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To: Members of Cabinet Member meeting - Clean Growth and Regeneration

Wednesday, 22 July 2020

Dear Councillor

Please attend a meeting of the **Cabinet Member meeting - Clean Growth and Regeneration** to be held virtually on MS Teams at **9.30 am** on **Thursday, 30 July 2020**; the agenda for which is set out below.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Hobbs', written over a light grey grid background.

**Simon Hobbs**  
**Director of Legal and Democratic Services**

## **AGENDA**

### **PART I - NON-EXEMPT ITEMS**

1. Declarations of Interest - to receive declarations of interest (if any)
2. To confirm the non-exempt minutes of the Cabinet Member - Clean Growth and Regeneration held on 9 July 2020 (Pages 1 - 2)
3. To confirm the non-exempt joint report of the Executive Director - Economy, Transport and Environment and the Director of Finance & ICT on Revenue Outturn 2019-20 (Pages 3 - 6)

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**MINUTES** of a meeting of the **CABINET MEMBER FOR CLEAN GROWTH AND REGENERATION** held virtually on MS Teams on 9 July 2020

**PRESENT**

Cabinet Member – Councillor T King

Also in attendance – Councillors G Hickton and R Mihaly

**06/20** **MINUTES RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 19 March 2020 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Cabinet Member.

**07/20** **REGENERATION OF THE FORMER COALITE CHEMICALS SITE** Cabinet agreed, on 11 October 2016, to approve grant funding of £2.0022m towards the £21.8m regeneration of the former Coalite Chemicals site. Bolsover Land Ltd (BLL) also secured £5,797,800 Local Growth Fund (LGF) grant funding from Derby, Derbyshire, Nottingham and Nottinghamshire (D2N2) towards the costs of the regeneration works. The purpose of the report was to approve the revised Grant Confirmation Document, dated 5 May 2020 issued by D2N2 and the programme of payments for the previously agreed Derbyshire County Council grant contribution as set out in the attached appendix.

The business case required BLL to achieve a series of spend target dates and outputs: these were achieved but BLL had not yet claimed the Council contribution of £2.0022m towards the costs of the infrastructure. BLL had achieved the target of 28.2ha of land remediated, but not the other output targets.

As a result of HS2 Ltd announcing a revised alignment for the proposed High Speed HS2 route through the site, BLL, D2N2, North East Derbyshire District Council and Bolsover District Council, sought to revise the planned layout and use of the site, resulting in the removal of all the proposed housing land to be replaced with a greater area of commercial development. These design revisions and the process of securing the necessary regulatory approvals took longer than originally anticipated.

BLL had secured full planning permission from both NEDDC and BDC for completing the remediation of the site for employment use. A Masterplan for the whole site development had also been agreed, along with a design framework. Work was underway to complete the remediation of the site following the completion of Phase 1 in 2017. BLL had also agreed a revised programme for completing the highway infrastructure and approached D2N2 to seek a revised funding approval based on the revised outputs of:

New Jobs	2,253
Area of commercial development:	42.49ha

D2N2 agreed BLL's revised funding request and issued the revised Grant Confirmation Document on 5 May 2020. Appendix 1 set out revised target dates for the completion of the works and illustrated the key milestones that claims for payment of the Council's contribution towards the infrastructure costs would be assessed against prior to the authorisation of stage payments.

**RESOLVED** that the Cabinet Member (1) accept and sign the revised Grant Confirmation Document, dated 5 May 2020, issued by Derby, Derbyshire, Nottingham and Nottinghamshire (D2N2); and

(2) agree to delegate responsibility to the Executive Director – Economy, Transport and Environment to agree a programme of payments with Bolsover Land Ltd (BLL) for the previously agreed Derbyshire County Council grant contribution, as BLL achieve the revised outputs and target for completing the infrastructure for the regeneration of the former Coalite Chemicals site.

**DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**MEETING OF CABINET MEMBER – CLEAN GROWTH AND REGENERATION**

**30 July 2020**

Joint Report of the Executive Director – Economy, Transport and Environment and the Director of Finance & ICT

**REVENUE OUTTURN 2019-20**

(1) **Purpose of Report** To report the final revenue controllable outturn position for 2019-2020 for the portfolio, to identify significant variations in expenditure from the budget, and to identify the impact of the 2019-20 outturn on future years and any action proposed.

(2) **Information and Analysis**

**Summary**

The table below sets out the final controllable outturn position for the portfolio for 2019-20. Net expenditure was £5.615m against a budget of £5.580m. The figures have been distorted by the receipt of Business Rates in the year of £4.836m, meaning that the proper figures for the portfolio would have been net expenditure of £0.779m against a budget of £0.744m resulting in a controllable overspend of £0.035m.

<b>Outturn by Service Area</b>	<b>Budget £m</b>	<b>Actual £m</b>	<b>(Under)/Over Spend £m</b>
Economic Development	5.464	5.429	(0.035)
Employment and Skills	0.044	0.118	0.074
Markham Vale Enterprise Growth Zone	0.072	0.062	(0.010)
Coalite	0.000	0.006	0.006
<b>Total</b>	<b>5.580</b>	<b>5.615</b>	<b>0.035</b>
Less Business Rates	4.836	4.836	0.000
<b>Total after Business Rates</b>	<b>0.744</b>	<b>0.779</b>	<b>0.035</b>

**Key Variances**

**Economic Development Underspend £0.035m**

To ensure best use of public monies, all efforts are made to secure match funding where available and deliver interventions in partnership where possible

to maximise value and impact. This has been particularly successful in recent years with the leveraging of EU funding (notably European Regional Development Fund) which has been matched since 2015 with earmarked reserves, and reduced the burden on the revenue budget.

In addition, implementation of the revised 'enterprise and investment' function is continuing and recruitment has not been completed, resulting in some staffing underspends within the financial year. Also, business support interventions and investment/ trade promotion continue to be developed – as these are finalised and rolled out to businesses, the level of underspend will decrease.

### **Employment and Skills Overspend £0.074m**

The overspend is due to incurring salary costs that are not currently budgeted for and are pending rationalisation of the whole Economy and Regeneration Service structure.

### **Markham Vale underspend £0.010m**

The underspend is mainly due to a reduction in salary spend as relevant salaries are being charged to capital.

### **Earmarked Reserves**

Earmarked Reserves relating to this portfolio, totalling £0.695m, are currently held to support future expenditure. Details of these reserves are shown below:

<b>Economic Development and Regeneration</b>	<b>Amount £m</b>
DEP D2 Inward Investment	0.033
Skills Training	0.092
Markham Vale Economic Impact Assessment	0.100
D2 Growth Fund	0.200
D2EE Low Carbon Project	0.067
D2 Business Development	0.053
LEADER Project	0.036
Markham Vale Environment Centre Extension	0.114
<b>Total Earmarked Reserves</b>	<b>0.695</b>

(3) **Financial Considerations** As contained within the report.

(4) **Key Decision** No.

(5) **Call-In** Is it required that call-in be waived in respect of the decisions proposed in the report? No.

(6) **Background Papers** Held on file within the Economy, Transport and Communities Department. Officer contact details - Karen Howes, extension 38730.

(7) **OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATIONS**  
the report.

That the Cabinet Member notes

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**Executive Director – Economy,**  
**Transport and Environment**

**Peter Handford**  
**Director of Finance & ICT**

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