

COUNCIL MEETING

3 December 2014

REPORT FROM CABINET

Purpose of the Report

To provide information to the Council on issues considered by the Cabinet at meetings held on 30 September, 21 October and 4 November 2014 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 2 December 2014.

Information and Analysis

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1. CHANGES TO THE MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE

The Strategic Director – Health and Communities sought approval to make changes to Mobile Library Service routes and stops, including withdrawing eight vehicles from service and for officers to start the process of investigating the suitability of the alternative stops, within the communities identified, with a view to modifying the draft timetable to reflect these suggestions prior to implementation. Authorisation was also sought to implement the associated staffing changes, subject to consultation with staff and relevant trade unions and for staff affected by the proposed changes to be treated as a ‘pocket of difficulty’ in order that the voluntary early release schemes could be made available for this group of employees, if necessary.

Decision

Cabinet approved (1) the proposed changes to the Mobile Library Service routes and stops, including the withdrawal of eight vehicles from service, as outlined in the report; (2) that officers start the process of investigating the suitability of the alternative stops, within the communities identified in Appendix 5, with a view to modifying the draft timetable to reflect these suggestions prior to implementation; (3) the proposed new staffing structures for the Mobile Library Service and associated implementation processes as set out in the report, subject to consultation with staff and trade unions; (4) that staff affected by the proposed changes to the Mobile Library

Service be treated as a 'pocket of difficulty' and that the voluntary early release schemes be made available for this group of employees if necessary; and (5) that further decisions relating to the implementation of the review of the Mobile Library Service be delegated to the Strategic Director - Health and Communities in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Health and Communities.

2. PROVISION OF FAMILY CARER SUPPORT SERVICES FOR SUBSTANCE MISUSE – GRANT

The Strategic Director – Health and Communities requested approval to continue extend the current grant arrangements for the provision of Adult Family and Carer Support Services for substance misusers for the period 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2017.

Decision

Cabinet awarded SPODA an annual grant of £134,000 from 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2017, to provide Adult Family and Carer Support Services for substance misuse.

3. RE-ESTABLISH A SUPPORT SERVICE FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN DERBYSHIRE AFFECTED BY SUBSTANCE MISUSE

The Director of Public Health informed Cabinet on plans to re-establish a support service for children and young people in Derbyshire affected by substance misuse of parents or carers, and to seek approval for the proposed use of grant funding for Action for Children to deliver this service in conjunction with the existing Derbyshire County Council's Young Carer service as an interim measure prior to integrated commissioning of all substance misuse services in 2017.

Decision

Cabinet approved that Action for Children be grant funded to deliver a support service for children and young people affected by substance misuse on an annual basis until March 2017.

4. REPORT ON THE FINDINGS OF THE CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN ON THE CHANGES TO THE WAY CHILDREN'S CENTRE SERVICES ARE DELIVERED

The Strategic Director – Children and Younger Adults informed Cabinet of the results of the consultation on the delivery of Children's Centre Services and to sought permission to consult on detailed proposals to:

- (a) close two Children's Centres and the associated services
- (b) close two Children's Centres, where the buildings were not fit for purpose, and transfer of services to other sites
- (c) relocate one Children's Centre's services to another site to promote more engagement of service users in a high area of need
- (d) reduce the opening hours and associated services of ten phase three centres

Decision

Cabinet (1) noted the findings from the Children's Centre review; (2) agreed the proposed timetable for the continuation of the review, including a three month period of consultation and Equality Impact Assessments on:

- (a) the proposed full closures of two centres at Ashbourne and Duffield;
- (b) the transfer of services at Castle Gresley and Langwith to two new sites where the current centres were not fit for purpose;
- (c) the transfer of service from a site at Gamesley where user engagement needed to improve, and
- (d) the reduction of opening hours for phase three centres from full-time to two days a week

and; (3) agreed to receive a further report following the consultation.

5. PROPOSED PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT ON CHANGES TO LOCAL BUS SUPPORT AND COMMUNITY TRANSPORT

The Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment sought approval for a public engagement exercise on local bus support and community transport.

Decision

Cabinet (1) approved the public engagement exercise on the usage of local supported bus services and community transport as detailed in the report; and (2) noted that a further report would be presented to Cabinet seeking approval to consult on proposed cuts to local supported bus services and community transport.

6. SUSTAINABLE DRAINAGE SYSTEMS – CAPABILITY AND CAPACITY BUILDING: GRANT AWARD

Cabinet considered a report of the Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment on the allocation of grant income, received for the purpose of building the capability and capacity of the Authority as the Sustainable Drainage Approval Body for Derbyshire, to an earmarked reserve. Cabinet was also asked to note an urgent decision of the Chief Executive to accept the grant offer.

