

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

24 May 2017

REPORT FROM CABINET

Purpose of the Report

To provide information to the Council on issues considered by the Cabinet at meetings held on 31 January, 21 February, 14 March, 4 and 25 April 2017 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 23 May 2017.

Information and Analysis

31 January 2017

1. D2N2 GROWTH AND INNOVATION PROGRAMME

The Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Communities sought Cabinet approval to endorse the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) grant of £5.383m for the Derby, Derbyshire, Nottingham and Nottinghamshire (D2N2) Growth and Innovation Programme and to confirm the previous commitment of up to £0.6m revenue contribution towards the project.

Decision

Cabinet (1) Endorsed the European Regional Development Fund grant of £5.383m for the proposed D2N2 Growth and Innovation Programme; (2) Confirmed approval of the Earmarked Reserve of £0.6m, funded from the General Reserve, as Derbyshire County Council's funding contribution towards the Derby, Derbyshire, Nottingham and Nottinghamshire (D2N2) Growth and Innovation Programme; and (3) Agreed to delegate to the Strategic Director - Economy, Transport and Communities and Director of Legal Services, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Strategic Policy, Economic Development and Budget, final acceptance and signing of the final approval of any Service Level Agreements relating to the D2N2 Growth and Innovation Programme.

2. D2N2 INWARD INVESTMENT PROJECT – MATCH FUNDING

The Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Communities requested approval to endorse the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) grant of £1.041m for the D2N2 (Derbyshire, Derby, Nottingham, Nottinghamshire) Inward Investment Project, sought delegated authority to accept and sign the Partnership Agreement and to confirm £90k match funding towards project proposals.

Decision

Cabinet (1) Endorsed the European Regional Development Fund grant of £1.041m for the proposed D2N2 (Derbyshire, Derby, Nottingham, Nottinghamshire) Inward Investment project' (2) Confirmed approval of £90k match funding to support delivery of the project; (3) Noted the reduction in time of the Senior Economic Development Officer post on the project from 0.5 full-time equivalent (FTE) to 0.3 FTE; and (4) Authorised the Strategic Director - Economy, Transport and Communities and Director of Legal Services, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Strategic Policy, Economic Development and Budget, to agree the final terms of and sign the Partnership/Collaboration Agreements for the D2N2 Inward Investment project on behalf of the County Council.

3. MAXIMISING SOCIAL VALUE THROUGH COMMISSIONING AND PROCUREMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES

The Chief Executive updated Cabinet on the work that had been taking place to maximise social value through the commissioning and procurement of services and to sought approval for the Council's final draft Social Value Strategy, Framework and Procurement Guidance following recent consultation.

Decision

Cabinet (1) noted the work that had taken place across the Council to maximise social value; (2) approved the final Social Value Strategy, Framework and Procurement Guidance for publication; (3) considered and approved the draft action plan highlighting key activity required to take work forward over the forthcoming year; and (4) agreed to receive further reports on progress on a six monthly basis and an annual report at the end of each financial year.

4. ADULT COMMUNITY EDUCATION SERVICE PAY AGREEMENT 2016-18

The Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Communities asked Cabinet to approve the two year pay agreement for Adult Community Education Service employees for 2016-17 and 2017-18.

Decision

Cabinet approved adoption of the Adult Community Education Service pay agreement resulting in the pay scales as set out in Appendix 1 to the report, for the period from 1 September 2016 to 31 August 2018.

5. PROPOSALS FOR THE NEW DERBYSHIRE CONNECT TRANSPORT SERVICE FROM OCTOBER 2017

The Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Communities informed Cabinet of the proposals for the new Derbyshire Connect service and to sought approval to invite tenders for the delivery of the service.

Decision

Cabinet (1) Authorised the Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Communities to invite tenders for the delivery of the Derbyshire Connect services for two and a half years, starting in October 2017; and (2) Agreed to receive a further report on the outcome of the tender process.

6. PROPOSALS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A DERBYSHIRE BUS STRATEGY

The Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Communities sought Cabinet endorsement to the emerging proposals for developing a Derbyshire Bus Strategy.

