

**DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**COUNCIL MEETING**

**5 December 2018**

**REPORT FROM CABINET**

**Purpose of the Report**

To provide information to the Council on issues considered by the Cabinet at meetings held on 20 September, 11 October and 8 November 2018 and to enable Members to ask related questions.

Members may submit questions on the report to the Director of Legal Services by 12 noon on 4 December 2018.

**Information and Analysis**

**20 September 2018**

**1. PREPARATION OF BUDGET 2019-20**

The Director of Finance and ICT sought Cabinet approval for the proposed timetable for the Council's 2019-20 budget preparation and procedures and the associated consultation arrangements.

**Decision**

Cabinet (1) approved the timetable for completion of the 2019-20 budget, including arrangements for consultation with stakeholders and the carrying out of an initial equality impact assessment; (2) noted the proposals for reviewing and updating the Five Year Financial Plan; and (3) noted the arrangements for reviewing Earmarked Reserves and updating the General Reserve projections.

**2. RESERVES POSITION**

The Director of Finance and ICT asked Cabinet to note the current and forecast positions for both General and Earmarked Reserves and to approve the Reserves Policy.

## **Decision**

Cabinet (1) noted the current position on Earmarked Reserves; (2) noted the details of the balances to be released from Earmarked Reserve balances; (3) approved the allocation of £4.329m Earmarked Reserves released to the Budget Management Earmarked Reserve; (4) approved the allocation of the forecast business rates 100% retention gains as follows: (a) £6.000m to the Budget Management Earmarked Reserve; (b) £6.855m to the Business Rates Pool Earmarked Reserve; (c) £0.630m to a Business Rates Appeals Earmarked Reserve; and (d) £4.299m to a Business Rates Strategic Investment Fund Earmarked Reserve.

### **3. BUSINESS RATES POOLING**

The Director of Finance and ICT provided an update in respect of the Council's participation in the 100% Business Rates Retention pilot in 2018-19 and to provide details of the Government's invitation to local authorities to pilot 75% Business Rates Retention in 2019-20.

## **Decision**

Cabinet (1) noted the updated forecast gain in respect of the Council's participation in the 100% Business Rates Retention pilot in 2018-19; (2) noted the contents and requirements of the invitation to pilot 75% Business Rates Retention in 2020-21; and (3) granted approval for the Director of Finance and ICT, in his capacity as the Council's S.151 Officer and in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Strategic Leadership, Culture and Tourism, to submit an expression of interest to proceed with a 75% Business Rates Pool pilot application for 2019-20.

### **4. FINANCIAL STRATEGY**

The Director of Finance and ICT sought approval to the Council's Financial Strategy.

## **Decision**

Cabinet approved the Financial Strategy.

### **5. FIVE YEAR FINANCIAL PLAN**

The Director of Finance and ICT recommended that Cabinet recommend to Council, that it approves the updated Five Year Financial Plan for the period 2018-19 to 2022-23, notes the uncertainty and risks set out in the report along with the budget reductions forecast to be required to help balance the budget over the medium-term.

## **Decision**

Cabinet (1) approved the Five Year Financial Plan; (2) noted the uncertainty and risks set out in the report; and (3) noted the budget reduction proposals set out in the report.

### **6. TREASURY MANAGEMENT ANNUAL REPORT 2017-18**

The Director of Finance and ICT reported on Treasury Management activities during the last financial year 2017-2018 and to indicate the Council's compliance with the prudential indicators set by Council at its meeting of 8 February 2017, in accordance with the terms of the Prudential Code for Capital Finance in Local Authorities.

## **Decision**

Cabinet noted the Treasury Management Annual Report 2017-18 and noted the Council's compliance with the prudential indicators set by Council for 2017-18, in accordance with the terms of the Prudential Code for Capital Finance in Local Authorities.

### **7. LOANS TO SUPPORT CAPITAL EXPENDITURE AT THE ROYAL DERBY HOSPITAL**

The Director of Finance and ICT sought agreement in principle three medium-term loans to D-Hive Ltd, a fully owned subsidiary of the University Hospitals of Derby and Burton NHS Foundation Trust, to support capital expenditure at the Royal Derby Hospital.

