

Time began 6.00pm  
Time ended 7.45pm

**COUNCIL CABINET  
15 JANUARY 2008**

Present: Councillor Williamson (Chair)  
Councillors Banwait, Bolton, Graves, Hickson,  
Hussain, Nath, Roberts, Smalley and Williams

In attendance Councillor Jones

This record of decisions was published on 17 January 2008. The key decisions set out in this record will come into force and may be implemented on the expiry of five clear days unless a key decision is called in.

**153/07 Apologies for Absence**

There were no apologies for absence.

**154/07 Late Items Introduced by the Chair**

There were no items.

**155/07 Identification of Urgent Items to which Call-In  
will not apply**

There were no items.

**156/07 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**157/07 Minutes of the previous meetings held on  
18 December 2007**

The minutes of the meetings held on 18 December 2007 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

**Matters Referred**

**158/07 Call-in of Executive Key Decision – Proposed  
Closure of Bramble Brook House**

The Council Cabinet considered a comprehensive and detailed report relating to the proposed closure of Bramblebrook House Residential Home for Older People.

The report stated that at its meeting on 31 July 2007 the Council's Cabinet had agreed to:

- Begin consultation on the proposed closure of Bramblebrook House residential home for older people
- Undertake further work in 2007 / 8 to clarify future options for the remaining seven homes, including the possibilities of mental health resource centres and extra care housing options
- Explore Extra Care Housing for older people as an option for effective use of the adjoining Arthur Neal House and Lois Ellis sites and as part of the expansion of Extra Care in Derby and to agree in principle to use any capital receipt realised for this purpose

The report also stated that at its meeting on 27 November, Cabinet had received a report detailing feedback on the consultation undertaken as part of the proposed closure. Having considered this report Cabinet had agreed that the closure should proceed.

Cabinet's decision was then called in under the Council's protocol for the 'Call-in' of Executive Decisions by the Adult Services and Health Scrutiny Commission. At its meeting on 6 December the Commission recommended that the Council Cabinet reconsider its decision on the grounds that the following decision making principles had been breached:

- a. proportionality
- b. due consultation and advice from officers
- c. respect for human rights
- d. presumption in favour of openness
- e. clarity of aims and desired outcomes
- f. a record of what options were considered and giving reasons for the decision or where relevant issues do not appear to have been taken into consideration.

The full minute detailing the Commission's recommendation was reported to Council Cabinet at its 18 December meeting. At this meeting Cabinet agreed to defer consideration of the Call-in until its next meeting.

To conclude the report comprehensively updated Cabinet on the key issues identified since its meeting on 27 November, particularly relating to:

- the issues raised as part of the call in process;
- the issues raised by Mr Taylor as part of the consultation process;
- the legal issue of whether closure of Bramblebrook would breach any of the residents' rights under the Human Rights Act 1998 or any legitimate expectation they have that Bramblebrook would be a 'Home For Life';

Councillor Hussain summarised the reasons contained in the report which led to the recommendation being made to close Bramblebrook House. He also pointed out that Unison had written to Members opposing the closure because of the effect this would have on the residents, the quality of care offered and whether the Council could accommodate residents in the remaining Council owned homes.

Councillor Hussain explained the contents of the report which dealt with the first two matters and on the third explained the present level of 27 vacancies in Council owned homes and how accommodating all residents over the coming months would not present a problem. He emphasised that Cabinet were being recommended that he be given power to extend the period before the home had to close by up to 3 months. If this still was not sufficient to re-house residents suitably he would consider asking for that period to be extended.

The letter from the Smith Partnership enclosing a letter from a GP received on 15 January had been given to each Member. It was pointed out by the Corporate Director where the report dealt with the issues raised. Members' attention was specifically drawn in particular to the legal issues set out in pages 18 to 21 of the report.

A number of questions were asked and comments made by Members to which Councillor Hussain responded.

## **Decision**

1. To approve closure of Bramblebrook residential home for older people at the end of May 2008 but to delegate to the Cabinet Member for Adult Services the power to extend this timescale by no more than three months if necessary.
2. To work closely with individual residents of Bramblebrook House to identify alternative placements that are suitable for them, bearing in mind their neighbourhood links, their friendship groups and their preferences about where services are delivered.
3. To ensure each affected resident has a key worker based at Bramblebrook to liaise with them, their relatives or carers and the staff at the place the resident transfers to.
4. To ensure that staff at Bramblebrook House are appropriately supported to transfer to alternative places of work

(Note: Councillors Hickson, Smalley and Williams requested that their votes against the decision be recorded)

## Key Decisions

### 159/07 Future Arrangements for the Management and Delivery of Services for People with Learning Disabilities in Derby

The Council Cabinet considered a report on Future Arrangements for the Management and Delivery of Services for People with Learning Disabilities in Derby. On 20 February 2007 Council Cabinet received a report outlining the progress that had been made toward establishing integrated social care and health services for people with learning disabilities. The report noted that a final decision on whether to proceed with integration was still to be made and that this could only be considered if a workable and affordable proposal was to be developed.

