

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

8 June 2016

REPORT FROM CABINET

Purpose of the Report

To provide information to the Council on issues considered by the Cabinet at meetings held on 3 and 24 May 2016 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 7 June 2016.

Information and Analysis

3 May 2016

1. CHIEF EXECUTIVES' AND CHIEF OFFICERS' PAY AGREEMENTS 2016-18

The Strategic Director – Corporate Resources reported on the proposed pay agreements for 2016-18.

Decision

Cabinet noted (1) the implementation of the JNC for Chief Executives' and Chief Officers' pay agreement for grades 17-21 of the Derbyshire Pay and Grading structure; and (2) the inclusion of Public Health employees as detailed in the report.

2. REVIEW OF 20 MPH SPEED LIMITS IN DERBYSHIRE – RESPONSE TO IMPROVEMENT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE REPORT

The Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Communities sought approval to the Cabinet response to the Improvement and Scrutiny Committee – Places review of 20mph speed limits in Derbyshire.

Decision

Cabinet approved (1) the action plan as the response to the recommendations made by the Improvement and Scrutiny Committee – Places following its review of 20mph speed limits in Derbyshire; 2) the criteria detailed in Appendix A to the report to guide the selection of the two pilot projects; and (3) that Elected Members be contacted for any requests that could be considered for the pilot projects.

3. PROPOSED WAITING RESTRICTIONS, LOADING BAY AND ON-STREET CHARGING ORDER 2016 – DALE ROAD, NORTH PARADE AND SOUTH PARADE, MATLOCK BATH

The Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Communities reported on the objections received following public advertisement and consultation on various Traffic Regulation Orders including a pay and display scheme in Matlock Bath and to determine whether a Traffic Regulation Order should be made for Matlock Bath.

Decision

Cabinet (1) considered the objections and representations received relating to the proposed introduction of revised on-street parking facilities in Matlock Bath; and (2) approved the introduction of the Traffic Regulation Order in Matlock Bath as shown on drawing nos. HMT/BG/572/15/A and HMT/BG/572/15/B.

4. SUPPLY OF LED LUMINAIRES

The Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Communities sought approval to establish a Council Framework under Protocol 1 of the Council's Financial Regulations for the supply of LED luminaires across the geographical area of Derbyshire, excluding Derby City.

Decision

Cabinet approved (1) the establishment of a Framework contract for the supply of LED luminaires for twelve months commencing 1 June 2016, with an option to extend the contract for three further twelve month periods, up to a maximum of four years, subject satisfactory performance; and (2) the appointment of CU Lighting Limited, DW Windsor Ltd, MacLean Electrical Company Ltd, Orange Tek Ltd, Smith Bros (Caer Conan) Wholesale Ltd, UK Electric (BEI Lighting), Urbis Schreder Ltd and ZG Lighting UK Ltd to the Framework contract.

5. INSTALLATION OF LED LUMINAIRES

The Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Communities sought approval to establish a Council Framework Agreement under Protocol 1 of the Council's Financial Regulations for the installation of LED luminaires across the geographical area of Derbyshire, excluding Derby City.

Decision

Cabinet approved (1) establishment of a Framework contract for the installation of LED luminaires for twelve months commencing 1 June 2016, with an option to extend the contract for three further twelve month periods, up to a maximum of four years, subject to satisfactory performance; and (2) the appointment of Balfour Beatty, E-ON Energy Solutions Ltd, J McCann (Nottm) Ltd, Jones Lighting Ltd, Platinum Electrical and SSE Enterprise Contracting to the contract.

6. ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS AT BUXTON MUSEUM AND ART GALLERY

The Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Communities requested approval to use £231k from the Capital Contingency Budget to fund access improvements at Buxton Museum and Art Gallery. The works included the provision of an external lift and accessible toilet.

Decision

Cabinet approved the expenditure of £231k from the Capital Contingency budget to fund access improvements at Buxton Museum and Art Gallery.

7. DERBYSHIRE SECOND HOMES PROGRAMME

The Strategic Director – Adult Care sought approval for the programme covering the use of the Second Homes budget for Amber Valley, Derbyshire Dales, High Peak and South Derbyshire District Councils for 2016-17.

Decision

Cabinet approved the programme covering the use of the £0.566m Second Homes for Amber Valley, Derbyshire Dales, High Peak and South Derbyshire District Councils for 2016-17.

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8. COMMUNITY PRIORITIES PROGRAMME

The Chief Executive sought approval for the development of a Community Priorities Programme to ensure that communities were at the heart of decision-making and to support the Council's priorities relating to Thriving Communities.

