

**DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**COUNCIL MEETING**

**23 September 2015**

**REPORT FROM CABINET**

**Purpose of the Report**

To provide information to the Council on issues considered by the Cabinet at meetings held on 16 June, 7 and 28 July and 1 September 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 22 September 2015.

**Information and Analysis**

**16 June 2015**

**1. MARKHAM VALE**

Cabinet considered a joint report of the Chief Executive, the Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment detailing the continued success and progress in developing the Markham Vale site along with an overview of economic development over recent years.

**Decision**

Cabinet noted the report.

**2. REVIEW OF CREDIT UNIONS – RESPONSE TO IMPROVEMENT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Strategic Director – Health and Communities reported to Cabinet on the response to the Improvement and Scrutiny Committee report on Credit Unions in Derbyshire.

**Decision**

The action plan was approved as Cabinet's response to the recommendations made by the Improvement and Scrutiny Committee – Resources following their review of Credit Unions in Derbyshire.

### 3. MULTI-SUPPLIER FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT FOR THE PROVISION OF SPECIALIST HOME CARE (SUPPORTED LIVING) SERVICES FOR ADULTS WITH HIGH LEVEL SUPPORT NEEDS

The Strategic Director – Adult Social Care sought approval to undertake a procurement exercise to establish a multi-supplier agreement for the provision of specialist home care services, including supported living and extra care settings for people with high level support needs.

#### **Decision**

Cabinet approved the procurement exercise.

### 4. STRATEGIC DIRECTION FOR DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL DIRECT CARE OLDER PERSONS RESIDENTIAL CARE SERVICES 2015-2020

The Strategic Director – Adult Social Care sought approval of the strategy for the future of the Department's future direct care residential provision for older people.

#### **Decision**

Cabinet noted the report and specifically agreed that:

(1) the revised Vision and Commissioning Strategy for Adult Care Older People Services is approved;

(2) the proposed balance of specialist, long-term and short-term residential provision within Direct Care set out in the body of the report was confirmed;

(3) implementation of a range of efficiencies designed to ensure that Direct Care was able to retain its role as a significant sustainable provider was agreed;

(4) investment of capital funding was targetted on the highest maintenance priorities identified for County Council homes for older people to support the on-going delivery of a Direct Care residential service within Derbyshire;

(5) the criteria for the evaluation of homes as set out in the report, subject to consultation;

(6) consultation be undertaken on the proposed closure of those homes for older people which, following initial evaluation, are considered least sustainable in the long-term, namely:

- The Willows, Ripley
- Red House, Chesterfield

- Ecclesfold Resource Centre (residential wing), Chapel-en-le-Frith
- The Glebe, Alfreton
- Hillcrest, Kirk Hallam, Ilkeston

(7) to receive a further report following the carrying-out of the consultation process and the completion of Equality Impact Analysis.

## 5. THE OUTCOME OF THE CONSULTATION REGARDING THE PROPOSAL TO TRANSFER THE EREWASH KEY STAGE 3 PUPIL REFERRAL UNIT FROM BREADSALL TO ILKESTON AND TO TRANSFER BREADSALL CE PRIMARY SCHOOL TO A NEW SITE

The Strategic Director – Children and Younger Adults advised Cabinet of the responses to the Authority's statutory consultation on a proposal to Transfer the Erewash Key Stage 3 Pupil Referral Unit from Breadsall to Ilkeston and to transfer Breadsall CE Primary School to a new site.

### **Decision**

Cabinet approved (1) the transfer of the Erewash Key Stage 3 Pupil Referral Unit from Breadsall to Bennerley, Ilkeston; (2) the transfer of Breadsall Primary School from the site on Moor Road to the new site on Brookside Road; (3) the use of capital receipts from the disposal of the land on the Brookside Road, Breadsall site and the disposal of the land on the Bennerley Avenue, Ilkeston site towards the cost of remodelling and refurbishing work on both sites; and (4) the preparation of a further report to confirm the budget and the tender price for the first phase of the works at the Bennerley site.

