

## **DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

### **MEETING OF CABINET MEMBER – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND REGENERATION**

**10 October 2019**

Report of the Executive Director – Economy, Transport and Environment

#### **DELEGATED DECISIONS MAY-SEPTEMBER 2019**

(1) **Purpose of Report** To provide a summary of recent decisions taken by the Executive Director under delegated powers.

(2) **Information and Analysis**

#### **Background**

Following the amendments to the Constitution agreed by Council, a number of reports can be tabled and decisions taken by the Executive Director under delegated powers following discussion with the appropriate Cabinet Member.

As a matter of good practice, the Cabinet Member - Economic Development and Regeneration has instructed that a summary report is provided to the Cabinet Member meeting every quarter, briefly outlining any delegated decision made.

Since 1 May 2019, three reports have been presented and approved as follows:

#### **D2 China Partnership Agreement with Yixing City (approved 1 May 2019)**

Retrospective approval for the Cabinet Member – Economic Development and Regeneration to take part in a delegation to Yixing City in China between 23 - 28 April 2019 with the purpose of agreeing and signing a memorandum of understanding between the Council, Derby City Council and Yixing Transport Industry Group/Haider Group. The intention is to explore joint working and potential investment in Low Carbon Transport and green tourism initiatives.

#### **Supporting the Operational Costs for the Derby - Japanese School (approved 26 June 2019)**

Following the withdrawal of Derby College hosting the Derby Japanese School and subsequent negotiations between the school, TMUK and the Council, the school agreed to relocate to John Port Spencer Academy. As part of the discussions for hosting, the Council agreed that an existing and long standing contribution to the host to help cover rental costs be transferred to Spencer Academy Trust as a gesture of ongoing commitment. The report approved a

annual contribution of £5,000 per annum to be paid from the Economic Regeneration budget.

**MIPIM 2020 – Flight Booking (approved 19 July 2019)**

The report approved a funding envelope of £1,800 to support Council attendance at MIPIM in France between 9-12 March 2020. MIPIM is the world's leading conference and expo for property development and inward investment. 2020 will mark the third year of Council representation in support of "Invest in Derbyshire" and working alongside partners in D2 (Derby and Derbyshire) as part of the Midlands Engine delegation. Early budget authorisation was required to book tickets for two delegates on the Midlands Engine dedicated flight from Birmingham. Further preparation for the delegation are being arranged in partnership with Marketing Derby.

(3) **Financial Considerations** All financial matters were considered as part of the specific delegated reports.

(4) **Human Resources Considerations** All Human Resources matters were considered as part of the specific delegated reports.

**Other Considerations**

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: legal, prevention of crime and disorder, equality and diversity, environmental, health, property, social value and transport considerations.

(5) **Key Decision** No.

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

(7) **Background Papers** Held on file by the Economic Regeneration Service within the Economy, Transport and Environment Department.

(8) **OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION** That the Cabinet Member notes the following decisions made under delegated powers since 1 May 2019 to present:

- D2 China Partnership Agreement with Yixing City (approved 1 May 2019).
- Supporting the Operational Costs for the Derby - Japanese School (approved 26 June 2019).
- MIPIM 2020 – Flight Booking (approved 19 July 2019).

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