Decision

Cabinet (1) endorsed the development of a Derbyshire Bus Strategy in collaboration with other stakeholders, as outlined in the report; and (2) agreed to receive a further report on a draft strategy prior to public consultation.

7. ROAD SAFETY FUND

The Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Communities advised Cabinet of the availability of funding to support projects on three specified

County Council roads, sought agreement in principle for the Authority to accept grant funding for these and to add the projects to the Capital Programme.

Decision

Cabinet (1) agreed to accept, in principle, grant towards the implementation of major road safety schemes for sections of the A619 between Bakewell and Baslow, A5102 between Cromford and Newhaven, and A5004 between Buxton and Whaley Bridge; (2) agreed to add the Major Safety Schemes for each of the projects identified in (1) above to the Capital Programme, as and when the funding was confirmed; and (3) authorised the Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Communities, following consultation with the Cabinet Member – Highways, Transport and Infrastructure, to reach necessary agreements with the Department for Transport over funding and monitoring for these schemes.

8. HIGHWAY WORKS ASSOCIATED WITH PEAK RESORT

The Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Communities sought approval for a number of areas of work to be undertaken by the County Council in support of the Peak Resort development, all of which would be funded by the developer.

Decision

Cabinet approved (1) the acceptance of developer funding for the County Council to design works associated with signalisation of the junction between Broombank Road and the northbound A61; (2) the utilisation of Section 106 contributions to design and install traffic signals at the junction between Broombank Road and Sheepbridge Lane, pedestrian crossing(s) and traffic management on Sheffield Road, improvements at Jordanthorpe Parkway roundabout and directional signage as described in the main body of the report, and for these schemes to be added to the County Council's 2016-17 Capital Programme; (3) the amendment of the 2015-16 Capital Programme to reduce the allocation for highways infrastructure connected with the Peak Resort from £2.85m to £150k; and (4) in principle, the adoption of the initial 120m of access road into the site as publicly maintainable highway.

9. TRANS-PENNINE HIGHWAY PROJECTS

The Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Communities updated Cabinet on a number of projects relating to highway links across the South Pennines and to recommend a County Council policy statement on these.

Decision

Cabinet agreed to the adoption of the following as policy position regarding potential schemes for trans-Pennine roads:

(1) raise with the Department for Transport (DfT), Transport for the North (TfN) and Highways England, its concern that the schemes proposed in the current Road Investment Strategy (RIS) had potential to be damaging to the interests of Derbyshire should they result in increased traffic over the Woodhead and/or Snake Passes; (2) support, without prejudice to any future consideration of their outcomes, the continuation of studies into a trans-Pennine road tunnel and wider connectivity; (3) welcomed, in principle, any interest expressed by the Greater Manchester and Sheffield City Region Combined Authorities in the development of a full bypass of Mottram-in-Longdendale, Hollingworth and Tintwistle; (4) requested that the DfT and TfN give consideration within their current programme of studies to:

(a) a full investigation of the case for such a scheme, with and without the longer-term prospect of a trans-Pennine road tunnel;

(b) consideration within this of ways in which the impacts of a scheme on the Peak District National Park could be minimised; this could incorporate examination of carriageway standards, lighting options and whether tunnelling in some form (already proposed for the Mottram Bypass) would be feasible;

and (5) reserve its formal position until receipt of a full assessment of benefits and impacts on whether to support:

(a) the Mottram Bypass

(b) the A57(T)-A57 Link Road

(c) a Mottram-Hollingworth-Tintwistle bypass in some form.

10. DERBYSHIRE AND DERBY MINERALS LOCAL PLAN

The Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Communities updated Cabinet on the progress of joint working with Derby City Council on developing the Derbyshire Minerals Local Plan and timescale for adoption.

Decision

Cabinet noted the progress in the preparation of the new Derbyshire Minerals Local Plan as detailed in this report and the indicative timescale set out in this report for the next stages in its preparation.

11. SUMMER OF CYCLING 2017 – EROICA AND THE WOMEN'S TOUR OF BRITAIN

The Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Communities sought approval to the continued development of the visitor economy through the

Summer of Cycling Programme, through the allocation of resources for two major cycling events during 2017.