Council Cabinet authorised the Director of Corporate and Adult Social Services to negotiate further to establish whether an affordable integration scheme could be developed. The report summarised the project work that had taken place over the last ten months to explore the three separate elements of integration which were made possible through the use of flexibilities under the Health Act 1999. They were:

- Lead Commissioning
- Integrated Provision
- Pooled Budgets

#### **Options Considered**

A range of options had been considered as follows:

1. Parallel commissioning model  
This was where each commissioning organisation had its own separate commissioner. The advantages were additional capacity and clear accountability and ownership. The risks were duplication and fragmentation.
2. Joint commissioning model  
This was one joint commissioner across both commissioning organisations. The advantages were the joint ownership of the whole programme, shared understanding and shared objectives. It also reduced the fragmentation that could occur when there was not a shared understanding of the overall area. The only risk was one of capacity and this could be addressed in other ways.
3. Lead commissioning model  
This was where one commissioning organisation delegated its commissioning functions to the other commissioning organisation, which took on the lead commissioning role for both commissioning

organisations. The original proposal was for the Local Authority to take on lead commissioning. However for the reasons outlined in section 1.2 of the report, the current proposal was that Derby should retain joint commissioning for the time being.

#### 4. Provision

For provision, the original proposed model was for Mental Health Trust staff to transfer to the Local Authority. For reasons outlined in section 1.3 of the report this was no longer being proposed. The outcomes intended by the original proposal could be achieved without a direct transfer of staff, through developments such as those outlined in the last paragraph of section 1.3 of the report.

### **Decision**

1. To authorise the Director of Corporate and Adult Social Services to implement arrangements for the management and delivery of services for people with learning disabilities in Derby utilising the following model:
  - Commissioning - Joint Commissioning with Derby City Primary Care Trust through one commissioner employed by both organisations and working on behalf of both.
  - Provision - To remain separately provided by the Council and Derbyshire Mental Health Trust, with staff co-located but employed by separate organisations.
  - Pooled Budget – Operate a shadow pooled budget, which means that the PCT and Council each retain their own budgets but report jointly on a monthly basis. This gives the commissioners the benefit of oversight of the entire budget allocation across both organisations.
2. To authorise the Director of Corporate and Adult Services to liaise with Derbyshire County Council to establish their intentions for the future.

### **Reasons**

Following extensive project work, the Council had formed the view that the model outlined in section 2.1 of the report was more likely than the original proposal to achieve improved outcomes for service users, with the least disruption, and at no additional cost. The original proposal could have incurred costs and risks that were now considered unnecessary in order to achieve better outcomes for service users.

## 160/07 Children's Social Care Voluntary and Community Sector Grant Funding for 2008/09

The Council Cabinet considered a report outlining Children's Social Care Voluntary and Community Sector Grant Funding for 2008/09. The report set out Children and Young People's Social Care Grant Funding, including joint funding with partner agencies, to be provided to Voluntary and Community Sector organisations in 2008/2009.

### Options Considered

None. The Council was committed to developing the role of the Voluntary and Community sector in delivering services.

### Decision

1. That all of the projects listed in Appendix 2 of the report have their funding extended until 31 March 2009, subject to the final decision on the revenue budget made by Council.
2. To review the projects during the next financial year to ensure activity was linked to the new priorities and challenges in the Children and Young People's Plan – CYPP 2008 – 2010.
3. Where projects do not clearly meet the renewed priorities of the CYPP 2008 - 2010, work would be undertaken to refocus and reshape activity or discontinue funding where this was not possible.

### Reasons

1. In January 2007 it was agreed that the Children and Young People's Department - CYPD - would conduct a review of all project funding identified in Appendix 2 to ensure that the outputs and outcomes of the activities meet the priorities identified within the CYPP for 2007 - 2008. Due to staff sickness and an unfilled post until November 2007, there had been no departmental capacity to undertake this detailed review. However, all of the projects do meet the higher-level outcome aims of the Every Child Matters - ECM framework:
  - Be Healthy
  - Stay Safe
  - Enjoy and Achieve
  - Make a Positive Contribution
  - Achieve Economic Well-being.
2. During the early part of 2008 the Children and Young People's Department, alongside statutory agencies and the wider partnership, would develop a new Children and Young People's Plan 2008 - 2010. The development of the plan would be an opportunity to refocus the

use of these voluntary grants to ensure that organisations were commissioned to best meet the priorities identified.