Decision

Cabinet agreed (1) to establish a £2.271m Community Priorities Programme, using one-off resources identified from General Reserves (2) that the 50% most deprived Lower Super Output Areas (LSOAs) in Derbyshire be designated as eligible areas for the Community Priorities Programme and that each LSOA be allocated funding on a sliding scale (3) that the Community Priorities Programme be used to support activity principally benefiting the designated LSOA. (4) Councillors representing the designated areas be tasked with bringing forward projects from the local community that meet the selection criteria outlined in the report (5) Strategic Director Thriving Communities Leads be delegated responsibility to approve projects requiring funding of up to £20,000 and these be reported to Cabinet Member for Strategic Policy, Economic Development and Budget on a quarterly basis (6) further reports, to seek approval for projects requiring funding of £20,000 and above, be brought to the Cabinet Member for Strategic Policy, Economic Development and Budget meetings as and when required or Cabinet if £100,000 or above.

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

The Chief Executive updated Cabinet on the work to maximise social value through the commissioning and procurement of services and requested approval to consult on the Council's draft Social Value Strategy, Framework and Procurement Guidance.

Decision

Cabinet (1) approved the draft Social Value Strategy, Framework and Procurement Guidance for consultation; (2) noted that it was intended that social value considerations would be included as a separate consideration in future reports; (3) agreed to receive a further report regarding the publication of the full Strategy and Action Plan following consultation with relevant stakeholders; and (4) agreed to receive progress reports on a six monthly basis and an annual report at the end of each financial year.

10. DERBYSHIRE TRANSFORMATION CHALLENGE (TCA) AWARD

The Chief Executive informed Cabinet of recent allocations made from the TCA which supported the North Midlands One Public Estate Programme and the Derbyshire Collection Funds Project.

Decision

Cabinet noted (1) the following allocations:

- North Midlands One Public Estate Programme
- Derbyshire Collection Funds project - £154,882; and

(2) that £50, 000 remained in the TCA fund.

11. CHANGES TO ARRANGEMENTS FOR APPOINTMENT OF EXTERNAL AUDITORS

The Director of Finance reported on changes to the arrangements for appointing External Auditors following the closure of the Audit Commission and the end of the transitional arrangements at the conclusion of the 2017-18 audits.

Decision

Cabinet noted (1) the changes to the arrangements for appointing External Auditors at the conclusion of the 2017-18 audit; and (2) that the Council support the LGA's sector led body approach.

12. BELL LANE BRIDLEWAY, SMALLEY

The Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Communities sought permission to add the improvement works to Bell Lane Bridleway to the 2016-17 Capital Programme.

Decision

Cabinet approved the addition of improvement works to Bell Lane, Smalley to the 2016-17 Capital Programme.

13. RELIEF WORK CONTRACT ARRANGEMENTS

The Strategic Director – Corporate Resources reported to Cabinet on proposals under discussion to change the contractual arrangements of relief employees in order to offer guaranteed average working hours.

Decision

Cabinet noted the progress in respect of proposals to change the contractual arrangements of relief workers, in particular the option of guaranteeing average minimum working hours and potential implementation of a guaranteed hours system.

14. CORPORATE MAINTENANCE BUDGET 2016-17

The Strategic Director – Corporate Resources requested approval of the 2016-17 Corporate Maintenance Budget for 2016-17.

Decision

Cabinet approved (1) the proposed breakdown of the 2016-17 Corporate Maintenance Budget; and (2) the pool of planned maintenance project on which the Budget would be expended.

15. PUBLIC HEALTH LOCALITY PROGRAMME ANNUAL REPORT

The Director of Public Health updated Cabinet on the progress and achievements of the Public Health Locality Programme during 2015 and sought approval for on-going investment in the Public Health Locality Programme in 2016-17. The report also sought approval to release the 2016-17 investment for the Public Health Locality programme to locality Health and Wellbeing Partnerships to deliver against the priorities outlined in the Public Health Locality Plans.

Decision

Cabinet (1) noted the progress made in 2015 and approved the dissemination of the locality progress reports to each of the Locality Health and Wellbeing Partnerships and Local Area Committees; (2) approved the on-going funding of the Public Health Locality programme in 2016-17; and (3) approved the release of the Locality investment for 2016-17 to Locality Partnerships to deliver the priorities set out in the Public Health Locality Plans.

16. PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE COUNTY COUNCIL'S TRANSPORT POLICY FOR HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT FOR PRE-SCHOOL, 8 TO 11 YEAR OLDS, POST 16 AND POST 19 STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND DISABILITIES

The Strategic Director – Children's Services informed Cabinet of the outcomes of a public consultation which sought views on the County

Council's proposed changes to its Transport Policy for Children and Young People, specifically in relation to:

- Free transport provided for pre-school children attending special nurseries and assessment placements.
- Free transport provided for children aged 8 to 11 who live more than two miles but less than three miles from school.
- Post-16 students (16 to 18) with special educational needs and disability (SEND).
- 19 to 25 year olds with SEND.