Decision

Cabinet (1) agreed to support Eroica Britannia 2017 up to a maximum value of £20k in sponsorship and the delivery of one or more food stops up to a maximum value of £10k in 2017; (2) agreed to financially support hosting a full stage of the Aviva Women's Tour of Britain 2017, in partnership with Chesterfield Borough Council, up to a maximum of £72.5k per Authority; (3) welcomed confirmation, by Chesterfield Borough Council, of its willingness to match the County Council's financial contribution to support the Women's Tour event; and (4) agreed to receive a further report on support for future cycling events in due course.

12. INTRODUCTION OF RADIO FREQUENCY IDENTIFICATION (RFID) INTO DERBYSHIRE LIBRARIES

The Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Communities requested approval for the introduction of Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) into Derbyshire libraries and for the costs of introducing RFID to be met from the Change Management Reserve.

Decision

Cabinet approved: (1) The introduction of RFID into Derbyshire Libraries; and (2) that the costs of introducing RFID to be met from £260k in the Change Management Reserve.

13. AUTHORISATION TO CARRY OUT ENFORCEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES

The Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Communities updated and consolidated authorisations from Cabinet for nominated officers within the Trading Standards Service to undertake enforcement and administrative duties under the relevant provisions of the Acts specified in Appendix A to the report.

Decision

Cabinet (1) noted the updating and consolidation of authorisations from Cabinet for nominated officers within the Trading Standards Service to undertake enforcement and administrative duties under the relevant provisions of the Acts specified in Appendix A to the report; (2) noted that the statutory appointment of Chief Inspector of Weights and Measures be discharged by the Assistant Director Trading Standards; (3) authorised the Assistant Director Trading Standards to enforce and administer the legislation set out in Appendix

A to the report; (4) authorised such officers of the Trading Standards Service as may be nominated by the Assistant Director Trading Standards to enforce and administer the legislation set out in Appendix A to the report; (5) authorised the Assistant Director Trading Standards in connection with matters listed in Appendix A, under Section 223 of the Local Government Act 1972, to consider the facts of a particular case, and, if expedient for the protection of the inhabitants of the County, to institute, prosecute and appear in legal proceedings on behalf of Derbyshire County Council, before any Court of summary jurisdiction, and to issue suspension notices, apply for forfeiture or destruction orders on goods, and to effect such other legal procedures as were commensurate with the discharge of the enforcement or administration of the above mentioned Acts, and of any Rules, Orders or Regulations made thereunder; (6) authorised the Assistant Director Trading Standards, in connection with matters listed in Appendix A, to nominate officers to fulfil the functions detailed in recommendation (5) above, including the power to institute, prosecute and appear in legal proceedings on behalf of Derbyshire County Council, before any Court of summary jurisdiction; (7) noted that regular reports would be submitted to the Cabinet Member - Health and Communities in order to keep Members informed of those matters which were subject of legal proceedings; and (8) noted that the authority of the Regulatory – Licensing and Appeals Committee was sought on the 16 January 2017 for enforcement and administrative powers under the relevant provisions of the specified Acts which did not fall within the remit of Cabinet and were specified in Appendix B to the report.

14. SCHOOL REVENUE FUNDING SETTLEMENT 2017-18

The Strategic Director – Children’s Services informed Cabinet of the school revenue funding settlement for 2017-18 and sought approval to a number of decisions to enable mainstream schools’ budgets to be determined.

Decision

Cabinet (1) noted the DSG settlement for 2017-18; (2) agreed to the allocations of delegated funds as set out in sections 2.2 and 2.3 of the report; (3) agreed to retain funding centrally to meet the costs of items in Appendix 1; (4) agreed to the Schools Forum request to de-delegate funding in accordance with section 2.5 and Appendix 5 for 2017-18; (5) agreed to top-slice funding for school redundancy costs for 2017-18; (6) noted that the use of DSG cash reserves to cover services previously funded by ESG GD was unlikely to be possible in future; (7) allowed any matters of detail relating to schools’ delegated budgets to be resolved by the Strategic Director for Children’s Services in consultation with the relevant Cabinet Members; and (8) noted that a further report would be brought on the funding issues relating to Early Years and High Needs Blocks.

