

**PUBLIC
DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

ITEM No. 11

COUNCIL MEETING

3 June 2015

REPORT FROM CABINET

Purpose of the Report

To provide information to the Council on issues considered by the Cabinet at meetings held on 14 April and 5 and 26 May 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 2 June 2015.

Information and Analysis

14 April 2015

1. REVIEW OF CREDIT UNIONS IN DERBYSHIRE

Cabinet considered the final report and recommendations of the Review of Credit Unions in Derbyshire undertaken by the Improvement and Scrutiny Committee – Resources.

Decision

Cabinet (1) received the report of the Improvement and Scrutiny Committee; (2) accepted the recommendations contained within the report; and (3) noted that progress reports would be presented to the Improvement and Scrutiny Committee - Resources at strategic intervals through the completed action plan which was to be provided to the Improvement and Scrutiny Committee within two months.

2. DERBYSHIRE ECONOMIC REVIEW

The Chief Executive presented the Quarterly Economic Review to March 2015.

Decision

Cabinet noted the report.

3. DERBYSHIRE CHALLENGE FUND BID FOR GROUND MOUNTED SOLAR PV DEVELOPMENT WORK

The Chief Executive sought approval for a bid to The Derbyshire Challenge Fund to finance development costs for the proposed ground mounted solar PV projects.

Decision

Cabinet approved the Derbyshire Challenge Fund bid for £125,000 to finance development costs for the proposed ground mounted solar PV schemes.

4. SOULBURY PAY AGREEMENT 2014-16

Cabinet considered a joint report of the Strategic Director of Children and Younger Adults and the Director of Human Resources on the Soulbury pay agreement for 2014-2016.

Decision

Cabinet noted the application of the 2.2% pay agreement with effect from 1 March 2015 to 31 August 2016.

5. SHARED PARENTAL LEAVE AND PAY

The Strategic Director – Corporate Resources and the Director of Human Resources reported on the implementation of Shared Parental Leave and Pay and to agree guidance for managers.

Decision

Cabinet (1) noted the changes in legislation to enable employees to take Shared Parental Leave and agreed the proposed Guidance as attached at Appendix A to the report; and (2) agreed to review the Guidance in twelve months.

6. ADULT COMMUNITY EDUCATION SERVICE PAY OFFER 2014-16

Cabinet considered a joint report of the Strategic Director of Children and Younger Adults and the Director of Human Resources to agree a 2.2% pay offer for 2014/16, effective from 1 March 2015, for Joint Negotiating Committee (JNC) Derbyshire Adult Community Education Service employees.

Decision

Cabinet agreed the pay offer of 2.2% for JNC Derbyshire Adult Community Education Service employees.

5 May 2015

7. SUSTAINABLE ENERGY – GROUND MOUNTED SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC (PV) INSTALLATIONS

The Chief Executive informed Cabinet of the outcome of the public consultation on proposals for ground mounted solar PV installations on six Council owned sites and sought approval to submit full planning applications for the preferred sites. The report also provided details of a joint procurement approach being developed in conjunction with Northumberland County Council.

Decision

Cabinet (1) Considered the responses to the public consultation on proposed ground mounted solar PV installations on six Council owned sites; (2) noted the financial models for the project and that detailed business cases would be submitted to Cabinet in autumn 2015; (3) approved the submission of full planning applications for;

- Former Swanwick Colliery Reclamation Land
- Former Williamthorpe Colliery Land
- Land at Mansfield Road, Temple Normanton
- Westthorpe Hills (Westthorpe Colliery)
- Pye Bridge Recreation Area

(4) approved the County Council's participation in the joint procurement exercise to establish a framework of contractors for local authority ground mounted solar PV schemes being led by Northumberland County Council; and (5) noted that Corporate Management Team would act as the overarching governance group for the project.

8. CHARGING FOR RESIDENTIAL CARE

The Strategic Director – Adult Care, advised Cabinet of an urgent decision taken by the Chief Executive in relation to charges for residential care under the provisions of the Care Act 2014.

Decision

Cabinet noted the report.

9. INDEPENDENT SECTOR CARE HOME FEES 2015-16

The Strategic Director – Adult Care sought approval to:

- Increase the rate paid to independent sector care homes for the financial year 2015-16 by £11.76 per week as detailed in Appendix 3 to the report;
- Make an inflationary payment of up to 2% where the provider could evidence their increase in costs for specialist care home placements;
- Introduce an additional Dementia Fee of £36.96 per week;
- Increase the rate to £33.02 per session for a day care placement in a care home; and
- Commence a review of the Quality Premium Scheme with the involvement of representatives of the Derbyshire Care Providers Association and other individual home owners who expressed a wish to be involved.

Decision

Cabinet approved (1) the proposed fee increases for independent sector care homes for the financial years 2015-16 by £11.76 per week as detailed in Appendix 3 to the report; (2) the payment of up to 2% inflation for specialist care home placements where evidence was provided of inflationary pressures; (3) the introduction of a Dementia Fee of £36.96 per week; (4) the payment of £33.02 per day session for a day care placement in a care home; and (5) a review of the Quality Premium Scheme with the involvement of representatives of the Derbyshire Care Home Providers Association and other individual home owners who expressed a wish to be involved.