In response to the outcomes of the consultation and the conclusions of the Equality Analysis (EA), the report also sought approval to amend relevant sections of the Transport Policy and agree a further period of development work on post-16 and post-19 transport provision.

Decision

Cabinet approved (1) the amendment to the Transport Policy for Children and Young People (Appendix 4) in relation to discretionary provision of transport for pre-school children for 2016-2017 noting that this change clarified that the County Council would only provide transport in very exceptional circumstances from September 2016; (2) the amendment to the Transport Policy for Children and Young People (Appendix 4) to change the general eligibility criteria for walking distance for children aged 8 to 11 from 2 miles to 3 miles from their normal area school for 2016-2017; (3) the amendment to the Post-16 Transport Policy Statement (Academic Year 2016-2017) to include a statement regarding the undertaking of policy revisions for implementation from September 2017; (4) the undertaking of further development work and if appropriate, further consultation and equalities analysis on a scheme of transport assistance for post-16 and post-19 young people with SEND and to receive a further report on post-16 and post-19 transport provision detailing any future policy revisions; and (5) the call-in provisions in respect of this item were waived.

17. ACCOMMODATION FOR CARE LEAVERS AND VULNERABLE YOUNG ADULTS

The Strategic Director – Children's Services reported on the intention to undertake a needs assessment, and seek the views of care leavers, young vulnerable adults and relevant stakeholders in preparation for a procurement process to supply accommodation and support for:

- Care leavers;
- Homeless 16 and 17 year olds;

- Vulnerable homeless adults aged 18 to 24.

The report also detailed changes in the housing marketplace likely to impact on the affordability, availability and types of accommodation units available to young people and vulnerable groups.

Decision

Cabinet noted the intention to (1) undertake an assessment of the support and accommodation needs of Care Leavers and young people aged 16 to 25 vulnerable to becoming homeless; (2) seek the views of care leavers and young people vulnerable to homelessness to inform development of the service specification; and (3) work across Children's Services and Adult Care to maximise efficiency from the available financial envelope, making best use of any accommodation and support which was procured and reducing duplication in commissioning activity.

18. CHILDCARE SUFFICIENCY ASSESSMENT

The Strategic Director – Children's Services reported on the outcome of the Childcare Sufficiency Assessment 2015-17 as required by the Sufficiency Duty of the Childcare Act 2006.

Decision

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

19. SCHOOLS DEVOLVED FORMULA CAPITAL 2016-17

The Strategic Director – Children's Services reported to Cabinet on the Government's Devolved Formula Capital grant allocation for 2016-17 totalling £2,450,705.

Decision

Cabinet approved (1) the incorporation of the 2016-17 DFC grant totalling £2,450,705 onto the Children's Services Capital Programme; and (2) individual DFC allocations for 2016-17 being confirmed to schools and support centres.

20. OUTCOME OF THE STATUTORY CONSULTATION ON THE PROPOSAL FOR RE-ORGANISATION OF PRIMARY PHASE EDUCATION IN ASHBOURNE

The Strategic Director – Children’s Services advised Cabinet of the outcome of statutory consultation on the proposed re-organisation of the primary phase education in Ashbourne.

Decision

Cabinet (1) noted the response to the publication of the Statutory Notice on the re-organisation of primary education in Ashbourne; and (2) approve the re-organisation of primary education in Ashbourne to create three primary schools serving a single shared normal area.

21. CHILDREN’S SERVICES CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2016-17

The Strategic Director – Children’s Services sought approval to the Capital Programme for 2016-17.

Decision

Cabinet approved the Children’s Services Capital Programme for 2016-17.

22. THE AIMING HIGH DERBYSHIRE OFFER

The Strategic Director – Children’s Services reported on the outcomes of the consultation on proposals to cease the Aiming High Derbyshire Offer and requested approval from Cabinet to proceed with the implementation of proposals to cease the Aiming High Offer and to provide short break services to eligible families only following a formal assessment that identifies that additional services were necessary.

Decision

Cabinet (1) approved the proposal to cease the Aiming High Offer with effect from 1 October 2016 and to provide short break services to eligible families only following a formal assessment that identifies that additional services were necessary; and (2) agreed to a review of the current DCC specialist youth provision in order to determine effective use of resources and make recommendations for the future.

23. CONTRACT FOR THE SUPPLY AND SUPPORT OF A REPLACEMENT RECRUITMENT SYSTEM

The Strategic Director – Corporate Resources sought approval for the procurement of a replacement recruitment system.

Decision

Cabinet approved the procurement of a new externally hosted recruitment system for the use of the Council and partners, subject to a further report to confirm the preferred provider and detailed costs.

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 and transport considerations.

Background Papers

Cabinet papers – 3 and 24 May 2016.

RECOMMENDATION

That the report be noted.

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Leader of the Council