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15. PAYMENT OF LIVING WAGE

The Strategic Director – Corporate Resources sought agreement to the payment of the Living Wage as an allowance in 2017-18.

Decision

Cabinet (1) approved that the Living Wage continue to be paid as an allowance to eligible employees in 2017-18; (2) approved that individual school governing bodies be encouraged to adopt the Living Wage; and (3) agreed that it was not feasible to address the basic pay differential issue for grades 4, 5 and 6 at this juncture and that the issue be considered as part of a broader pay and grading review, the outcomes of which would be the subject of a future report to Cabinet.

16. RESPONSE TO THE GOVERNMENT'S CONSULTATION ON ROUTE TO REFINEMENT PROPOSALS FOR HS2

The Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Communities sought agreement to the County Council's response to the Government's route refinement proposals for HS2 in Derbyshire.

Decision

Cabinet authorised the Strategic Director - Economy, Transport and Communities, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Infrastructure, to approve a response to the consultation on route refinement proposals for HS2, as set out in the report.

17. RE-PROCUREMENT OF DERBYSHIRE INTEGRATED SEXUAL HEALTH SERVICES

The Director of Public Health requested approval to re-procure Derbyshire Integrated Sexual Health Services.

Decision

Cabinet approved the re-procurement of the Derbyshire Integrated Sexual Health Service for a period of five years with an option to extend the contract for two further periods of two years.

18. YOUTHINC

The Strategic Director – Children's Services reported on measures to celebrate the second anniversary of the launch of YOUTHINC, to inform the Members of Cabinet of the achievements over the last twelve months and to examine future challenges.

Decision

Cabinet agreed to (1) investigate the current use of the website to look at usage and most and least popular features; (2) redevelop the website over the next twelve months to ensure that it was more efficient and information was easier to find noting that some consultation work had already happened to shape these developments; (3) explore the delivery of the Youth Offer and work with communities to map services for young people; and (4) undertake a robust evaluation of the impact of each YOUTHINC work stream.

19. CHILDREN'S SERVICES CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2016-17 ALLOCATIONS

The Strategic Director – Children's Services sought approval for additional allocations for two projects at The Pingle School.

Decision

Cabinet approved (1) an additional allocation of £140k to the scheme to provide ASD places at The Pingle School making the total funds available £190k, and; (2) an additional allocation of £270k to the scheme to convert the heating system at The Pingle School from coal to gas making the total funds available £520k.

20. CHILDREN'S SERVICES CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2016-17 - SECTION 106 PROJECT ALLOCATIONS

The Strategic Director – Children's Services informed Cabinet of receipts of Section 106 developer contributions sought approval for allocations of funding.

Decision

Cabinet (1) approved allocations of:

- £92k from 2017-18 basic need as a contribution to the costs of a new building at Brailsford Primary School;
- £350k from 2017-18 basic need for a classroom extension and associated works at Melbourne Junior School.

(2) noted the receipt and approves the allocation of:

- £45,596 of Section 106 developer contribution to a project for a new reception area at The Duke of Norfolk Primary School, Glossop.

(3) noted:

- the receipt of £161,342 of a S106 developer contribution for the Clowne schools which will be used to repay the Children's Services Capital Programme
- the receipt of £234,398 as a contribution to a previous capital scheme at The Duke of Norfolk Primary School;

and (4) agreed that these funds be added to the 2017-18 Basic Need total.

21. ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR THE BENNERLEY AND BREADSALL PROJECTS

The Strategic Director – Children's Services requested approval for a further allocation of £250k for the Children's Services projects at Bennerley, Ilkeston, and Breadsall.

Decision

Cabinet approved that the borrowing approval for the projects at Bennerley and Breadsall be increased from £1.2m to £1.45m.

22. ASHBOURNE PRIMARY REORGANISATION

The Strategic Director – Children's Services sought approval for allocations for three projects to enable the implementation of a reorganisation of primary education in Ashbourne.

