

PUBLIC

**MINUTES** of a meeting of **CABINET** held on Thursday, 28 July 2022 at Committee Room 1, County Hall, Matlock.

**PRESENT**

Councillor B Lewis (in the Chair)

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

Apologies for absence were submitted for Councillor C Renwick.

Officers present: Helen Barrington (Director - Legal and Democratic Services), Claire Brailsford (Director - Environment & Transport), Dan Careless (Strategic Lead for School and Learning), Alec Dubberley (Head of Democratic and Registration Services), Iain Little (Deputy Director of Public Health), Paul Stone (Assistant Director of Finance) and Helen Jones (Executive Director - Adult Social Care and Health).

**134/22 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (IF ANY)**

None received.

**135/22 TO CONSIDER MINORITY GROUP LEADER QUESTIONS (IF ANY)**

None received.

**136/22 TO APPROVE, AS A CORRECT RECORD, THE NON-EXEMPT MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 7 JULY 2022**

**RESOLVED:**

To approve as a correct record, the minutes of the meeting held on 7 July 2022.

**137/22 PERFORMANCE AND REVENUE OUTTURN 2021 22**

Councillor S Spencer introduced a report, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting, providing an update on the Council Plan performance, and setting out the Council's final revenue outturn position for 2021-22.

**RESOLVED to:**

- 1) Note the Council Plan performance and the revenue outturn

position for 2021-22;

- 2) Consider whether there are any further actions that should be undertaken to improve performance where it has not met the desired level;
- 3) Note the position on General and Earmarked Reserves;
- 4) Approve the allocation of underspend amounts and commitments to Portfolios as set out in paragraph 4.41 of the report;
- 5) Approve the release of all the sum of £14.000m held in the earmarked reserve as a contingency against potential funding losses during the Covid-19 recovery period as set out in paragraph 4.42 of the report;
- 6) Approve the allocation from the release of earmarked reserves and from underspends, of £10.000m to the Budget Management Earmarked Reserve, £10.000m to a reserve for inflation risks, £5.251m to a reserve for business rates risks and £4.000m to a reserve for cyber security as set out in paragraphs 4.42 to 4.45 in the report; and
- 7) Approve contributions from the Finance and ICT budget of £0.010m to an earmarked reserve to support the modernisation of the ICT Traded Services team and £0.200m to provide temporary agency resources for the Operations team as detailed in paragraph 4.32 of the report.

#### **138/22 CORPORATE PROPERTY ASSET MANAGEMENT STRATEGY**

Councillor S Spencer introduced a report, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting, presenting the new Corporate Property Asset Management Strategy for approval.

#### **RESOLVED:**

To note and approve the Corporate Property Asset Management Strategy.

#### **139/22 CORPORATE PROPERTY PROCUREMENT STRATEGY**

Councillor S Spencer introduced a report, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting, presenting the procurement strategy for the Corporate Property division as well as approval for the use of five non-Derbyshire County Council frameworks for delivering construction

projects.

**RESOLVED to:**

- 1) Approve the Corporate Property Procurement Strategy; and
- 2) Approve the use of the following Frameworks to deliver construction projects for the next twelve months;
  - a) Crown Commercial Services (Modular Buildings and Construction);
  - b) Department for Education (Construction);
  - c) ESPO (Modular Buildings);
  - d) NHS Shared Business Services (Modular Buildings and Construction); and
  - e) Scape (Construction).

**140/22 THE FUTURE OF WIRKSWORTH INFANT SCHOOL**

Councillor A Dale introduced a report, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting, reporting on the outcome of the pre-publication consultation carried out by the Governing Body of Wirksworth Federation of Infant Schools on the proposed closure of Wirksworth Infant School and seeking permission to proceed to a statutory consultation on the proposed closure.

**RESOLVED**

To note the responses to the non-statutory consultation on the proposed closure of Wirksworth Infant School and grant permission to proceed to the issue of Statutory Consultation.

**141/22 CHILDREN'S SERVICES CAPITAL PROGRAMME**

Councillor A Dale introduced a report, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting, seeking approval of the Children's Services Capital Programme 2022-23, allocations to individual projects and Section 106 funding along with noting the cancellation of funding for a previously approved scheme.