Decision

Cabinet (1) noted the Chief Executive's decision to accept the grant offer from the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs to support the Authority's preparation for the implementation of Schedule 3 of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010 and the delivery of its duty as the Sustainable Drainage Approval Body for Derbyshire; and (2) approved that the grant received would be retained within an earmarked reserve for the purposes set out in the report.

7. DYNAMIC PURCHASING SYSTEM FOR TAXI AND SMALL VEHICLE SPECIALIST PASSENGER TRANSPORT SERVICES

The Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment sought approval for the establishment of a Dynamic Purchasing System to procure taxi and small vehicle specialist passenger transport services.

Decision

Cabinet approved the establishment of a Dynamic Purchasing System for taxi and small vehicle passenger transport services for four years as detailed in the report.

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8. REVIEW OF EQUALITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION IN THE DECISION-MAKING PROCESS

Cabinet considered the final report of the Improvement and Scrutiny Review of Equality, Diversity and Inclusion in the Decision-making Process.

Decision

Cabinet received the report and its recommendations.

9. REVIEW OF EQUALITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION IN THE RECRUITMENT AND SELECTION PROCESS

Cabinet considered the final report of the Improvement and Scrutiny Review of Equality, Diversity and Inclusion in the Recruitment and Selection Process.

Decision

Cabinet received the report and its recommendations.

10. BUDGET MONITORING 2014-15

The Director of Finance updated Cabinet on the latest budget monitoring position along with details of achieved savings during the year against the target savings of £29.885m as set out in the Revenue Budget report presented to Cabinet in January 2014.

Decision

Cabinet noted (1) the 2014-15 budget monitoring position as at 30 June 2014; and (2) the format of future budget monitoring reports as shown at Appendix 1 to the report.

11. CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING TO MONTH 3 2014-2015

The Director of Finance updated Cabinet on the latest budget monitoring position including details of the achieved savings during the year against the target savings of £29.885m set out in the Revenue Budget report in January 2014.

Decision

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

12. BUSINESS RATES POOLING

Cabinet considered a joint report of the Chief Executive and the Director of Finance on the contents and requirements of the Business Rates Retention, Pooling Prospectus 2015-16.

Decision

Cabinet (1) noted the contents and requirements of the Business Rates Retention, Pooling Prospectus 2015-16; and (2) agreed that, if

negotiations currently underway, indicated a benefit from entering pooling arrangements, then approval be given for the Chief Executive and the Director of Finance, acting as the S151 Officer (in consultation with the Leader of the Council), to submit an expression of interest to commence with a Business Rates Pool from 2015-16.

13. TREASURY MANAGEMENT

The Director of Finance advised Cabinet on Treasury Management activities during 2013-14 and to indicate the Council's compliance with the prudential indicators set by the Council in accordance with the terms of the Prudential Code for Capital Finance in Local Authorities.

Decision

Cabinet noted the annual report on Treasury Management for 2013-14

14. DERBYSHIRE ECONOMIC REVIEW – SEPTEMBER 2014

The Chief Executive presented the latest Quarterly Economic Review covering the period to September 2014.

Decision

Cabinet noted the information presented within the Review and that the findings would be used to support broader discussions and policy development work.

15. DIGITAL DERBYSHIRE

The Strategic Director - Economy, Transport and Environment reported on the progress of the Superfast Extension Programme (SEP) and sought approval to progress the Invitation to Tender under the Council's Financial Regulations (Protocol 2) for the delivery of the SEP.

Decision

Cabinet (1) noted the strong progress already made on delivering Digital Derbyshire and the increasing pressure from Government and other funding streams such as ERDF, to ensure timely delivery; (2) noted the potential call on the General Reserve should ERDF timescales prove unachievable; (3) noted specifically, the continuing development of the SEP and the urgent timescales for delivery; (4) agreed the delivery timescales for progressing and completing the Invitation to Tender for the Digital Derbyshire SEP through the BDUK procurement framework; (5) to receive further reports on progress of the SEP application and any subsequent

implementation; and (6) noted the next stage in the process for Cabinet approval would be upon completion of procurement to seek approval to award the contract.

16. STREETLIGHTING SERVICE INVEST TO SAVE PROPOSAL

The Strategic Director - Economy, Transport and Environment reported on the outcome of the public consultation on proposed changes to the Streetlighting Maintenance Policy and on the introduction of LED lights with dimming. Approval was also sought for an invest to save proposal and funding.