Decision

Cabinet approved (1) the following projects for the works detailed above - Hill Top: £420k, Parkside: £760k and St Oswald's: £685k, totalling £1.865m; (2) the release of existing S106 monies of £174,785 towards the funding of the projects and the following S106 funds be used to reimburse the Children's Services Capital Programme (2016-17 basic need or as appropriate at the time of receipt);

Hilltop	£389,204
Parkside	£573,734
Total	£962,938

and; (3) an allocation of £40k from an underspend in the 2014-15 School Access Initiative to be included in the project at St Oswald's as detailed in the report.

23. CREATION OF AN ENHANCED RESOURCE FACILITY FOR PUPILS WITH PROFOUND AND MULTIPLE LEARNING DIFFICULTIES AT HILL TOP INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOLS

The Strategic Director – Children’s Services reported on the outcome of the initial consultation, and to consider whether or not to proceed to the publication of Statutory Notices to create an Enhanced Resource provision for pupils with Profound and Multiple Learning Difficulties (PMLD) at Hill Top Infant and Nursery School, Ashbourne.

Decision

Cabinet agreed to proceed to the publication of a Statutory Notice in respect of the creation of enhanced resource provision for up to five pupils at Hill Top Infant and Nursery School, Ashbourne.

24. SERVICES FOR SCHOOLS – ARRANGEMENTS FOR COORDINATING RESOURCES

The Strategic Director – Children’s Services sought approval for the permanent establishment of the Derbyshire Services for Schools team and the relevant funding arrangements.

Decision

Cabinet approved (1) the establishment of the permanent and temporary posts within the coordinating teams as detailed in Appendix B to the report; and (2) the funding arrangements for the coordinating resources.

14 March 2017

25. DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE PLANS 2017-18

The Chief Executive sought approval for the departmental Service Plans 2017-18.

Decision

Cabinet (1) a p p r o v e d the 2017-18 departmental Service Plans; (2) approved that the Service Plans be submitted to Full Council for endorsement; and (3) delegated authority to the Cabinet Member - Highways, Transport and Infrastructure to approve details of minor variations to the list of Countryside Service capital schemes.

26. CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING

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

Decision

Cabinet noted the current position on the monitoring of capital schemes.

27. WATER DEREGULATION – APPROVAL TO USE A NON-DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL FRAMEWORK

The Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Communities sought Cabinet approval to access a non-County Council framework to be established by Crown Commercial Services for the procurement of water and wastewater retail services once the industry was deregulated from 1 April 2017.

Decision

Cabinet (1) approved the use of a non-Derbyshire County Council framework being established by Crown Commercial Services to undertake a procurement exercise for the Council's future water supply, waste water services and ancillary services to support water efficiency savings; and (2) noted that a further report would be submitted to Cabinet to seek approval to award a contract following a mini-competition between suppliers on the Crown Commercial Services framework agreement.

28. PUBLIC HEALTH LOCALITY PROGRAMME INVESTMENT ALLOCATION

The Director of Public Health sought approval for on-going investment in the Public Health Locality Programme in 2017-18 and for releasing the 2017-18 investment for the Public Health Locality programme to locality Health and Wellbeing Partnerships to deliver against the priorities outlined in each Locality Action Plan

Decision

Cabinet (1) noted the progress made by the Public Health Locality Programme to date in 2016-17, and agreed to the dissemination of the annual locality progress reports to the Cabinet Member for Health and Communities, each of the Local Area Committees and locality Health and Wellbeing Partnerships; (2) approved the on-going funding of the Public Health Locality programme in 2017-18; and (3) approved the release of the locality investment for 2017-18 to Locality Partnerships to deliver the priorities set out in the Public Health Locality Plans.

29. PROPOSED CHANGES TO OPENING HOURS AT THE DERBYSHIRE RECORD OFFICE

The Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Communities informed Cabinet of the outcome of a public consultation about proposed changes to the opening hours at Derbyshire Record Office and to seek approval to introduce revised opening hours with effect from 1 June 2017.

Decision

Cabinet (1) approved the changes in opening hours at Derbyshire Record Office to Tuesday-Friday, 9.30am-5.00pm and the last Saturday of the month, 9.30am-4pm with effect from 1 June 2017; and (2) agreed that a paper is presented to a future meeting with proposals for a revised staffing structure at the Derbyshire Record Office.

