

PUBLIC

**MINUTES** of a meeting of **CABINET** held on Thursday, 16 March 2023 in Committee Room 1, County Hall, Matlock.

**PRESENT**

Councillor B Lewis (in the Chair)

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

Apologies for absence were submitted for Councillor S Spencer.

Officers present: Emma Alexander (Managing Director), Carol Cammiss (Executive Director - Children's Services), Alec Dubberley (Head of Democratic and Registration Services), Ellie Houlston (Director Of Public Health), Joe O'Sullivan (Executive Director - Corporate Services and Transformation), Paul Stone (Interim Director of Finance and ICT), Chris Henning (Executive Director - Place), Jane Lakin (Assistant Director of Legal Services) and Simon Stevens (Director Of Adult Social Care and Health).

**39/23 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (IF ANY)**

None.

**40/23 TO CONSIDER MINORITY GROUP LEADER QUESTIONS (IF ANY)**

None.

**41/23 TO APPROVE, AS A CORRECT RECORD, THE NON-EXEMPT MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 23 FEBRUARY 2023**

**RESOLVED:**

To approve, as a correct record, the minutes of the meeting held on 23 February 2023.

**42/23 PERFORMANCE MONITORING AND BUDGET MONITORING/FORECAST OUTFURN 2022-23 AS AT QUARTER 3 (31 DECEMBER 2022)**

Councillor B Lewis introduced a report, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting, that provided an update of Council Plan performance and the Revenue Budget/Forecast outturn for 2022-23 as at 31 December 2022 (Quarter 3).

**RESOLVED: to**

- 1) Note and agree the update of Council Plan performance and the Revenue Budget position/forecast outturn for 2022-23 as at 31 December 2022 (Quarter 3);
- 2) Note the position on General and Earmarked Reserves;
- 3) Approve that an earmarked reserve be established to be used to carry out the activities set out in the Homes for Ukraine guidance and to contribute to this reserve any un-ringfenced “tariff grant” received for the Homes for Ukraine scheme; and
- 4) Approve the contribution of £3.155m Business Rates Relief Reconciliation 2021-22 Section 31 Grant income to the Business Rates Risks earmarked reserve.

**43/23 CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING AND FORECAST AS AT QUARTER 3 2022 -23**

Councillor B Lewis introduced a report, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting, that informed Cabinet of the latest Capital budget monitoring position as at 31 December 2022.

**RESOLVED:**

To note the current position on the monitoring of Capital schemes.

**44/23 COUNCIL PLAN AND SERVICE PLAN REFRESH 2023-24**

Councillor B Lewis introduced a report, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting, that sought approval of the authority’s Council Plan Refresh 2023-25 and Departmental Service Plans Refresh 2023-25 for referral to Full Council for approval.

**RESOLVED: to agree**

- 1) the authority’s refreshed Council Plan 2023-25 and recommend the Plan to Full Council for approval;
- 2) the authority’s refreshed Council Plan Delivery Plan 2023-24 and recommend the Delivery Plan to Full Council for approval; and
- 3) the authority’s refreshed Departmental Service Plans 2023-25 and recommend them to Full Council for approval.

**45/23**      **CARE HOME FEE PROPOSALS 2023 -24**

This item was withdrawn.

**46/23**      **HOME CARE AND DAY CARE FEE PROPOSALS FOR 2023-24**

This item was withdrawn.

**47/23**      **EARLY YEARS BLOCK FUNDING SETTLEMENT 2023-24**

Councillor A Dale introduced a report, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting, informing Cabinet of the Early Years settlement of the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) and the related decisions of the Schools Forum, and seeking approval to the Early Years funding formula for 2023-24.

**RESOLVED:** to

- 1) Note the national Early years funding rates for 2023-24;
- 2) Note the changes in the Teachers Pay Grant and Teachers Pension Employer Contributions funding arrangements and funding rates for 2023-24;
- 3) Approve the changes to the Early Years Single Funding Formula allocations for 2023-24 as set out in section 4.2 of the report; and
- 4) Note the central Early years budgets approved by the Schools Forum.

**48/23**      **HIGH NEEDS BLOCK FUNDING SETTLEMENT 2023-24**

Councillor A Dale introduced a report, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting, informing Cabinet of the High needs Block settlement of the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) and seeking approval to its allocation for 2023-24.

**RESOLVED:** to

- 1) Note the high needs settlement for 2023-24;
- 2) Approve the places commissioned in Appendix three of the report;
- 3) Approve the increase to special school, support centre and ER Element 3 profiles in top ups as set out in section 4.2, Appendix

four of the report;

- 4) Approve the central high needs budgets in Appendix five of the report; and
- 5) Agree to accept the Forum's request to de-delegate funds for the functions listed in section 4.6 of the report.