10. CREATION OF EARMARKED RESERVES

The Strategic Director – Children and Younger Adults sought approval to create earmarked reserves in respect of a number of children and younger adult services. The reserves related to:

- Citizens' Advice Bureaux
- Support for SAP in schools - Staffing
- Support for SAP in schools - Development Fund
- School Improvement Advisors
- Children's Centres
- Starting Point
- Traded Services

- Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs - Audit of Accounts Payable

The total value of the earmarked reserves was £3.453m.

Decision

Cabinet approved the creation of earmarked reserves as detailed in the report.

11. HILTON PRIMARY SCHOOL: ALLOCATION OF FUNDING FOR ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS

The Strategic Director – Children and Younger Adults requested approval for the expenditure of Section 106 monies for Hilton Primary School.

Decision

Cabinet approved the allocation of £91,093 of Section 106 funding to assess improvements at Hilton Primary School.

12. DERBYSHIRE YOUTH COUNCIL UPDATE

The Strategic Director – Children and Younger Adults updated Cabinet on the work of Derbyshire Youth Council (DYC) and in particular the outcomes of the DYC Conference on Saturday 14 March 2015.

Decision

Cabinet noted the report.

26 May 2015

13. REVIEW OF HIGHWAY INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE PROCEDURES

Cabinet considered the final report of the Improvement and Scrutiny Committee – Places on the review of Highway Inspection and Maintenance Procedures.

Decision

Cabinet (1) noted the report; (2) agreed to respond to the Committee within two months indicating which recommendations it accepted; and; (3) noted that, as recommendations are implemented, progress would be

monitored by the Improvement and Scrutiny Committee - Places at strategic intervals through the completed action plan to be provided to the Committee within two months of the date of this report.

14. RECRUITMENT OF STRATEGIC DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN AND YOUNGER ADULTS

The Chief Executive reported on the proposed arrangements for recruitment to the established post of Strategic Director – Children and Younger Adults.

Decision

Cabinet approved (1) the process for recruiting to the post of Strategic Director – Children and Younger Adults; and (2) the proposed internal recruitment of a temporary Strategic Director – Children and Younger Adults until 31 March 2016 or the appointment of an established Strategic Director – Children and Younger Adults.

15. TRANSFORMATION CHALLENGE AWARD 2015-16

The Chief Executive reported details of the Derbyshire Transformation Challenge Award 2015-2016 Programme.

Decision

Cabinet (1) acknowledged the receipt of the Transformation Challenge Award Grant; and (2) noted the details of the Transformation Challenge Award Programme for 2015-16 and the allocations made to date.

16. YOUTH AND COMMUNITY PAY AGREEMENT 2014-16

The Strategic Directors of Children and Younger Adults and Corporate Resources advised Cabinet of the pay agreement for 2014-2016.

Decision

Cabinet noted the application of the Youth and Community pay agreement from 1 March 2015 to 31 August 2016.

17. DERBYSHIRE PRISONS PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT 2013-2016

The Strategic Director – Health and Communities advised Cabinet of the current arrangements until 31 March 2016, for the delivery of integrated substance misuse services for adults for adults in prisons.

Decision

Cabinet noted the current agreement for the provision of integrated substance misuse services in Derbyshire prisons.

18. INDEPENDENT ADVOCACY FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT

The Strategic Director – Adult Care sought approval to undertake a procurement exercise to establish a multi-supplier framework agreement for the provision of independent advocacy services.

Decision

Cabinet approved the procurement exercise to establish a multi-supplier framework agreement for the provision of independent advocacy services.

19. DAY CARE AND SUPPORT SERVICE FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT

The Strategic Director – Adult Care sought approval to undertake a procurement exercise to establish a multi-supplier framework agreement for the provision of a day care and community based support service for adults.

Decision

Cabinet approved a procurement exercise to establish a multi-supplier framework agreement for the provision of a day care and community based support service for adults.

20. PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE B_LINE CONCESSIONARY FARES SCHEME

The Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment reported on the outcome of the recent consultation on proposed changes to the b_line scheme and to sought approval to implement changes to the scheme with effect from 1 August 2015. As a result of the changes, it would

also be necessary to update the Post 16 Transport Policy Statement in the prior to its publication on 31 May 2015.

Decision

Cabinet (1) noted the outcome of the recent consultation and Equality Impact Analysis process; (2) approved the implementation of changes to the b_line scheme from 1 August 2015, as follows:

- extend the availability of b_line2 cards to all 16, 17 and 18 year-olds in Derbyshire
- withdraw the b_line2 travel discount for under 16s.
- reduce the level of discount available to holders of b_line2 cards from 33% to 25%;

(3) approved the changes to the Post 16 Transport Policy; and (4) agreed that due to the circumstances set out in the report, call-in should be waived.