## **7 July 2015**

## 6. CONSULTATION RESPONSE TO PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL SERVICE

The Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment reported on the outcome of the consultation and proposed changes to the School Crossing Patrol Service and sought approval to implement the changes with effect from September 2015, or as soon as was practically possible

### **Decision**

Cabinet (1) noted the outcome of the recent consultation and Equality Impact Assessment process; (2) approved the implementation of the

changes to the School Crossing Patrol service from the start of autumn term September 2015, or as soon as is practically possible after this date, following completion of appropriate staff consultation processes:

- That all individual School Crossing Patrol sites served by a light-controlled or zebra crossing facility be withdrawn with the exception of Pinxton, for the reasons set out in the report.
- That lunchtime cover, currently provided at a limited number of sites, be withdrawn.
- That current vacant sites, not meeting specific national criteria, are not recruited to and therefore cease to have provision made by the Council.
- That any sites currently staffed, that become vacant as a result of staff leaving, or requests for new sites, be reviewed against specific national criteria to inform whether that site should be recruited to or not.

(3) delegated authority to the Strategic Director, Economy, Transport and Environment in liaison with the Cabinet Member - Highways, Transport and Infrastructure, to retain School Crossing Patrols which would otherwise cease where alternative sources of funding could be secured; (4) approved the use of voluntary release schemes, if necessary, as a “pocket of difficulty” for the affected staff; (5) approved the implementation of the Council’s Policy for Redundancy, Redeployment, Protection of Earnings and Buy Out of Hours, if necessary; and (6) approved the commencement of formal consultation with staff and Trade Unions, to include the release of the Cabinet report as part of the consultation process.

## 7. DERBYSHIRE ECONOMIC REVIEW

The Chief Executive reported on the Review to June 2015.

### **Decision**

Cabinet noted the Review to June 2015.

## 8. REVENUE OUTTURN 2014-15

The Director of Finance set out the final outturn position for 2014-15, identified significant variations from the revised estimates and identified 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. The report also set out the Council’s General and Earmarked Reserves position.

## **Decision**

Cabinet (1) noted the departmental outturn position for 2014-15; (2) noted the position on General Reserve; (3) approved the allocation of underspend amounts to Portfolios; (4) noted that requests for further use of underspends would be the subject of further Cabinet Member reports; (5) approved the allocation of £0.039m to Children and Young People from the Risk Management budget underspend; and (6) noted the details of the Derbyshire Challenge Fund.

### **9. DEMOLITION OF BUILDINGS**

The Strategic Director – Corporate Resources sought approval to set aside £1m from General Reserves to create an earmarked reserve to help meet the cost of demolition of redundant Council properties.

## **Decision**

Cabinet approved the use of £1m from General Reserve to create an earmarked reserve for the purpose of funding demolition works on sites where capital funding could not be utilised.

### **10. TREASURY MANAGEMENT**

The Director of Finance reported on Treasury Management activities during the last financial year 2014-2015 and indicated the Council's compliance with the prudential indicators set by Full Council at its meeting of 5 February 2014, in accordance with the terms of the Prudential Code for Capital Finance in Local Authorities.

## **Decision**

Cabinet noted the annual report on Treasury Management.

### **11. REVISED CODE OF CONDUCT**

The Strategic Director – Corporate Resources sought approval to the revised Code of Conduct for Employees as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report.

## **Decision**

Cabinet approved the revised Code of Conduct.

## **12. FUTURE SHAPE AND OPERATION OF THE DERBYSHIRE SCHOOLS FORUM**

The Strategic Director – Children and Younger Adults sought approval to changes to the Schools Forum Constitution.

### **Decision**

Cabinet noted the report and approved the revised Schools Forum Constitution as detailed in Appendix 2 to the report.

## **13. REQUEST TO INCREASE THE RECOMMENDED SELLING PRICE OF SCHOOL MEALS**

The Strategic Director – Children and Younger Adults requested approval to increase the recommended selling price of school meals for children and adults in Secondary, Primary, Nursery and Special Schools with effect from 7th September 2015. Approval is also sought to increase the value of the free school meal offer for eligible pupils and agree the charging price for Universal Infant Free School Meals to school.

### **Decision**

Cabinet approved, with effect from 7 September 2015, (1) a 5p increase in the recommended price of school meals for pupils in Secondary, Primary, Nursery and Special Schools; (2) an increase of 5p (excluding VAT) in the recommended price of adult meals provided in Secondary, Primary, Nursery and Special Schools; (3) an increase in the value of the Secondary Free School Meal offer to £2.35; and (4) an increase in the charge of 10p for Universal Infant Free School Meals.

## **14. REPORT ON THE FINDINGS OF THE CONSULTATION ON THE PROPOSALS TO REVIEW CHILDREN'S CENTRE**

The Strategic Director – Children and Younger Adults informed Cabinet of the results of the phase 2 consultation on Children's Centre services, and the findings of the Equality Analysis and Health Impact Assessment, and made recommendations for the reduction in opening hours of ten Children's Centres to two days a week.