## **49/23      SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL PROGRAMME UPDATE**

Councillor C Renwick introduced a report, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting, that provided a progress update on the delivery of the key cycle network and that sought approval for the proposed forward plan of activities as set out in Section four of the report, including a series of community engagement exercises.

Additionally, approval was sought to accept the Active Travel Capability and Ambition Fund Grant 2022 of £285,069 to undertake further feasibility and business case development for sustainable travel opportunities and note the submission of a bid to the Active Travel Fund Tranche 4 to support a forward programme of work.

Finally, approval was sought to delegate authority to the Executive Director of Place, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Infrastructure and Environment to modify the key cycle network delivery programme as required, providing it remains consistent with the Council's priorities and aspirations for sustainable travel.

### **RESOLVED: to**

- 1) Note the significant progress that has been made in delivering the Key Cycle Network across Derbyshire;
- 2) Approve the proposed forward plan of activities as set out in section four of the report, including a series of community engagement exercises, subject to all planned funding being confirmed;
- 3) Approve to accept the Active Travel Capability and Ambition Fund Grant 2022 of £285,069 to undertake further feasibility and business case development for sustainable travel opportunities;
- 4) Note the submission of a bid to the Active Travel Fund Tranche 4 which has been developed in consultation with the Executive Director of Place, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Infrastructure and Environment; and

- 5) Delegate authority to the Executive Director of Place, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Infrastructure and Environment to modify the planned Key Cycle Network delivery programme as required, providing it remains consistent with the Council's priorities and aspirations for sustainable travel.

**50/23**     **RESERVE ACCOUNT FOR HIGHWAY DRAINAGE**

Councillor K S Athwal introduced a report, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting, that sought approval to set up a reserve for Highways Drainage and approve the transfer of unspent Revenue Pressures given for Highway Drainage in the 2022-23 Budget setting process.

**RESOLVED:** to

- 1) Approve the setting up of a Reserve for Highways Drainage; and
- 2) Approve the transfer of any unspent Revenue Pressures from 2022-23 given for Highway Drainage into this reserve.

**51/23**     **LOW EMISSIONS VEHICLES INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAMME UPDATE**

Councillor C Renwick introduced a report, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting, updating on progress in the delivery of the Council's low Emission Vehicle Strategy and sought approval of further proposals to deliver a comprehensive network of public charge points, including approval to launch a community engagement exercise, approval of the strategic approach to charge point delivery and approval of the proposed procurement approach. This report also notes that the Council will explore future funding opportunities and that monitoring, and evaluation reports will be submitted for member consultation at key stages in the process.

**RESOLVED to:**

- 1) Note the progress made on implementing the Low Emissions Vehicles Infrastructure Strategy as set in paragraph 4.7 of the report;
- 2) Approve the launch of an online community engagement exercise to create a robust evidence base and more clearly define where resident, business and visitor demand for public charge points exist;

- 3) Approve the proposed strategic approach to creating and delivering a comprehensive network of electric vehicle charge points across the County as set out in the report;
- 4) Delegate to the Executive Director of Place, in association with the Cabinet Member for Infrastructure and Environment, the authority to amend or modify the strategic approach to charge point delivery as required, if it remains consistent with the Council's approved Low Emissions Vehicles Infrastructure implementation;
- 5) Approve the framework procurement approach that utilises Oxford City Council Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS) framework, as set out in 4.21 of the report;
- 6) Note that further monitoring and evaluation reports will be submitted for member consideration for this stage of work prior to commencing the next phase of the Low Emissions Vehicles Infrastructure implementation; and
- 7) Note that the Council will explore opportunities and submit bids where applicable for further grant funding through the Office for Zero Emission Vehicle and Low Emissions Vehicles Infrastructure fund.

**52/23      CONTAIN OUTBREAK MANAGEMENT FUND FINANCE PLAN**

Councillor C Hart introduced a report, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting, that sought approval for elements of the Contain Outbreak Management Fund grant expenditure plan, totalling £6.118m for 2022-23 and £2.540m for 2023-24.

**RESOLVED:**

To approve the grant expenditure plan for the Contain Outbreak Management Fund for 2022-23 and 2023-24 as set out in Appendix two of the report.

**53/23      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 are excluded from the meeting for the remaining 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 4 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 would be disclosed to them.

**54/23** **TO APPROVE, AS A CORRECT RECORD, THE EXEMPT MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 23 FEBRUARY 2023**

**RESOLVED:**

To approve, as a correct record, the exempt minutes of the meeting held on 23 February 2023.

**55/23** **MITIGATING THE IMPACT OF COST PRESSURES WITHIN COMMISSIONED MANDATED PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES**

Councillor C Hart introduced a not for publication report, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting, which asked Cabinet to approve the allocation of funding to mitigate the impact of cost pressures within commissioned mandated public health services.

**RESOLVED:**

To approve the recommendations as detailed in the not for publication report.

The meeting finished at 3.27 pm