## **Decision**

Cabinet (1) agreed in principle three medium-term loans over ten years to DHive Ltd, a fully owned subsidiary of the University Hospitals of Derby and Burton NHS Foundation Trust, as follows: (a) £1.8m loan for a staff car park on Manor Road; (b) £9.8m loan for a multi-storey visitor car park; and (c) £2.4m loan for an additional operating theatre; and (2) to receive further reports once details of the three loans had been finalised.

### **8. ONE PUBLIC ESTATE: SHIREBROOK JOINT SERVICES HUB, FEASIBILITY STUDY TO EXPLORE COLOCATION OPPORTUNITIES ACROSS THE PUBLIC SECTOR IN SHIREBROOK**

The Strategic Director - Commissioning, Communities and Policy sought approval to undertake a feasibility study which would consider the viability of developing a joint multi agency service hub in Shirebrook and for the Council to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the partnership.

## **Decision**

Cabinet (1) approved that a feasibility study is undertaken to consider the viability of developing a joint multi agency service hub in Shirebrook and for the Council to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the partnership organisations involved; and (2) noted that a further report be submitted to Cabinet when the results of the feasibility study were available.

### **9. REVIEW OF HIGHWAYS CAPITAL BUDGETS**

The Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment informed Cabinet of the final allocation of capital grants from the Department for Transport towards highways and local transport in Derbyshire, to sought approval to make a contribution from earmarked reserves to fund capital expenditure relating to fees on highways projects and to amend the Capital Programme accordingly.

## **Decision**

Cabinet (1) noted the final allocation of capital grants from the Department for Transport towards highways and local transport in Derbyshire; (2) approved the addition to the Capital Programme of £1,513,943 for the Flood Resilience grant funding; (3) approved the addition of up to £500,000 to the Capital Programme for fees on Highways Infrastructure projects, funded from Economy, Transport and Environment Department's earmarked reserve; and (4) approved the virement of budget between the Highways Infrastructure projects, detailed in Appendix C, as required to ensure that the fee budget within each of these projects was sufficient to meet the anticipated fees expenditure

### **10. REIMBURSEMENT OF STOP SMOKING PHARMACOTHERAPY PRODUCT COSTS**

The Director of Public Health sought approval to reimburse the four Derbyshire Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs), for the costs of stop smoking pharmacotherapy products available on prescription only throughout 2018-19.

## **Decision**

Cabinet approved the reimbursement of prescription only smoking cessation pharmacotherapy product costs to the four Derbyshire CCGs to a maximum cost of £0.335m.

## **11. AWARD OF FUNDING TO EXTEND DELIVERY OF THE RAISING ASPIRATIONS PROGRAMME**

The Director of Public Health requested approval to grant-fund £0.231m to Bolsover District Council to extend the delivery of the Raising Aspirations project in selected schools across Derbyshire for a period of two years from September 2018.

### **Decision**

Cabinet approved that £0.231m be grant-funded to Bolsover District Council to enable Bolsover Partnership to extend the delivery of the Raising Aspirations Project within selected schools across Derbyshire for two academic years from September 2018.

## **12. URGENT DECISION TAKEN BY THE STRATEGIC DIRECTOR - CHILDREN'S SERVICES TO APPROVE THE PROCUREMENT OF THIRD-PARTY APPRENTICESHIP PROVIDERS FOR THE DIRECT DELIVERY OF LEVY-FUNDED APPRENTICES FOR THE COUNCIL**

The Strategic Director – Children's Services asked Cabinet to note the urgent decision taken by the Strategic Director for Children's Services in accordance with the Council's Constitution, to approve the procurement of third-party apprenticeship providers for the direct delivery of levy-funded apprentices for the Council.

### **Decision**

Cabinet noted the report.

