

PUBLIC

MINUTES of a meeting of **CABINET** held on 14 May 2020.

PRESENT

Councillor S A Spencer (in the Chair)

Councillors A Dale, A Foster, C Hart, T King, and J Wharmby.

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillor B Lewis

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest made.

82/20 MINORITY GROUP LEADERS' QUESTIONS

There were no Minority Group Leader questions

83/20 MINUTES RESOLVED that the non-exempt minutes of the meeting of Cabinet held on 23 April 2020 be confirmed as a correct record.

84/20 CABINET MEMBER MEETINGS - MINUTES RESOLVED to receive the non-exempt minutes of Cabinet Member meetings as follows:

- (a) Young People – 7 April 2020
- (b) Highways, Transport & Infrastructure – 9 April 2020
- (c) Adult Care – 16 April 2020
- (d) Corporate Services – 16 April 2020
- (e) Strategic Leadership, Culture & Tourism – 28 April 2020

85/20 URGENT OFFICER DECISIONS (Corporate Services) The current challenges relating to the Covid-19 virus had necessitated urgent decision-making processes by Executive Directors and Directors to be implemented in order to ensure the welfare of service users and the public and to safeguard the interests of the Council.

The Coronavirus Act 2020 had now been implemented alongside a range of related Regulations. The Regulations included provision for virtual meetings of Council bodies including Cabinet. These regulations took effect on 4 April 2020. Members will appreciate that prior to these Regulations being introduced and Cabinet meetings resuming, it had been necessary for a range of decisions to be made. These decisions had been made under the urgent delegated powers to Executive Directors as set out in the Constitution.

A schedule of these decisions together with supporting reports by Department, was set out in Appendices 1–3 of the report. Appendix 4, circulated as a separate document, detailed exempt officer decisions, and these were included in the confidential part of the meeting papers together with the reason that they are exempt.

In the main, the decisions related to short-term temporary arrangements which were subject to regular review. This was particularly important where subsequent Government guidance had been issued, notably in areas of Adult Care. As Cabinet was now able to function by meetings being held ‘remotely’ the need for officers to make urgent decisions would diminish over time.

RESOLVED to note the urgent decisions made under delegated powers arising from the Covid-19 virus pandemic.

86/20 PERMISSION TO PROCURE A CONTRACT FOR THE SUPPLY OF SKIPS (Highways, Transport and Infrastructure) Derbyshire County Council had a framework in place for the supply of skip hire to meet the requirements of all departments of the County Council from 1 October 2014 to 30 September 2016, with options to extend for two further periods of one year, established under the procurement Protocol 1 of the Council’s Financial Regulations. The further contract extensions were taken and the contract ultimately terminated on 30 September 2018.

Due to time constraints and since that termination date, interim arrangements were currently in place that allowed monthly period pricing prior to a fully compliant procurement being established under Procurement Protocol 7b of the Council’s Financial Regulations and Public Contracts Regulations 2015. The previous tender had established a multi-supplier framework agreement over multiple lots to cover the geographical areas of Derbyshire with a contract term of up to four years. Following detailed analysis of user requirements, the proposed new procurement would determine how best to arrange the multiple skip requirements into manageable lots in order to get the best value for the County Council. It was proposed that the new contract term would run for a minimum period of two years, with an option to extend in annual increments for a maximum of two further years.

RESOLVED to approve the procurement of a contract for the Supply of Skips, under Protocol 1 of the Council’s Financial Regulations, for different locations throughout the geographical area of Derbyshire.

87/20 EXPANSION OF GLOSSOPDALE SCHOOL (Young People) In September 2018, the new Glossopdale School was opened to all age groups from 11–18. The old school was split across three sites in Glossop and Hadfield, however the new building was on a single site in Hadfield. The

replacement school was designed to be delivered in two phases. The core facilities (sports hall, hall and dining) had been built to accommodate 1440 pupils however in the initial phase, the teaching accommodation was limited to supporting 1200 pupils. It had been intended to carry out the second phase of building at a later date to provide places generated by the housing development in the town and funded by the Section 106 contributions. Demand for places however, had been very high, exacerbated by the large cohort of pupils moving from primary to secondary education at this time which was in line with many other areas of the Country.

Following a review of pupil numbers, current projections and the extent and speed of housing development in Glossop, consideration was given to bringing the second phase of the project forward. A non-statutory consultation took place between 14 October 2019 and 15 November 2019 to seek the views of interested parties. On 16 January 2020, the outcome of that consultation was reported to Cabinet and a decision was made to publish a Statutory Notice for the expansion. There was a further period of consultation between 24 February and 20 March 2020.

Whilst the non-statutory consultation attracted 58 responses, the Statutory Notice had only generated 3 responses, however given the overwhelming support expressed at the non-statutory phase, this was not unusual. All the responses supported the proposal with one feeling strongly that children should be able to attend their local school and that sufficient school places were necessary both for the young people and for the community of Glossop as a whole.

One response, whilst supporting the expansion felt that more needed to be done about the traffic at school drop off and pick up times as it was felt that it raised safety issues for car users, but more specifically pupils crossing the road on their way to school. There were on-going discussions relating to pedestrian safety and that, together with traffic measures, would be considered as part of the planning application. The third response was received from High Peak Borough Council which outlined the need for the expansion plans to comply with the Local Plan. Although the planning application would be submitted to Derbyshire County Council, High Peak Borough Council would be a consultee and its points would be addressed as part of that process.

Whilst the consultation had taken place, Cabinet had approved the funding for the expansion. As the School did not have an Ofsted category of Good or Outstanding, authority had been sought from the Regional Schools Commissioner (RSC) to expand the School under the School Organisation (Prescribed Alterations to Maintained Schools) (England) Regulations 2013 and the Department for Education guidance publication - Making significant changes ('prescribed alteration') to maintained schools published in October

2018. The RSC had delegated that permission to the Authority. The design of the additional facilities had been progressed and submitted to planning in April 2020.

The cost of the expansion would be confirmed once the design had been agreed, however it was expected to be in the region of £4m. On 23 January 2020 Cabinet had approved £4m funding under the Prudential Code for the financial year 2020-2021.

Councillor Dale, the Cabinet Member for Young People wished to thank the parents and local residents for sharing their concerns and anxieties regarding the scheme and also wished to acknowledge the work and contribution that County Councillors Jean and George Wharmby had undertaken locally, to progress the project.

RESOLVED to approve the expansion of Glossopdale School subject to receiving planning permission for the project

88/20 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC FROM THE MEETING. RESOLVED that the public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the remaining items on the agenda to avoid the disclosure of the kind of exempt information detailed in the following summary of proceedings.

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS CONDUCTED AFTER THE PUBLIC HAD BEEN EXCLUDED FROM THE MEETING

1. To consider Minority Group Leaders' Questions (if any).
2. To confirm the Exempt Minutes of the meeting of Cabinet held on 23 April 2020.
3. To receive the exempt minutes of Cabinet Member meetings as follows:
 - (a) Corporate Services – 16 April 2020
4. To consider exempt reports as follows:-
 - (a) Urgent Officer Decisions – Appendix 4 (Corporate Services) (Contains exempt information)