

PUBLIC

**MINUTES** of a meeting of **CABINET** held on Thursday, 18 May 2023 at Committee Room 1, County Hall, Matlock.

**PRESENT**

Councillor S Spencer (in the Chair)

Councillors A Dale, C Hart, N Hoy, J Patten, K S Athwal and C Renwick.

Apologies for absence were submitted for Councillor B Lewis and T King.

Officers present: Helen Barrington (Director of Legal and Democratic Services), Claire Brailsford (Director - Environment & Transport), Carol Cammiss (Executive Director - Children's Services), Alec Dubberley (Head of Democratic and Registration Services), Thom Dunn (Assistant Director - Adult Social Care and Health), Mark Kenyon (Director of Finance and ICT) and Joe O'Sullivan (Executive Director - Corporate Services and Transformation).

**68/23     TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (IF ANY)**

None.

**69/23     TO CONSIDER MINORITY GROUP LEADER QUESTIONS (IF ANY)**

None.

**70/23     TO APPROVE, AS A CORRECT RECORD, THE NON-EXEMPT MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 6 APRIL 2023**

**RESOLVED:**

To approve, as a correct record, the minutes of the meeting held on 6 April 2023.

**71/23     AMENDMENTS TO THE HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT POLICY FOR CHILDREN OF COMPULSORY SCHOOL AGE**

Councillor A Dale introduced a report, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting, setting out proposed amendments to the Home to School Transport Policy following an Ombudsman decision.

**RESOLVED to:**

- 1) Note the key points from the Local Government and Social Care

Ombudsman (LGSCO) decision, dated 8 November 2022; and

- 2) Approve the proposed amendments to the Council's Home to School Transport Policy for Children of Compulsory School Age in the light of the LGSCO decision, and to ensure compliance with statutory responsibilities.

**72/23**      **EXPIRY OF THE DERBYSHIRE SCHOOLS 1 PFI CONTRACT**

Councillor A Dale introduced a report, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting, informing Members of the impending expiry of the Derbyshire Schools 1 (DS1) Private Finance Initiative (PFI) contract.

**RESOLVED to:**

Note the process for the expiry of the DS1 PFI contract and to acknowledge the need for additional resource to ensure that the process is successful.

**73/23**      **CHILDREN'S SERVICES CAPITAL BUDGET - FURTHER ALLOCATIONS**

Councillor A Dale introduced a report, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting, seeking approval for further allocations from the Children's Services Capital Budget and to extend the use of previously approved Capital Investment Programme funds.

**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 as detailed at Appendix 2 to the report;
- 2) Note the receipt of the funds received/returned to the Children's Services Capital budget as detailed at Appendix 3 to the report;
- 3) Approve the allocations to the projects as detailed at Appendix 3 to the report; and
- 4) Approve the extension of the use of previously approved Capital Investment Programme funds.

**74/23**      **FORWARD PLAN**

Councillor S Spencer introduced a report, which had been circulated in

advance of the meeting, that presented the Executive's Forward Plan or the period 1 May to 31 August 2023 for information.

**RESOLVED:**

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

**75/23 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.

**76/23 TO APPROVE, AS A CORRECT RECORD, THE EXEMPT MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 6 APRIL 2023**

**RESOLVED:**

To approve as a correct record, the exempt minutes of the meeting held on 6 April 2023.

**77/23 CONTRACT VARIATIONS IN LOCAL BUS SERVICES**

Councillor K S Athwal introduced a report, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting, seeking approval to honour contractual variations to 11 Local Bus contracts as agreed by the then Local Bus Manager, in September 2021, April 2022, and June 2022.

**RESOLVED to:**

Accept and honour contractual variations to 11 Local Bus contracts agreed in September 2021, April 2022, and June 2022 as detailed in the not for publication report.

The meeting finished at 2.10 pm