

PUBLIC

**MINUTES** of a meeting of **CABINET** held on Tuesday, 15 February 2022 at the Members Room, County Hall, Matlock.

**PRESENT**

Councillor B Lewis (in the Chair)

Councillors S Spencer, C Hart, N Hoy, T King, J Patten, K S Athwal and C Renwick.

Apologies for absence were submitted for Councillor A Dale.

Officers present: Emma Alexander (Managing Director), Helen Barrington (Director - Legal and Democratic Services), Joe Battye (Director - Economy & Regeneration), Peter Handford (Interim Executive Director - Corporate Services and Transformation), Chris Henning (Executive Director - Place), Juliette Normington (Democratic Services Officer), Iain Peel (Director - Schools and Learning), Simon Stevens (Service Director - Prevention, Personalisation & Direct Care), Paul Stone (Interim Director of Finance) and Dean Wallace (Director - Public Health).

**46/22 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (IF ANY)**

There were no declarations of interest.

**47/22 TO CONSIDER MINORITY GROUP LEADER QUESTIONS (IF ANY)**

There were no Minority Group questions.

**48/22 CHILDREN'S SERVICES CAPITAL BUDGET 2020-21 - FURTHER ALLOCATIONS**

Councillor J Patten introduced the report, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting, asking Cabinet to approve allocations from the Children's Services Capital Budget 2020-21.

Councillor Patten added that carbon emissions from the modification works had been fully considered.

**RESOLVED to:**

- 1) Note the allocations made under delegated powers by the Executive Director for Children's Services and the Children's Services Head of Development from the Children's Services Capital Budget totalling £1,313,884;

- 2) Note the receipt of DFC contributions totalling £57,627 from the 2021-22 programme of works towards approved school condition schemes;
- 3) Note the change to the scheme at Chellaston Academy;
- 4) Approve the allocation of £1,000,000 from the 2020-21 School Condition Allocation to enhance previously approved heating and roofing modernisation projects in support of the Council's carbon zero initiative;
- 5) Approve the allocation of £347,082 from the 2020-21 School Condition Allocation for the partial rebuild scheme at Bramley Vale Primary School; and
- 6) Approve the Director of Legal and Democratic Services to be authorised to execute the appropriate legal documentation for the changes at Chellaston Academy.

**49/22 PROPOSAL TO SUPPORT SUBMISSION OF FULL BUSINESS CASE TO CREATE AN EAST MIDLANDS FREEPORT**

The Managing Director introduced a report, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting seeking approval in principle to progress with the submission of a full business case for the establishment of an East Midlands Freeport

Mrs Alexander reaffirmed the benefits the freeport economy dome would bring to Derbyshire and the East Midlands, working in partnership with South Derbyshire District Council and private sector companies such as Toyota and the unique selling point of the region.

Other Cabinet members voiced their support to the development and the advantages it would bring to residents, the economy, innovation, net zero targets and de-carbonising technologies and employment. The concerns of residents in the South Derbyshire district were also recognised.

**RESOLVED to:**

- 1) Note the summary of progress, opportunities and issues for the East Midlands Freeport set out in the report;
- 2) Approve in principle, the draft Full Business Case attached at Exempt Appendix 2; and
- 3) Subject to due consideration of the final draft and any amendments

from the EMF Board, delegates authority to the Managing Director in consultation with the Leader of the Council, S151 Officer and Monitoring Officer to agree the final Full Business Case, ahead of submission to Government subject to the following conditions having been met:

- Satisfaction that the final version of the Final Business Case does not increase the risk of financial exposure of the Council beyond the parameters set out in the report; and
- Sufficient detail of the governance structure for the Freeport company and associated safeguards being agreed between the parties to protect the Council's interests, prior to incorporation of the company, including setting the amount of any contributions to a contingency reserve for the Freeport or its general funding.

**50/22 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED:**

That under Regulation 4(2)(b) of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that in view of the nature of the items of business, that if members of the public were present, exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 would be disclosed to them.

**51/22 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (IF ANY)**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

**52/22 TO CONSIDER MINORITY GROUP LEADER QUESTIONS (IF ANY)**

There were no Minority Group questions.

**53/22 APPENDIX - PROPOSAL TO SUPPORT SUBMISSION OF FULL BUSINESS CASE TO CREATE AN EAST MIDLANDS FREEPORT**

The contents of the restricted appendix were noted.

The meeting finished at 2.20 pm