## **13. CONVERSION OF MAINTAINED SCHOOLS TO ACADEMY STATUS**

The Strategic Director – Children's Services updated Cabinet on the steps taken to facilitate maintained schools in adopting Academy status and confirm approval to undertake the necessary administrative measures for future conversions. Approval was also sought to revise the charges currently levied in respect of work undertaken by the Authority to facilitate conversions.

### **Decision**

Cabinet (1) noted the progress of academy status within Derbyshire; (2) approved the Council entering into any Commercial Transfer Agreement, lease, sublease, licence or other document that is required and any surrender of an existing lease that may be required in respect of all academy conversions within Derbyshire; (3) approved the revised charges as detailed in the report; and (4) authorised both the Strategic Directors for Children's Services and

Commissioning, Communities and Policy to revise the charges in individual cases, where they deemed this reasonable.

#### 14. CHILDREN'S SERVICES CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2018-19 – S106 PROJECT ALLOCATIONS

The Strategic Director – Children's Services informed Cabinet of the receipt and availability of recent Section 106 developer contributions; sought approval to the allocation of those contributions to projects in line with the individual Section 106 agreements, and, where appropriate, for procurement exercises be undertaken to commission services and undertake works associated with the schemes.

##### **Decision**

Cabinet (1) noted the receipt/availability of S106 funding and approved allocations to the projects outlined in Appendix A to the report: (a) Chellaston Academy: £508,67; (b) Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School: £174,565; (c) Wirksworth Junior School: £35,958; (d) Riddings Junior School: £45,607; (e) Stenson Fields Primary School: £225,834; (f) Chapel-en-le-Frith High School: £124,194; and (2) approved that where appropriate, procurement exercises be undertaken to commission services and undertake works associated with the schemes.

#### 15. CHILDREN'S SERVICES CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2018-19 – FURTHER ALLOCATIONS AND REFUNDS

The Strategic Director – Children's Services asked Cabinet to note allocations approved under delegated powers by the Strategic Director for Children's Services and by the Children's Services Head of Development, to approve further allocations from the Children's Services Capital Programme 2018-19. To also note Section 106 payments received from housing developer contributions as refunds to the Capital Programme and a refund to the Capital Programme of a previously approved but unallocated sum.

##### **Decision**

Cabinet (1) retrospectively noted the allocations by the Strategic Director - Children's Services and the Children's Services Head of Development; (2) noted the Section 106 payments received as refunds to the Capital Programme and the Capital Programme approved but not allocated sum refunded to the Capital programme; and (3) approved further allocations to projects from the 2018-19 Capital Programme.

## 16. POOLED BUDGET FOR CHILDREN WITH COMPLEX NEEDS

The Strategic Director – Children’s Services sought Cabinet approval for the continuation of an agreement with a pooled budget arrangement between the Council and the four Derbyshire Clinical Commissioning Groups – North Derbyshire, South Derbyshire, Hardwick and Erewash, to provide and fund support packages for children and young people with complex needs, for the period October 2018 to 30 September 2019. Approval was also sought to delegate to the Strategic Director - Children’s Services, the authority to agree any further extensions to the agreement for periods of up to a maximum of two further years: to 30 September 2021.

### **Decision**

Cabinet (1) gave approval for the Authority to enter into a Section 75 agreement with pooled budget arrangement with the four Derbyshire Clinical Commissioning Groups for a further period of twelve months, in order to provide and fund support packages for children and young people with complex needs, whilst carrying out a review of current processes and placements; and (2) awarded the Strategic Director - Children’s Services authority to agree the arrangement continuing for a further period of up to two years if required.

## 17. CHILDCARE SUFFICIENCY ASSESSMENT

The Strategic Director – Children’s Services, in line with the Statutory Guidance for Local Authorities (June 2018), presented the annual report to Elected Members on how the Council was meeting its duty to secure sufficient childcare.

### **Decision**

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

## 18. REVIEW OF THE SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL SERVICE

The Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment requested approval to not undertake a review of the School Crossing Patrol service and to maintain the current arrangements which were agreed by Cabinet in July 2015.

