAL FOR A NEW PRIMARY SCHOOL TO SERVE THE HIGHFIELDS FARM DEVELOPMENT, FINDERN

The Strategic Director – Children’s Services reported on the outcome of the initial consultation to consider establishing a new primary school at Highfields Farm, Findern.

Decision

Cabinet (1) noted the outcome of the consultation and approved the initiation of the process to seek a sponsor for the new school by issuing an invitation to potential sponsors to submit an expression of interest; and (2) agreed that a new school should be built on the development at Highfields Farm.

17. FORWARD PLAN OF PROCUREMENT PROJECTS FOR ADULT CARE AND PUBLIC HEALTH

The Strategic Director – Adult Care sought approval for the Adult Care department’s forward procurement plan for the period January 2018 to September 2019.

Decision

Cabinet approved the Adult Care Department’s forward procurement plans in respect of projects for Adult Care and Public Health for the period January-September 2018.

18. THE DERBYSHIRE JOINT HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE ADULT AUTISM STRATEGY 2017-2020

The Strategic Director – Adult Care sought approval for the award of a contract for the provision of an Autism Spectrum Conditions Self-Management and Education Support service, to commence on 1 April 2018. The contract

will be for a period of three years, with the option to extend for two further periods of twelve months subject to review.

Decision

Cabinet (1) noted the refreshed Derbyshire Joint Health and Social Care Adult Autism Strategy 2017-2020; and (2) approved the Council action plan outlined in the Derbyshire Joint Health and Social Care Adult Autism Strategy.

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19. REVENUE BUDGET 2018-19

The Director of Finance and ICT reported on proposals to Full Council regarding the Revenue Budget for 2018-19. This report should be read alongside the following reports to this Cabinet meeting: the Budget Consultation Results Report for 2018-19, the Budget Monitoring position for 2017-18 and the Capital Budget Report for 2018-19.

Decision

Cabinet (1) noted the details of the Autumn Budget 2017 and Provisional Local Government Finance Settlement as outlined in sections (b) and (c); (2) noted the Government's expectations about Council Tax levels for 2018-19 in section (d); (3) approved the precepts as outlined in Appendix Three; (4) approved that billing authorities be informed of Council Tax levels arising from the budget proposals as outlined in section (d) and Appendix Three; (5) approved the contingency to cover non-standard inflation as outlined in section (f). The contingency to be allocated by the Director of Finance & ICT once non-standard inflation had been agreed; (6) approved the service pressure items identified in section (g) and Appendix Four; (7) approved the level and allocation of budget savings as outlined in section (h) and Appendix Five; (8) noted the Director of Finance & ICT's comments about the robustness of the estimates and adequacy of the reserves as outlined in section (i); (9) noted the details of the Council's consultation activity as outlined in section (k); (10) approved the Council Tax requirement of £314.241m which was calculated as follows:

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Budget Before Pressures and Budget Reductions	489,018,545
Plus Service Pressures – on-going	23,093,373
Plus Adult Social Care Precept	5,926,902
Plus Service Pressures - one-off	11,036,000
Less Budget Reductions	-12,427,000
Plus Shortfall on savings Target	421,000

Contribution to Contingency Budget	10,100,000
Reduction to Debt Charges	-18,500,000
Reduction to Risk Management Budget	-4,371,820
Increase in Interest Receipts	-1,000,000
Net Budget Requirement	503,297,000
Less Top-Up	-43,036,695
Less Business Rates	-94,173,096
Less New Homes Bonus	-2,057,945
Less General Grant	-27,826,939
Less PFI Grant	-10,503,833
Less Use of Earmarked Reserves	-11,457,000
Balance to be met from Council Tax	314,241,492

and; (11) authorised the Director of Finance & ICT to allocate cash limits amongst Cabinet portfolios; Strategic Directors would then report to Cabinet on the revised Service Plans for 2018-19.

20. BUDGET MONITORING 2017-18

The Director of Finance and ICT provided Cabinet with the Revenue Budget position for 2017-18 as at 31 October 2017 and requested approval for the creation of an earmarked reserve to hold anticipated rates refunds for schools pending redistribution of these resources.

Decision

Cabinet noted the 2017-18 budget monitoring position as at 31 October 2017.

21. BUDGET CONSULTATION RESULTS

The Director of Finance and ICT requested Cabinet to consider the outcome of the Council's budget consultation exercises in formulating its budgetary proposals to Full Council regarding the Revenue Budget for 2018-19.

Decision

Cabinet resolved that the views of the consultation respondents be taken into account by Cabinet in formulating its proposals to Full Council regarding the Revenue Budget for 2018-19.

22. PRUDENTIAL CODE FOR CAPITAL FINANCE, CAPITAL PROGRAMME APPROVALS AND TREASURY MANAGEMENT

The Director of Finance and ICT requested approval for proposals for submission to Council relating to The Prudential Code for Capital Finance, including:

- The Capital Starts Programme for 2018-19.
- The Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Policy for 2018-19.
- A Treasury Management Strategy for 2018-19.
- To undertake a procurement exercise to commission services to undertake works associated with these schemes where appropriate
- Compliance with, and set limits under CIPFA's Prudential Code and the Treasury Management in the Public Services: Code of Practice and Cross Sectoral Guidance Notes

Decision

Cabinet recommended to Council (1) the adoption of the Prudential Code including the Prudential Indicators as described in the report; (2) the 2018-19 Capital Starts Programme as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report, and that further reports on the detailed schemes be brought to Cabinet; (3) the MRP for 2018-19 as detailed in the report; (4) the Treasury Management Strategy for 2018-19 as described in Appendix 3, and taking into account the guidance issued by the CLG and noting the changes in detailed in the report; and (5) the adoption of CIPFA's Code of Practice on Treasury Management and Cross Sectoral Guidance Notes (revised 2011), as shown in Appendix 3, and the Treasury Management Policy Statement as specified in the Treasury Management Code of Practice and also set out in Appendix 3.

23. LIVING WAGE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES PAY UPDATE

The Strategic Director – Commissioning, Communities and Policy updated Cabinet on the Local Government Services pay offer and Living Wage allowance from April 2018.

Decision

Cabinet (1) noted that payment of the Living Wage allowance would not continue after 31 March 2018; and (2) to be updated once the national pay agreement was finalised.

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, social value and transport considerations.

Background Papers

Cabinet papers – 7 December 2017 and 11 and 25 January 2018.

RECOMMENDATION

That the report be noted.

Councillor B Lewis
Leader of the Council