Decision

Cabinet (1) considered the responses to the public consultation on the proposal for a policy change to street lighting maintenance and the possible investment in LEDs and dimming of street lights, if funding was available, and the Equality Analysis; (2) 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 five to six metres; (3) approved the procurement of a contract to deliver the LED lighting project within a three year period and noted that a further report would be submitted to Cabinet for approval to award a contract; (4) confirmed that further part night lighting would not be implemented in urban areas and that invest to save funding would, instead, be used to install LEDs on reported street lamp failures for the remainder of 2014-15; (5) noted that there would be on-going monitoring and evaluation of any issues raised by residents following installation of LEDs and of new research to identify any impact on health; and (6) authorised the Cabinet Member for Jobs, Economy and Transport to consider a further report seeking approval to establish an additional post on a fixed-term basis to assist in the delivery of the invest to save project.

17. REPORT ON THE OUTCOME OF THE CONSULTATION REGARDING THE PROPOSAL FOR A SECOND PRIMARY SCHOOL IN HILTON

The Strategic Director – Children and Younger Adults reporting on the outcome of consultation on proposals that the developer provide a new primary school in Hilton to address pressures on existing provision caused by increased housing in the village. The report also sought approval to proceed with the development of a new school.

Decision

Cabinet (1) agreed to proceed to develop a new school in Hilton that would be one form of entry in size initially, but be capable of expansion to

two forms of entry as detailed in the report; and (2) to receive a further report on a proposed selection process to secure a sponsor.

18. REPORT ON THE OUTCOME OF THE CONSULTATION REGARDING THE PROPOSAL FOR A NEW PRIMARY SCHOOL IN CHELLASTON FIELDS

The Strategic Director – Children and Younger Adults reported on the outcome of consultation on a proposal to build a new primary school to serve the Chellaston Fields area and as a result, sought approval to build a new one form entry primary school.

Decision

Cabinet agreed to proceed with the proposal to open a new one form entry primary school at Chellaston Fields and that a paper be brought to Cabinet for approval, with details of the process of securing an academy sponsor, including selection criteria with a timescale that would allow the development to run in parallel with that at Hilton.

19. CAPITAL PROGRAMME FOR VOLUNTARY AIDED SCHOOLS – LOCAL AUTHORITY CO-ORDINATED VOLUNTARY AIDED PROGRAMME (LCVAP)

The Strategic Director – Children and Younger Adults informed Cabinet of projects to be included in the programme of capital works at Voluntary Aided schools for 2014-15.

Decision

Cabinet noted the projects to be included in the programme of LCVAP projects for 2014-15 with a total value of £1,423,676 as detailed in the report.

20. GLOSSOPDALE COMMUNITY COLLEGE – SINGLE SITE RE-ORGANISATION

The Strategic Director – Children and Younger Adults sought approval to undertake a statutory consultation on a proposal to reorganise Glossopdale Community College onto a single site, and to apply to the Department for Education for consent to dispose of the playing fields on one of the College sites.

Decision

Cabinet agreed to (1) undertake a statutory public consultation on a proposal to consolidate Glossopdale Community College onto a single site; (2) apply to the Secretary of State for consent to dispose of the playing fields on the College's Talbot Road for residential development; (3) the use of expected capital receipts of £9m from the disposal of Talbot Road and Talbot House sites towards the cost of a new school building on the Hadfield site; and (4) receive a further report to confirm the budget for the scheme when the statutory proposal was determined and more detail on the cost of the project was known.

21. UPDATE ON THE SOLAR PV CAPITAL FUND AND OTHER RENEWABLE ENERGY OPPORTUNITIES

The Strategic Director – Corporate Resources provided Cabinet with an overview of renewable energy installation opportunities available to County Council owned properties along with details of spend to date on Solar Photovoltaics (PV) installation and sought approval to use some of the allocated £500k for alternative renewable energy installation opportunities.

Decision

Cabinet (1) agreed to remove the ring-fenced allocation of £0.2m for corporate sites and £0.3m schools, to allow for more flexibility and greater financial benefits; (2) agreed to extend the scope of funding to enable alternative renewable opportunities to be considered; (3) noted the potential of capitalising on the availability of the Renewable Heat Incentive through eligible schemes; and (4) noted that any future ground-mounted solar PV proposals would be subject to feasibility and business cases would be presented to Cabinet for consideration.

22. DERBYSHIRE ADULT COMMUNITY EDUCATION SERVICE FEES POLICY FOR PERIOD 2014-17

The Strategic Director – Children and Younger Adults sought Cabinet approval, in principle and subject to consultation, for the following proposed changes to the Derbyshire Adult Education Fees Policy for the period cover Financial Year 2015-16 to Financial Year 2017-18, which could result in above inflation increases on course fees.

In addition, approval was also sought, in principle and subject to consultation, to setting proposed maximum values for fees to enable differentiated charging:

- (a) to encourage new learners into provision; and

(b) to reflect local variations in the community profiles and the ability to pay.