### **Decision**

Cabinet (1) agreed not to undertake a review of the School Crossing Patrol service and to maintain current levels of the School Crossing Patrol service in line with the decision taken by Cabinet in July 2015; and (2)

requested the Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment identifies alternative ways of delivering the £300,000 saving originally allocated to the School Crossing Patrol service for 2019-20 onwards, as part of the overall departmental savings programme.

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### **19. CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING TO MONTH 3 2018-2019**

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

#### **Decision**

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

### **20. REVIEW OF ORGANISATION DEVELOPMENT AND HUMAN RESOURCE DELIVERY MODEL TO SUPPORT THE COUNCIL'S STRATEGIC PRIORITIES**

The Strategic Director - Commissioning, Communities and Policy sought approval to proposals for reviewing current Human Resources (HR) structures across the Council to create a single Organisation Development (OD) and HR function that:

- Had capacity to help deliver the staffing changes needed to achieve the budget reduction programme over the medium-term
- Had capacity to support the transformational change required to become an Enterprising Council.
- Provided an efficient and business focussed support service on all people management issues across Council.
- Delivered identified budget savings across OD and HR by 2019-20 with potential opportunity for further savings.

#### **Decision**

Cabinet approved the proposals set out in the report for reviewing OD and HR priorities and structures and implementing a single Council-wide OD and HR function.

### **21. DERBYSHIRE ADULT COMMUNITY EDUCATION SERVICE PAY OFFER 2018-20**

The Strategic Director - Commissioning, Communities and Policy sought approval to a two year pay offer for Derbyshire Adult Community Education Service employees for 2018-19 and 2019-20.



## **Decision**

Cabinet approved adoption of the Adult Community Education Service pay offer resulting in the pay scales set out in Appendix 1 to the report, for the period from 1 September 2018 to 31 August 2020 and that call-in be waived.

### **22. ILKESTON GATEWAY**

The Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment requested approval to add three cycling infrastructure improvements to the Capital Programme following realignment of Derby, Derbyshire, Nottingham, Nottinghamshire (D2N2) Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) funding and agree a further allocation of grant funding to the Canal and Rivers Trust to upgrade Erewash Canal towpath.

## **Decision**

Cabinet approved (1) the addition of three cycle routes, as part of Ilkeston Gateway proposals, to the Capital Programme to ensure agreed outputs for sustainable transport could be met as detailed, and (2) a total additional allocation of £236k from the Derby, Derbyshire, Nottingham and Nottinghamshire (D2N2) Sustainable Travel Programme to the Canal and Rivers Trust for a third phase of upgrades to the Erewash Canal towpath between A609 Nottingham Road and Hallam Fields Road.

### **23. INVESTMENT STRATEGY AND ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FOR A61 GROWTH CORRIDOR**

The Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment sought Cabinet approval of the Investment Strategy for the A61 Growth Corridor and acceptance of Derby, Derbyshire, Nottingham, Nottinghamshire Local Enterprise Partnership (D2N2 LEP) pre-compliance grant funding to support preparation and implementation of this Strategy.

## **Decision**

Cabinet approved (1) in principle, to implement the revised A61 Growth Corridor Investment Strategy and financial profile, as set out in Table 2 of this report, subject to the provisional £12.8m Local Growth Fund grant offer being approved by the Derby, Derbyshire, Nottingham, Nottinghamshire Local Enterprise Partnership (D2N2 LEP) and securing a minimum £3.2m local contribution, (2) to the addition of the proposed Chesterfield Station Masterplan and 21<sup>st</sup> Century Transport corridor projects to the 2018-19 Capital Programme, and retention of The Avenue Southern Access, A61 Whittington

Moor Roundabout improvement and Standard Gauge for Sustainable Travel Programme projects in the Capital Programme, (3) to the acceptance of £2.112m pre-compliance grant funding from the D2N2 LEP for the projects listed in this report to support preparation and development, land assembly and business case preparation and implementation of 'early starts', and (4) to delegate authority to the Strategic Director - Economy, Transport and Environment to make necessary adjustments to the Investment Strategy and financial profile the A61 Growth Corridor Programme where these could be contained within the overall gross budget and annual commitments.