### **Decision**

Cabinet noted the results of the phase 2 consultation, and the findings of the Equality Impact Analysis and Health Impact Assessment, and agreed to:

- (a) the reduced opening hours of ten phase three Children's Centres with effect from 1 September 2015.
- (b) the reduction in posts noting that the reduction would be achieved through turnover.

#### 15. EAST MIDLANDS REGIONAL PROVIDER FRAMEWORK FOR INDEPENDENT FOSTERING AGENCIES AND RESIDENTIAL CARE PROVIDERS

The Strategic Director – Children and Younger Adults sought Cabinet approval for the County Council to participate in the forthcoming re-procurement of the East Midlands Regional Provider Framework (EMRPF) for independent fostering agencies and residential care providers.

##### **Decision**

Cabinet (1) approved the participation of the Council in the re-procurement of the East Midlands Regional Provider Framework for independent fostering agencies and residential care providers for the period 2015 – 2019; and (2) noted that a further report on the outcome of the re-tendering of the Framework would be presented to a future meeting.

#### 16. CONSULTATION ON PROPOSALS TO CHANGE THE PROVISION OF COMMUNITY TRANSPORT SERVICES

The Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment reported on a proposed formal consultation process relating to changes to the provision of Community Transport Services.

##### **Decision**

Cabinet (1) agreed to consult on the proposals to change Community Transport services, as detailed in the report; (2) noted that a further report would be presented to Cabinet with recommendations, following the consultation, accompanied by an Equality Impact Analysis; and (3) agreed, subject to the views of the current providers, to seek an extension of the existing grant funding arrangements for a further three months until 30 June 2016, at a cost of £285,000.

#### 17. CYCLING PLAN FOR DERBYSHIRE–

The Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment presented the draft Derbyshire Cycling Plan which had been developed in collaboration with key partners. The Plan set out the vision for Derbyshire to become the best connected cycling county in the country. Approval was also sought to actively support and promote a programme of consultation activity associated with the Plan to ensure wider stakeholder buy-in to its aims and objectives.

## **Decision**

Cabinet (1) endorsed the Derbyshire Cycling Plan as a draft for public and stakeholder consultation and welcomed it as a document in collaboration with partners; (2) agreed to the County Council supporting and actively promoting a consultation programme on the Plan through individual Council departments and its usual communication channels with other key partners supporting the process; and (3) agreed that the results of the consultation and a proposed final version of the Plan being reported to a future Cabinet meeting for endorsement and for the document to be reported to the Joint Committee for Economic Prosperity for adoption by Derbyshire partners in due course.

## **18. PROPOSED REDESIGN OF THE GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS OF THE DERWENT VALLEY MILLS WORLD HERITAGE SITE FOLLOWING A STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION**

The Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment sought approval to redesign the governance arrangements of the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site following a recent stakeholder consultation exercise.

## **Decision**

Cabinet (1) endorsed the County Council's on-going commitment to the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site and the delivery of its Management Plan to conserve, enhance and protect its World Heritage Site status and maximise its economic regeneration potential; (2) endorsed the revised governance arrangements for the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site Partnership to ensure that the Partnership was more responsive and agile, and had greater stakeholder buy-in; (3) delegated responsibility for finalising revised governance arrangements for the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site, as defined in broad terms in this report, in liaison with the Chair of the World Heritage Site Partnership and Cabinet Member – Highways, Transport and Infrastructure, and in consultation with key stakeholders; (4) endorsed the use of up to £60,000 of the Departmental reserve for the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site to sustain existing



staffing levels for the World Heritage Site Team, until such time as a revised structure was implemented which would be undertaken as soon as was practically reasonable; and (5) agreed to a further report on a revised staffing structure being submitted to a future Cabinet meeting for consideration, subject to consultation as appropriate.

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### **19. OUTCOME OF CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE HOUSING RELATED SUPPORT (HRS) PROGRAMME**

The Strategic Director – Adult Care informed Cabinet of the outcome of the recent consultation and Equality Impact Analysis (EIA) on the proposals to reduce funding and/or length of support to the HRS programme and to agree mitigating actions to reduce the impact on local vulnerable people.