Decision

Cabinet approved in principle the following proposals, subject to consultation with key stakeholders; (1) Derbyshire Adult Education Fees Policy for the period covering Financial Year 2015-16 to Financial Year 2017-18, which would result in above inflation increases on course fees; (2) maximum values for fees be set to enable differentiated charging:

- (a) to encourage new learners into provision; and
- (b) to reflect local variations in the community profiles and the ability to pay.

(3) an automatic, inflationary increase be applied on all maximum fee values in line with Retail Price Index (RPI) each year; and (4) to receive a further report to Cabinet detailing any amendments to the proposals contained within this report as a result of the consultation with key stakeholders and the completion of the equality analysis.

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23. ALLOCATION OF FUNDING FROM THE POTHOLE FUND

The Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment sought approval to accept grant funding from Government for fixing potholes on Derbyshire roads.

Decision

Cabinet authorized (1) the acceptance of a grant of £2,480,658 to repair potholes in the local road network; and (2) the Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment to decide the programme of works following discussion with the Cabinet Member for Jobs, Economy and Transport.

24. SUBSTANCE MISUSE (DRUGS) ADULT TREATMENT CONTRACT EXTENSION

The Director of Public Health sought approval, under Protocol 10 of Financial Regulations, to extend the Substance Misuse (Drugs) Adult Treatment Contract currently provided by Derbyshire Healthcare Foundation Trust, for one year to 31 March 2016.

Decision

Cabinet (1) approved the contract extension for a further year to 31 March 2016; and (2) noted the intention to bring a further report and recommendation for approval within twelve months regarding the potential final year's extension to 31 March 2017, dependent on provider performance.

25. HEALTH VISITING AND FAMILY NURSE PARTNERSHIP SERVICES – TRANSFER TO LOCAL AUTHORITY OCTOBER 2015

To inform Cabinet about the on-going arrangements for transition of commissioning responsibilities for the Health Visiting and Family Nurse Partnership services from NHS England to Derbyshire County Council in October 2015, to seek approval for the transfer of these contracts and associated funding to the local authority at that time, and to provide an update on plans to develop the new Public Health Nursing and Prevention Service for Derbyshire.

Decision

Cabinet (1) noted the work underway to plan for the transfer of commissioning responsibilities for health visiting and the Family Nurse Partnership from NHS England to Derbyshire County Council; (2) approved the transfer of these contracts and associated funding from NHS England to the local authority in October 2015; and (3) noted the related work underway to re-procure the new Derbyshire Public Health Nursing and Prevention Service which would be subject to a further report.

26. RESPONSES TO THE CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED CLOSURE OF SOUTHLANDS HOME FOR OLDER PEOPLE

The Acting Strategic Director – Adult Care informed Cabinet of the responses to the consultation on the proposed closure of Southlands Home for Older People in Long Eaton and of the outcomes of the Equality Impact Analysis carried out in respect of the proposal. Approval was also sought to consult with residents and their carers on how individual resident's needs could be best met in alternative accommodation; consult with staff on future employment opportunities as a result of the proposed closure; and proceed with the closure of the home, to allow the site to be sold and the proceeds from the sale to be used to offset the costs of the Accommodation, Care and Support Strategy.

Decision

Cabinet (1) gave careful consideration to the outcome of the consultation on the future of Southlands Home for Older People and the Equality Impact Analysis' (2) approved the closure of the Southlands Home for Older People and the disposal of the site once it was no longer required as a residential home; (3) Subject to (2) above, to approve the work with residents and family carers to commence enabling residents to move to new accommodation within the next nine months and for this work to be carried out in accordance with the pledges made and the Major Change Guidance, and; (4) approve formal consultation with staff and trade unions representing staff at Southlands Home for Older People.

27. ELVASTON CASTLE COUNTRY PARK REPORT

Cabinet considered a joint report of the Strategic Director - Corporate Resources and the Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment which sought approval to the recommendation of the Elvaston Castle and Country Park Working Party for the formation of an advisory Elvaston Castle Development Board.

Decision

Cabinet (1) approved the formation of an advisory Elvaston Castle Development Board to:

- (a) provide input and advice to the Council in the early strategic initiation, delivery and implementation of the 10 year Vision and Plan for Elvaston Castle and Estate, and;
- (b) act as advocate for the proposed single management body for Elvaston Castle and Estate and to work towards the creation of the single management body with a County Council Elected Member trustee for at least the period that Derbyshire County Council continue to put funding into the Estate's activities.

(2) approved that the proposed membership of the Development Board should also include a representative of the Elvaston Parish Council; and (3) noted that the costs associated with the Development Board would be met from the existing allocation for external legal and other support, and that further additional funding may be needed to resource external legal and other support to complete the project.

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 – 30 September, 21 October and 4 November 2014.

RECOMMENDATION

That the report be noted.

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Leader of the Council**