#### **24. DERBY AND DERBYSHIRE ANNUAL CASUALTY REPORT 2017**

The Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment reported on the Derby and Derbyshire Annual Casualty Report 2017 and to requested approval for the wider publication of the report, both electronic and printed form.

##### **Decision**

Cabinet (1) noted the current trends in road casualties as reported in the 'Derby and Derbyshire Annual Casualty Report 2017', and (2) approved its wider publication both in electronic and printed form.

#### **25. SAFER ROADS FUND: A619 BAKEWELL TO BASLOW – ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FROM THE DEPARTMENT FOR TRANSPORT**

The Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment sought approval to accept a grant of £1.180m from the Department for Transport's Safer Roads Fund to improve road safety on the A619 between Baslow and Bakewell, and to add the scheme to the 2018-19 Capital Programme.

##### **Decision**

Cabinet (1) accepted the £1.180m grant from the Department for Transport, (2) approved the addition of the £1.180m scheme to the 2018-19 Capital Programme, and (3) authorised the Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment, following consultation with the Cabinet Member - Highways, Transport and Infrastructure, to access suitable procurement frameworks, to enable the design and construction of the scheme.

#### **26. HOUSING AND ACCOMMODATION FOR AN AGEING POPULATION: A STRATEGIC VISION FOR DERBYSHIRE TO 2035**

The Strategic Director – Adult Social Care and Health requested Cabinet approval for:

- The recommendations in the 'Housing and Accommodation for an Ageing Population – a Strategic Vision for Derbyshire to 2035'.
- The development of an implementation plan to support the vision, which would be co-produced with strategic partners and older people.

### **Decision**

Cabinet (1) approved the recommendations in the 'Housing and Accommodation for an Ageing Population Strategy for Derbyshire', and (2) supported the development of an implementation plan which had been co-produced with strategic partners and older people.

### **27. CHILDREN'S SERVICES CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2018-19 – S106 PROJECT ALLOCATIONS**

The Strategic Director – Children's Services reported on the receipt and availability of recent Section 106 developer contributions and to seek approval for the allocation of those contributions to projects in line with the individual Section 106 agreements and sought approval to, where appropriate, procurement exercises be undertaken to commission services and undertake works associated with the schemes.

### **Decision**

Cabinet (1) noted the receipt/availability of S106 funding and approved allocations to the projects outlined in Appendix A to the report: (a) Etwall Primary School: £190,923, (b) Dunston Primary School: £481,980, and (2) approved that, where appropriate, procurement exercises be undertaken to commission services and undertake works associated with the schemes.

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### **28. BUDGET MONITORING 2018-2019 (AS AT 30 JUNE 2018)**

The Director of Finance and ICT provided Cabinet with the Revenue Budget position for 2018-19 as at 30 June 2018.

### **Decision**

Cabinet noted the 2018-19 budget monitoring position as at 30 June 2018.

## 29. PROPOSED DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (PEAK DISTRICT NATIONAL PARK) (OFF-STREET PARKING PLACES) ORDER

The Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment advised Cabinet on the outcome of the public consultation into the proposed (Peak District National Park) (Off-Street Parking Places) Order, responded to concerns raised by a Parish Council, and sought approval for the Order to be made as advertised.

### **Decision**

Cabinet proposed (1) the Derbyshire County Council (Peak District National Park) (Off-Street Parking Places) Order 2018 be introduced and implemented as advertised; and (2) that the Local Members and objectors be informed accordingly.

## 30. HOUSING INFRASTRUCTURE FUND

The Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment updated Cabinet on progress towards the submission of a full business case for grant funding towards critical highway infrastructure, to seek approval in principle for land assembly and sought approval for the County Council to act as applicant for infrastructure brought forward through the HS2 Chesterfield and Staveley Growth Strategy.