#### **Decision**

Cabinet (1) noted the outcome of the recent consultation and Equality Impact Analysis on the proposals to reduce funding and/or length of stay; and (2) agreed to:

- (a) reduce funding for Mental Health HRS accommodation service from £93,600 to £29,120, from August 2015;
- (b) maintain the current funding level at £0.295m and the length of stay for clients receiving support from the floating support service for people with a learning disability;
- (c) reduce funding for the young people's HRS service from £1.031m to £0.172m, and to reduce the number of people who could be supported by the service from a maximum of 294 to 148 at any one time, from 1 April 2016;
- (d) reduce funding for the accommodation based and floating support for people with mental ill health from £1.430m to £0.410m from 1 April 2016, resulting in the number of clients who could receive a service reducing from a maximum of 294 to 255 at any one time, from 1 April 2016 and to reduce the length of time support could be provided from two years to one year in the accommodation based service, and nine months of floating support;
- (e) reduce funding for floating support for people with mental ill health, from £0.439m to £0.126m from 1 April 2016, and to reduce the number of clients supported from a maximum of 180 to 52 at any one time, from 1 April 2016 and reduce the length of time support could be provided from two years to nine months;
- (f) reduce funding for the Handy Van Network £0.498m to £0.252m from 1 April 2016, and to re-procure the service during 2015-16, to commence on 1 April 2016 at the revised contract rate;

(g) reduce funding of floating support for older people from £1.749m to £1.249m, which would mean a reduced number of people would receive a service from 6,838 to a maximum of 5,924 at any one time; and

(h) reduce funding for support for people with a learning disability placed with families delivered by three providers at a contract value reduced from £21,188 to £10,137 per annum from February 2016.

## **20. IMPROVEMENT AND SCRUTINY REVIEW OF ADULT CARE ELIGIBILITY THRESHOLD CHANGES**

The Chair of the Improvement and Scrutiny Committee - People presented the final report of the review of Adult Care eligibility threshold changes.

### **Decision**

Cabinet (1) accepted the report; (2) accepted all the recommendations contained within the report; and (3) noted that as the recommendations were implemented, progress would be monitored by the Improvement and Scrutiny Committee – People at strategic intervals through the completed action plan to be provided to the Committee within two months.

## **21. IMPROVEMENT AND SCRUTINY REVIEW OF STARTING POINT**

The Chair of the Improvement and Scrutiny Committee - People presented the final report of the review of Starting Point.

### **Decision**

Cabinet (1) accepted the report; (2) accepted all the recommendations contained within the report; and (3) noted that as the recommendations were implemented, progress would be monitored by the Improvement and Scrutiny Committee – People at strategic intervals through the completed action plan to be provided to the Committee within two months.

## **22. REVISED INDUCTION PROCEDURE AND MANAGER GUIDELINES**

The Strategic Director – Corporate Resources sought approval to the revised Induction Policy and Manager Guidelines as detailed in Appendices A and B to the report.

### **Decision**

Cabinet approved the revised procedure and associated documentation.

## **23. MARKHAM VALE ENVIRONMENT CENTRE EXTENSION**

The Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment reported on the acceptance of additional European Regional Development Fund grant and for the allocation of additional matchfunding from the County Council to address an increase in project costs.

### **Decision**

Cabinet (1) accepted the Department of Communities and Local Government's offer of additional European Regional Development Fund grant of £40,000; and (2) approved the additional allocation of match funding of £198,005 capital budget from the departmental earmarked reserve.

## **24. APPROVAL OF THE LOCAL FLOOD RISK STRATEGY AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION**

The Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment sought approval of the Local Flood Risk Management Strategy and all supporting documentation.

### **Decision**

Cabinet (1) approved the Local Flood Risk Management Strategy and all associated documentation; and (2) authorized the Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment to make any technical amendments to the document with an annual report on progress and a full review every five years to be reported to the Cabinet Member.

## **25. ILKESTON RAIL STATION**

The Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment sought approval for additional funds towards the funding package for Ilkeston railway station in order to allow the award of the construction contract.

### **Decision**

Cabinet (1) approved an additional £515,000 contribution to Ilkeston Station, raising the County Council's maximum funding to £2,264,000, in order to permit the award of a construction contract; and (2) authorised the Director of Legal Services to agree and sign an Implementation Agreement with Network Rail under which the final stages of the station would be constructed and funded.

## **26. MANAGING THE TRANSITION OF COMMISSIONED PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES IN GLOSSOPDALE FROM TAMESIDE TO DERBYSHIRE**

The Director of Public Health requested approval to commission children's public health services for Glossop via Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council for 2015-16.

### **Decision**

Cabinet approved the continued commissioning of children's public health for Glossop by Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council on behalf of the County Council for 2015-16 as detailed in the report.