30. PROPOSED CHANGES TO OPENING HOURS AT BUXTON MUSEUM AND ART GALLERY

The Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Communities sought approval to undertake a six week public consultation on a proposal for reduced opening hours at Buxton Museum and Art Gallery.

Decision

Cabinet approved (1) a six week public consultation on options for revised opening hours at Buxton Museum and Art Gallery be undertaken; (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 changes to the opening hours at Buxton Museum and Art Gallery; and (3) subject to the outcome of the consultation and Cabinet's decision, proposals for a revised staffing structure at Buxton Museum and Art Gallery be developed and reported to Cabinet for consideration.

31. FUNDING FOR INNOVATION: COOPERATIVE INTELLIGENT TRANSPORT SYSTEMS – ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FROM THE DEPARTMENT FOR TRANSPORT

The Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Communities reported on the Chief Executive's use of his urgent powers to accept a grant of £237,500 for the Council's successful Pre-emptive Traffic Management bid submitted as part of the Department for Transport's (DfT) Funding for Innovation: Cooperative Intelligent Transport Systems (C-ITS) programme, and to add the scheme to the 2017-18 Capital Programme.

Decision

Cabinet (1) noted the decision of the Chief Executive, using his urgent powers to accept a £237,500 grant from the Department for Transport; and (2) approved the addition of the £237,500 grant to the 2017-18 Capital Programme.

32. CAPITAL FUNDING TO SUPPORT THE REFURBISHMENT OF KITCHENS AS PART OF THE UPGRADE OF VENTILATION SYSTEMS: UPGRADE OF CATERING EQUIPMENT PROGRAMME 2016-19

The Strategic Director – Children’s Services sought approval for capital expenditure on non-routine replacement and upgrading of school kitchen equipment as part of a scheduled upgrade to ventilation systems within Derbyshire schools; the capitalisation of routine replacement of catering equipment exceeding the value of £10k when appropriate; and to establish a revenue earmarked reserve for the funding of the above.

Decision

Cabinet approved (1) non-routine replacement and upgrading of school kitchen equipment as detailed in the report as part of a scheduled upgrade to ventilation systems within Derbyshire schools; (2) capitalisation of routine replacement catering equipment exceeding the value of £10k when appropriate and that estimated expenditure be added to the 2016-17 Children’s Services Capital Programme; and (3) the establishment of a revenue earmarked reserve for the funding of the above.

33. HIGH NEEDS BLOCK BUDGETS 2017-18

The Strategic Director – Children’s Services requested approval to the Authority’s proposed High Needs Budgets for 2017-18.

Decision

Cabinet (1) noted the report; (2) agreed to fund the High Needs places as set out in Appendix 1 to the report; (3) agreed the High Needs Block budgets as set out in Appendix 2 to the report; (4) agreed the top-up rates for 2017-18 as set out in Appendix 3 to the report; (5) agreed to release funding from DSG cash reserves to provide replacement resources for special schools and PRUs’ redundancy costs and additional school improvement services; and (6) agreed to the request from special schools and PRUs representatives on the Schools Forum to top-slice funding from special schools and PRUs’ budgets for redundancy costs in 2017-18.

34. EARLY YEARS BLOCK BUDGETS 2017-18

The Strategic Director – Children's Services sought Cabinet approval to the Early Years Block funded budgets within the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) for 2017-18.

Decision

Cabinet (1) noted the increase in the funding rate for disadvantaged two year olds to £5.20 per hour; (2) approved the proposed Early Years formula multipliers for 2017-18 as set out in the report; (3) noted the support from the Schools Forum to the central budgets set out in Appendix 2 and confirmed these budgets for 2017-18; and (4) noted the updated position with regard to likely funding and spending levels and provider rates as set out in the report and at Appendix 1 to the report.

35. INDEPENDENT SECTOR CARE HOME FEES 2017-18

The Strategic Director – Adult Care requested approval to increase independent sector care home fees for 2017-18.

Decision

Cabinet approved (1) the proposed fee increases for the independent sector home care fees from 1 April 2017, by 4.35% on all hourly rates for home care; (2) an increase of 4.35% on all travel/visit rates from 1 April 2017; (3) to make an inflationary payment of up to 4% for specialist home care placements where evidence was provided of inflationary pressures; and (4) to introduce a new standard flat rate payment of £71.10 for sleep-in provision in supported living services from 1 April 2017.