### **Decision**

Cabinet (1) noted the intention to submit a full business case for Housing Infrastructure Fund grant for the East Midlands Network of Garden Villages; (2) gave approval, in principle, for the County Council to assemble land, including considering a future report on the exercise of compulsory purchase powers if required, in support of the projects contained within this proposal; (3) gave approval, in principle, for the County Council to act as applicant for infrastructure brought forward through the HS2 Chesterfield and Staveley Growth Strategy; and (4) delegated to the Director of Finance and ICT, in consultation with the Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment, the development of a Finance Strategy for delivery of the Chesterfield – Staveley Regeneration Route.

## 31. MARKHAM VALE PROGRESS

The Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment informed Cabinet of the continuing success and progress being made at Markham Vale and provided an overview of economic development activity over the period November 2017 to March 2018.

## **Decision**

Cabinet noted (1) the success and recent progress in developing Markham Vale and the scale and nature of work required to be undertaken over the coming three to five years to complete the project; and (2) that completion of the project would cost an estimated £7.17m.

### **32. CONSULTATION ON ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR COMMUNITY ALARMS AND TELECARE SERVICES**

The Strategic Director – Adult Social Care and Health requested approval to commence consultation on proposals to implement a new eligibility criteria for Derbyshire County Council funded community alarms and telecare services to focus on supporting adults with an eligible health and social care need, as defined by the Care Act 2014.

## **Decision**

Cabinet (1) approved the commencement of a ten week consultation on proposals to implement a new eligibility criteria for Derbyshire County Council funded community alarms and telecare services to focus on supporting adults with an eligible health and social care need, as defined by the Care Act 2014 and that an equality analysis also be undertaken; and (2) to further consider the proposal in the light of feedback from consultation and equality processes.

### **33. CHILDREN'S SERVICES CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2018-19 – S106 PROJECT ALLOCATIONS**

The Strategic Director – Children's Services advised Cabinet of the receipt and availability of recent Section 106 developer contributions and to requested approval for the allocation of those contributions to projects in line with the individual Section 106 agreements. Permission was also requested that, where appropriate, procurement exercises be undertaken to commission services and undertake works associated with the schemes.

## **Decision**

Cabinet (1) noted the receipt/availability of S106 funding and approved allocations to the projects outlined in Appendix A to the report, namely: (a) Ashbourne Hilltop Primary School: £59,246; (b) Tibshelf Infant School: £151,421; (c) Town End Junior School: £6,250; and (d) Weston on Trent Primary School: £43,731; and (2) approved that where appropriate, procurement exercises be undertaken to commission services and undertake works associated with the schemes.

### **34. CHILDREN'S SERVICES CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2018-19 – FURTHER ALLOCATIONS**

The Strategic Director – Children's Services sought approval to allocations to individual projects from the Children's Services Capital Programme 2018-19.

#### **Decision**

Cabinet approved the allocations to individual projects from the Children's Services 2018-19 Capital Programme.

### **35. CARE LEAVERS SUPPORT SERVICES**

The Strategic Director – Children's Services provided a summary analysis and appraisal of Derbyshire's readiness to deliver the new national Care Leaver Service expectations; and

- To inform Cabinet of the findings from a Derbyshire Care Leaver survey and consultation conducted between 19 July and 30 August 2018.
- sought approval for delivery of an 'in-house' holistic Council Care Leaver Service to commence by 30 June 2019.
- sought approval for subsequent decision-making including approval for TUPE transfer if necessary, to be delegated to the Strategic Director for Children's Services in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Young People, following consideration of further reports prepared by relevant officers.

#### **Decision**

Cabinet approved (1) the commencement of a design process for an 'in-house' holistic Council Care Leaver Service; (2) the commencement of activity to establish a service in line with the designs produced, not later than 30 June 2019; (3) the cessation of the contract with Barnardo's Ltd at the end of this contractual period, that being 30 June 2019, and serving of the appropriate notice; and (4) the delegation of subsequent decision-making, including approval for TUPE transfer if necessary, to the Strategic Director - Children's Services in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Young People, following consideration of further reports prepared by relevant officers.

#### **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**

Non-exempt Cabinet papers – 20 September, 11 October and 8 November 2018

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the report be noted.

**Councillor B Lewis**  
**Leader of the Council**