## **27. SOLUTIONS TO FOOD POVERTY IN DERBYSHIRE**

The Director of Public Health sought approval to implement a preventative and sustainable approach to reducing food poverty in Derbyshire.

### **Decision**

Cabinet (1) approved the implementation of the preventative and sustainable approach to reducing food poverty and the need for crisis-driven food parcels, as set out in this report; (2) approved the provision of a Fareshare depot in Derbyshire, including a grant for operational costs including rent, staffing, travel and equipment, for three years from the project start date (estimated to be September 2015); and (3) delegated decisions on the allocation of the remainder of the Public Health food poverty budget to the Cabinet Member for Health and Communities.

## **28. REQUEST TO BUY SCHOOL PLAYING FIELD LAND**

The Strategic Director – Corporate Resources and the Strategic Director – Children and Younger Adults sought approval to a general presumption against the sale of school playing field land where the capital receipt was less than £100k except where there was a clear benefit to the Council.

## **Decision**

Cabinet agreed that applications from third parties to purchase areas of school playing field land from the Authority should not be progressed unless the likely capital receipt is at least £100,000 (figure to be inflated each year in line with tender price indices), except where there was a clear benefit to the school or the Authority.

### **29. PROPOSED FURTHER CONSULTATION ON MEETING THE NEEDS OF YOUNG CARERS IN DERBYSHIRE**

The Strategic Director – Children and Younger Adults reported on the findings of the 'Stage 1' Young Carer Consultation on what services young carers and their families would find beneficial and on proposals for the second stage consultation..

## **Decision**

Cabinet approved (1) the conducting of a Stage 2 Young Carer consultation between 24 August and 19 October 2015; (2) the undertaking of an Equality Impact Assessment; (3) the receipt of a further report on the findings of the Stage 2 consultation; and (4) the receipt of a further report recommending how services should be provided to young carers and their families from 1 April 2016.

### **30. CHILDREN AND YOUNGER ADULTS CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2015-16 – JOINT FUNDING INITIATIVE FOR SCHOOLS**

The Strategic Director – Children and Younger Adults sought approval to a schedule of joint-funded projects submitted by schools as a charge on the budget approved in the 2015-16 Children and Younger Adults Capital Programme.

## **Decision**

Cabinet approved the joint funded projects as detailed in the Appendix, with funding being split equally between the schools and the Authority, resulting in a charge of £407,339 against the Children and Younger Adults Capital Programme Joint Match Funding Allocation.

### **31. THE AIMING HIGH DERBYSHIRE OFFER**

The Strategic Director – Children and Younger Adults reported on the outcomes of the consultation on potential changes to the Aiming High Derbyshire Offer, the revised proposals of the Offer and on details of a further consultation on the implementation of the future delivery of the Offer.

### **Decision**

Cabinet agreed (1) that a further period of consultation takes place with children, young people, parents, carers and stakeholders on the basis of the identified preferred proposal set out in this report; and (2) to receive a further report following the consultation on the further feedback received and the results of the Equality Impact Assessment.

### **32. PRIORITY SCHOOL BUILDING PROGRAMME – ALFRETON GRANGE**

The Strategic Director – Children and Younger Adults sought Cabinet approval to enter into a landowner agreement with the Department for Education with respect to a project for a new school at Alfreton Grange and to agree the provision of a boundary fence between Alfreton Grange Arts College and Woodbridge Junior School.

### **Decision**

Cabinet (1) authorised the Director of Legal Services to enter into a landowner agreement with the Department for Education to permit the construction of the replacement school for Alfreton Grange; (2) agreed that £12,500 be allocated from the unallocated funds, as set out in section 3 above, to provide fencing between Alfreton Grange and Woodbridge Junior School; and (3) agreed that the decision was urgent for the reasons set up in the report and that call-in should be waived.

### **33. CAPITAL PROGRAMME FOR VOLUNTARY AIDED SCHOOLS – LOCAL AUTHORITY CO-ORDINATED VOLUNTARY AIDED PROGRAMME**

The Strategic Director – Children and Younger Adults reported on projects to be included in the programme of capital works at Voluntary Aided schools for 2015-16.

### **Decision**

Cabinet noted the projects to be included in the programme of Local Authority Controlled Voluntary Aided Programme projects for 2015-16 with a total value of £1,159,276 as detailed in the report.

#### **34. HOME CARE PROVISION AT WALTHAM HOUSE EXTRA CARE SCHEME**

The Strategic Director – Adult Care sought approval to undertake a procurement exercise for the provision of home care services at Waltham House.