36. VOLUNTARY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT SERVICE REVIEW

The Strategic Director – Adult Care reported on proposed changes following the review of the Voluntary Community Mental Health Support Service and the resultant decision of Southern Derbyshire and Erewash Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) to de-commission the service.

Decision

Cabinet approval was given to support the outcome of the review of the Voluntary Community Mental Health Support Service and the resultant decision of Southern Derbyshire and Erewash CCGs to cease grant funding and de-commission the service which would involve working with partners in

the CCGs to ensure alternative provision was made available for clients when grant funding ends on 31 March 2017.

4 April 2017

37. DERBYSHIRE ECONOMIC REVIEW – MARCH 2017

The Chief Executive presented the latest Quarterly Economic Review to March 2017.

Decision

Cabinet noted the report.

38. BUDGET MONITORING 2016-17 (AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2016)

The Director of Finance provided Cabinet with the Revenue Budget position for 2016-17 as at 31 December 2016.

Decision

Cabinet noted the report.

39. ECONOMY, TRANSPORT AND COMMUNITIES DEPARTMENT'S SERVICE PLAN 2017-18 APPENDICES: CAPITAL PROGRAMME

The Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Communities sought Cabinet approval for the Economy, Transport and Communities Department 2017-18 Highways and Transport Capital Programmes.

Decision

Cabinet approved the 2017-18 Economy, Transport and Communities Department Highway and Transport Capital Programmes and authorised the Strategic Director - Economy, Transport and Communities Department to commence implementation of the Highways Maintenance Incentive Fund programme following confirmation of the direct grant allocation as set out in the report.

40. PERSISTENT EVADER POLICY (PARKING)

The Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Communities sought approval for the introduction of a Policy for the removal of vehicles where the vehicle owner was classed as a 'persistent evader' in respect of unpaid or unchallenged Penalty Charge Notices (PCN), and to undertake a procurement exercise for a contract for the removal of vehicles.

Decision

Cabinet agreed the introduction of the Persistent Evader Policy for the removal of vehicles and the undertaking of a procurement exercise for a contract for the removal of vehicles.

41. STREET LIGHTING SERVICE INVEST-TO-SAVE PROPOSAL FOR THE PRINCIPAL ROAD NETWORK

The Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Communities reported on an invest-to-save proposal to extend the existing project for installation of LED lighting on residential roads to the principal road network and to use the framework supply and installation contractors for the whole network.

Decision

Cabinet approved the invest-to-save proposals for the introduction of LED lights and dimming identified within the report to improve the whole life costing of street lights in the height range 8m to 12m; approved the use of the existing LED supply and installation frameworks to carry out these works; noted that there will be ongoing monitoring and evaluation of any issues raised by residents following installation of LEDs and of new research to identify any impact on health and the environment; authorised the Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Infrastructure to consider a future report seeking approval to establish additional posts on a fixed term basis to assist in the delivery of the invest-to-save project; and approved the amendment of the 2017-18 Capital Programme to increase the budget for the LED principal Network project from £11.088m to £11.20m, noting that this will be funded by additional borrowing of £0.112m.

42. CHILDCARE SUFFICIENCY ASSESSMENT

The Strategic Director – Children's Services reported on the outcome of the Childcare Sufficiency Assessment 2017 – 2018.

Decision

Cabinet agreed the draft as Derbyshire County Council's response to the Government's requirements.

43. INDEPENDENT SECTOR CARE HOME FEES 2017-18

The Strategic Director – Adult Care sought approval to independent sector care home fees.

Decision

Cabinet agreed to increase the rate paid to independent sector care homes for the financial year 2017-18 by 3.31% per week as summarised in the report; make an additional payment of £4.27 per nursing care home placement per week; make an inflationary payment of up to 3.31% for specialist care home placements where evidence is provided of inflationary pressures; an updated fee rate of £36.56 per session for a day care placement in a care home; an updated dementia fee rate of £40.95 per week; an inflationary payment of up to 3% for well-performing block contracts in specific circumstances.