21. TOTAL TRANSPORT PILOT FUND – GRANT TO IMPLEMENT A CROSS-SECTOR APPROACH TO THE DELIVERY OF SUPPORTED PASSENGER TRANSPORT SERVICES

The Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment requested approval for the acceptance of a Government grant from the Department for Transport for the Total Transport Pilot Fund to be used to investigate the scope for integrating passenger transport services commissioned and provided by different agencies and operators.

Decision

Cabinet (1) accepted the Department for Transport Total Transport Pilot Fund grant of £164,000 for the 'Total Transport Derbyshire' Project; and (2) noted that progress reports on the Project would be submitted to the Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Infrastructure on a regular basis.

22. DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL'S RESIDENTS' PARKING POLICY

The Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment reported on proposals to introduce a revised Residents' Parking Policy as detailed in Appendix A to the report and for the policy to be included in the Network Management Plan.

Decision

Cabinet approved the new Residents' Parking Policy as set out in Appendix A to the report and that it be included in the Highway Network Management Plan.

23. POTENTIAL GROWTH DEAL PROJECTS

The Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment sought approval to the carrying out of preparatory work on Derbyshire projects to maximise their chance of success in the allocation of future Growth Deal funding.

Decision

Cabinet (1) authorised preparatory work to be undertaken (in-house or through professional consultancy services) on the Ashbourne Airfield, Mill Lane (Avenue Site) and Peak Resort cycling links projects; (2) authorised the Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment and the Director of Property to proceed with securing planning consent for the Woodville-Swadlincote Regeneration Route and with negotiations over land assembly; (3) noted that a further report would be submitted to Cabinet in due course concerning the acquisition of land for the Woodville-Swadlincote Regeneration Route; and (4) authorised costs incurred against development of the schemes on (1) and (2) above to be met from the Economy, Transport and Environment Department's Service Plan 2015 – 2016 Scheme Number 02 08 01.

24. PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE COUNTRYSIDE CAR PARK ORDER (WILLINGTON PICNIC SITE)

The Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment reported on the process of making an amendment to the Off-Street Parking places order covering the Authority's countryside car parks to allow for the levying of car park charges at Willington Picnic Site.

Decision

Cabinet (1) approved that a consultation and other procedures for making the Off-Street Parking Places Order, under sections 32 and 35 of the Road Traffic Act 1984 for Willington Picnic Site, be commenced; and (2) noted that a report with the results of the consultation would be presented to a future Cabinet meeting.

25. SCHOOLS DEVOLVED FORMULA CAPITAL 2015-2016

The Strategic Director – Children and Younger Adults reported on the Government's Devolved Formula Capital grant allocation for 2015-16 totalling £2,465,953.

Decision

Cabinet approved (1) the incorporation of the 2015-2016 DFC grant totalling £2,465,953 onto the Children and Younger Adults Capital Programme; and (2) individual DFC allocations for 2015-2016 being confirmed to schools and support centres, as detailed in the Appendix to the report.

26. CAPITAL FUNDING TO SUPPORT THE PROVISION OF FREE ENTITLEMENT EARLY YEARS PLACES FOR ELIGIBLE TWO YEAR OLDS IN SCHOOLS

The Strategic Director – Children and Younger Adults sought approval to allocate a budget for the provision of additional classroom space to accommodate up to 40 eligible two year olds in Aldecar Infant School, Mary Swanwick Primary School and Larklands Infant and Nursery School, all of which were located in the areas of greatest under-supply of places for two year olds.

Decision

Cabinet approved the allocation of budgets to three schemes in order to meet the Council's statutory duty to ensure there were sufficient high quality places to meet the needs of eligible two year olds and that these schemes be added to the 2015-2016 Capital Programme.

27. RECLAIMING SOCIAL WORK AND PREVENTING FAMILY BREAKDOWN PROGRAMME

The Strategic Director – Children and Younger Adults asked Cabinet to note progress regarding the successful bid for ring-fenced Government funding for the Reclaiming Social Work and Preventing Family Breakdown Programme from the National Innovations Unit, the proposals for its use and to agree the creation of an earmarked reserve.

Decision

Cabinet (1) noted the successful bid for ring-fenced Government funding via the Innovations Unit and related work; and (2) approved the creation of an earmarked reserve.

28. APPROVAL TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR THE FIRST PHASE OF A REPLACEMENT SCHOOL FOR ALDECAR COMMUNITY LANGUAGE COLLEGE

Cabinet considered a joint report of the Strategic Director – Children and Younger Adults and the Director of Property which sought approval to award a contract for Phase 1 of a replacement school at Aldercar Community Language College and to agree to call-in being waived in order to avoid delay.

Decision

Cabinet: (1) approved the Council entering into a contract with Henry Brothers (Magherafelt) Ltd to undertake construction of a new school at Aldercar Community Language College; (2) agreed to waive call-in for the reasons set out in the report.

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 – 14 April and 5 and 26 May 2015.

RECOMMENDATION

That the report be noted.

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Leader of the Council**