**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;
- 2) Note the cancellation of the £50,000 funding approved for the expansion scheme at Brailsford Primary School;
- 3) Note the receipt of the funds received/returned to the Children's Services Capital Budget as detailed in Appendix 4 of the report;
- 4) Approve the allocation of the £274,148 increased insurance contribution to the budget for the replacement Harrington Junior School
- 5) Approve the allocation of £190,738 Section 106 funding to the extension and remodelling project at Wessington Primary School as detailed in Appendix 3 of the report; and
- 6) Approve the Capital Programme 2022-23 and allocations totalling £2,384,262 from 2023-24 Basic Need and £7,258,294 from 2022-23 School Condition Allocation to the projects as detailed in Appendix 3 to the report.

**142/22     APPROVAL OF DELEGATED POWERS TO AGREE VARIATIONS TO THE ENHANCED PARTNERSHIP FOR BUS SERVICES IN DERBYSHIRE**

Councillor K S Athwal introduced a report, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting, seeking approval to delegate decisions to alter and vary the Enhanced Partnership Plan and the Enhanced Partnership Scheme to align with the Bus Service Improvement Plan funding in anticipation of funding from the Department for Transport.

**RESOLVED to:**

- 1) Authorise the Executive Director – Place, in consultation with the Cabinet Member – Highways Assets and Transport, delegated powers to :
  - a) Agree the Council's position on the final wording of amendments to the Enhanced Partnership Scheme to align with the final Bus Service Improvement Plan funding decision of the Department for Transport and agree these (or variations thereto) with bus operators, in line with the Bespoke Variation Arrangements within the Enhanced Partnership Scheme;

- b) Agree the Council's position on any future changes to the Enhanced Partnership Scheme in line with the Bespoke Variation Arrangements within the Enhanced Partnership Scheme;
  - c) Accept the final funding allocation from the Department for Transport for the Bus Service Improvement Plan and Schemes, in line with the Grant Determination letter issued by the Department for Transport at the time of the award;
- 2) Retain powers to Extend, Vary (under Section 138K) or Revoke (under Section 138 O) the Enhanced Partnership.

## **143/22 VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR REVIEW**

Councillor C Hart introduced a report, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting, detailing the findings of the recent consultation on proposals on the Council's review of voluntary and community sector recurring grants and seeking approval of the recommendations to take forward the review and progress to the next stage.

### **RESOLVED to:**

- 1) Note the results of the public consultation which took place between 23 December 2021 and 24 March 2022;
- 2) Note the impact of the proposals as set out in the Equalities Impact Assessment attached at Appendix 4 to the report;
- 3) Approve the proposal outlined in section 4.5 of the report that agrees that the Council adopts the principle of no longer supporting the award of grant funding to any organisation in the future without a fixed or scheduled end date except for in exceptional circumstances;
- 4) Approve the proposal outlined in section 4.5 of the report and agrees that the Council will no longer provide grant funding for the activities to which the recurring grants currently relate, but instead commission identified activity where appropriate;
- 5) Approve the criteria for grant reviews outlined in section 4.5 of the report, to be used in assessments which will determine whether funding should be secured in the future through commissioning; and
- 6) Approve plans outlined in section 4.7 of the report to take forward

the review and allow a minimum period of four weeks for recurring grant recipients to submit a written representation outlining their position in relation to confirmed pathway, before a final decision is made.

**144/22 DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH ANNUAL REPORT 2021/22**

Councillor C Hart introduced a report, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting, informing Cabinet of the production of the Director of Public Health Annual Report for 2022.

**RESOLVED to:**

- 1) Note the production of the Director of Public Health Annual Report 2022 and the recommendations contained within it;
- 2) Approve the formal publication of the Director of Public Health Annual Report 2022; and
- 3) Note and reflect on the recommendations made within the report and to consider what further action the County Council can take to reduce and mitigate the impact of health inequalities within the county.

**145/22 FORWARD PLAN**

Councillor S Spencer introduced a report, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting, that presented the Executive's Forward Plan for the period 28 July to 31 October 2022 for discussion.

**RESOLVED:**

To note the contents of the Forward Plan attached at Appendix 2 to the report.

**146/22 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 of the Local Government Act 1972 would be disclosed to them.

**147/22 TO APPROVE, AS A CORRECT RECORD, THE EXEMPT MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 7 JULY 2022**

**RESOLVED:**

To approve as a correct record, the exempt minutes of the meeting held on 7 July 2022.

**148/22 PROPOSED SPEND OF SUPPLEMENTAL SUBSTANCE MISUSE TREATMENT GRANT**

**RESOLVED:**

To approve the recommendations in the not for publication report.

The meeting finished at 2.50 pm