##### **Decision**

Cabinet agreed to undertake a procurement exercise for the provision of home care services at Waltham House Extra Care Scheme in Wirksworth for an initial period of one year with annual options for the Council to extend the contract for up to three further periods of twelve months.

#### **35. MULTI-SUPPLIER FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT FOR THE PROVISION OF LOW LEVEL FLOATING SUPPORT SERVICES FOR VULNERABLE ADULTS**

The Strategic Director – Adult Care sought approval to undertake a procurement exercise to establish a multi-supplier framework agreement for the provision of low level one to one, floating support services for adults with a learning, sensory, physical disability and/or mental ill health.

##### **Decision**

Cabinet approved a procurement exercise to establish a multi-supplier framework agreement for the provision of low level one to one, floating support services, which would commence on 1 June 2016, the services being for adults with a learning, sensory, physical disability and/or mental ill health.

#### **36. TRANSFER OF THE INDEPENDENT LIVING FUND**

The Strategic Director – Adult Care reported on proposed arrangements regarding the transfer of responsibilities following the closure of the Independent Living Fund.

##### **Decision**

Cabinet (1) approved the arrangements regarding the transfer of responsibilities following the closure of the Independent Living Fund; and (2) agreed that the matter be the subject of a further report to Cabinet, as necessary, once feedback from individual assessments, interested party consultation and the Equality Impact Assessment was known.

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### **37. REVIEW OF TRUSTED TRADER SCHEME**

The Improvement and Scrutiny Committee Resources reported on its review of the Derbyshire Trusted Trader Scheme.

#### **Decision**

Cabinet received the recommendations of the Scrutiny Review. Recommendations 5.2 to 5.8 were accepted.

### **38. THRIVING COMMUNITIES – DERBYSHIRE CHALLENGE FUND**

A report and the work that has taken place on the Thriving Families project in Cotmanhay was considered

#### **Decision**

Cabinet approved proposals to pilot Thriving Communities model in Cotmanhay, Danesmoor, Gamesley, Shirebrook and Swadlincote; and approved the application to the Derbyshire Challenge Fund to finance four Thriving Communities workers for period of two years to support work on the project.

### **39. YOUTH EMPLOYMENT STRATEGY**

Cabinet was asked to approve the proposed 'Youth Employment Strategy 2015 – 2020' and to note the ongoing work to develop and deliver more joined up services to support children, adults and vulnerable people into employment, education or training.

#### **Decision**

The strategy was approved and it was agreed the implementation of identified priorities and actions through the Employment and Skills Board.

### **40. A HAPPIER, HEALTHIER DERBYSHIRE**

The Director of Public Health's Annual Report was presented.



## **Decision**

The report was endorsed and would be promoted.

### **41. AUTHORISATION TO CARRY OUT ENFORCEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES**

Cabinet was asked to update and consolidate the authorisations for nominated officers within the Trading Standards Service to undertake enforcement and administrative duties under the relevant provisions of various Acts

## **Decision**

The authorisations were agreed.

### **42. DERBYSHIRE YOUTH COUNCIL UPDATE**

A report was presented on the work of the Derbyshire Youth Council.

## **Decision**

The report was received.

### **43. ASSET MANAGEMENT OF HIGHWAYS MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS**

Cabinet was informed of progress made on the development of an asset management approach to the maintenance of the County's highways network and asked to agree that a procurement exercise be undertaken on behalf of the Council and members of the Midlands Highways Alliance (MHA) for a highways maintenance framework contract.

## **Decision**

Cabinet noted the ongoing approach to Asset Management, Highway Maintenance and gave approval for a procurement exercise to be undertaken by the Council on behalf of itself and the Midlands Highways Alliance for the establishment of a Highways Maintenance Framework Contract.

### **44. ROAD TRAFFIC COLLISIONS IN DERBYSHIRE: THE CASUALTY REPORT 2014 – DERBY AND DERBYSHIRE ANNUAL CASUALTY REPORT 2014**

Cabinet's attention was drawn to the Derby and Derbyshire Annual Casualty Report 2014

### **Decision**

The report was noted for wider publication in electronic and printed form.

### **45. DERBYSHIRE DISCRETIONARY FUND ANNUAL REPORT 2014-15**

The Annual Report of the Derbyshire Discretionary Fund (DDF) was presented.

### **Decision**

The report was noted.

### **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 – 16 June, 7 and 28 July and 1 September 2015.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the report be noted.

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Leader of the Council**