44. REFURBISHMENT OF THE MAIN KITCHEN AT NEW BASSETT HOUSE, HOME FOR OLDER PEOPLE

The Strategic Director – Adult Care reported on the refurbishment of the main kitchen at New Bassett House.

Decision

Cabinet approved the refurbishment of the main kitchen at New Bassett House at a total cost of £0.108m.

45. SUPPLY OF STATIONERY – AWARD OF CONTRACT

The Strategic Director – Corporate Resources requested approval to award a contract for the Supply of Stationery.

Decision

Cabinet approved the award of a contract for the Supply of Stationery to Banner Group Limited, for a period of two years from 1 October 2017, with an option to extend for two further twelve month periods, up to a maximum duration of four years to 30 September 2021, subject to an annual performance review.

25 April 2017

46. 100% BUSINESS RATES RETENTION

The Director of Finance reported details of the Government's consultation 100% Business Rates Retention: Further consultation on the design of the reformed system and approve the Council's response.

Decision

Cabinet (1) noted the details of the consultation; and (2) approved the Councils response as set out in Appendix 1 to the report.

47. USE OF UNDERSPEND FOR LOCAL GROWTH FUND

The Director of Finance informed Cabinet of the proposed use of underspend for the Local Growth Fund (LGF).

Decision

Cabinet noted the proposed use of the LGF underspend.

48. REVISED AND NEW EMPLOYMENT PROCEDURES

The Strategic Director – Corporate Resources sought approval to the revised and new employment procedures.

Decision

Cabinet approved the revised and new employment procedures.

49. PROVISION OF CONTRACTS FOR THE SUPPLY, REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE OF COMMERCIAL REFRIGERATION AND FREEZERS

The Strategic Director – Corporate Resources sought approval to undertake two procurement exercises to establish contracts covering the (i) supply and (ii) repair and maintenance of commercial refrigeration and freezers.

Decision

Cabinet approved the commencement of two procurement exercises to establish contracts covering the supply and repair and maintenance of refrigeration and freezers across the Council.

50. NHS HEALTH CHECK PROGRAMME 2018-21

The Director of Public health requested approval for the procurement of the NHS Health Check Programme.

Decision

Cabinet approved the procurement of the NHS Health Check programme for a period of three years from 1 April 2018, with the option to extend for a further two twelve month periods subject to satisfactory performance.

51. FUNDING FROM THE DEPARTMENT FOR COMMUNITIES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT: 2016-18 FUND FOR REFUGEES, SPECIALIST ACCOMMODATION BASED SUPPORT AND SERVICE REFORM TO HELP LOCAL AREAS MEET THE PRIORITIES FOR DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICES

The Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Communities asked Cabinet to note the Chief Executive's use of his urgent powers to accept a grant from the Department for Communities and Local Government to enhance the provision of domestic abuse accommodation and support in Derbyshire.

Decision

Cabinet noted the Chief Executive's decision to use his urgent powers to accept a grant of £529,799 from the Department for Communities and Local Government to enhance the provision of domestic abuse accommodation and support in Derbyshire.

52. DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – ADOPTION OF ROAD SAFETY AUDIT POLICY AND GUIDANCE

The Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Communities requested approval to adopt a Road Safety Audit Policy and Guidance for Highway Improvement schemes on the Derbyshire Highway Network.

Decision

Cabinet (1) approved the adoption of the Road Safety Audit Policy and Guidance; and (2) authorised the Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Communities, in consultation with the Cabinet Member – Highways, Transport and Infrastructure to approve any future technical changes that might be required from time to time to the Policy and Guidance.

53. TARGETED INCOME MAXIMISATION FOR PENSIONERS

The Strategic Director – Adult Care sought approval for a programme of activity targeted at pensioners in Derbyshire to identify those eligible to claim Pension Credit and support them to do so.

Decision

Cabinet approved a programme of activity targeted at pensioners in Derbyshire to identify those eligible to claim Pension Credit and support them to do so.

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 – 31 January, 21 February, 14 March, 4 and 25 April 2017.

RECOMMENDATION

That the report be noted.

Councillor B Lewis
Leader of the Council