## 161/07 School Transport

The Council Cabinet considered a report on School Transport presenting the results of the consultation exercise carried out regarding revised charges for home to school transport, to take effect from September 2008. In order to meet a number of significant new budget pressures, proposals to change the charging policy for transport to faith schools and to increase all other home to school transport charges had been proposed. Subsequently a full consultation process had been carried out, the results of which were contained in the report at Appendix 2.

### Options Considered

A further reduced charge for both discretionary and faith transport would not produce any savings in view of the additional administrative costs incurred, particularly in relation to multiple payments.

### Decision

1. To note the results of the latest school transport consultation exercise.
2. To approve the charges and proposals as set out below for implementation from September 2008.
  - To introduce standard fares of £290 each year for primary age pupils and £350 each year for secondary age pupils who either:
    - live within walking distance of their nearest suitable school, or
    - who attend a faith school which is not their nearest suitable school.
  - To introduce larger discounts for households with more than one child up to age 16 travelling to school. Discounts to be 10% of the full charge for the second child, 20% for the third child and any additional children, within a maximum charge for each household of £850 each year.
  - To increase the number of payments options as follows:
    - a) one payment, by cash, cheque or postal order in July
    - b) two payments, one in July and one in February, by cash, cheque or postal order, if possible direct to Roman House Local Housing Office

- c) one payment by cheque in July, followed by seven monthly direct debit payments between September and March.
- For faith pupils, to apply charges only for those starting at a faith school from September 2008. Other discretionary charges will apply to all pupils from that date.

## **Reasons**

1. The City Council has to make budget savings over the next three years to meet a number of significant new pressures. The proposals for home to school transport were designed to assist in that budget process. Not approving the revised proposals would not produce the budget savings planned for in the Council's budget strategy for 2008/09 and beyond, and would require alternative savings to be made from elsewhere.
2. The Council consulted on prior proposals in the spring of 2007. A number of concerns were raised in response to the previous consultation. The rerun of that consultation and these latest proposals attempted to address those concerns, wherever possible, against the difficult financial background outlined above. The majority of respondents had again confirmed that they did want the Council to continue to provide both discretionary and faith school transport.

## **162/07 Village Learning Store Adult Learning Centre**

The Council Cabinet considered a report relating to the Village Learning Store Adult Learning Centre. It stated that the Adult Learning Service had been invited to bid for £605,000 from the Learning and Skills Council Adult Safeguarded Learning Challenge Fund to convert Normanton Village Infant School into the New Village Learning Store for Adult Learning. Normanton Village Infant School, Browning Street, Derby would close in July 2008 at which point the building would become vacant.

## **Options Considered**

1. It was originally intended that the Village Learning Store would be replaced by the new Adult Learning Centre on the Becket Primary School site. Funding to support this project was secured from the Learning and Skills Council in 2006 but due to unresolved site problems this had not been achieved and the funding was no longer available.
2. A second bid for funding for the same project was unlikely to be successful as it would not be possible to confirm a date when the building work could commence due to further planned site investigation work.

3. Failure to develop a new Village Learning Store would seriously hinder the provision of adult learning in the Normanton area.

### **Decision**

To give approval to the Adult Learning Service to submit a bid for £605,000 capital funding to refurbish the Normanton Village Infants School building to create a new facility for adult learning in the Normanton area.

### **Reasons**

1. The former Village Learning Store was demolished in July 2007 to make way for the building of the new Village Primary School.
2. The provision for adult learning in the Normanton area was currently being maintained in temporary rented accommodation.
3. The demand and need for adult learning in the area continued to be high. Local residents benefited from a range of courses to improve their basic literacy and numeracy skills, employability and confidence.

## **163/07 Membership of the Midlands Highway Alliance**

The Council Cabinet considered a report on Membership of the Midlands Highway Alliance (MHA) which was launched on 17 July 2007, following 2 years work with local highway authorities, the Highways Agency and the East Midlands Centre of Excellence (EMCE).

The report stated that the alliance was a partnership in which highway authorities in the Midlands area worked together to create an innovative public partnership to improve the delivery of several aspects of highway services. The underlying ethos of the MHA was to deliver efficiency gains of up to 10% on highway contracts, enhance the procurement process and deliver schemes to a higher standard.

At the heart of the MHA venture was the regional procurement and delivery of highways maintenance and capital works through framework agreements. The Alliance would also focus on commodities and professional services in the challenge of delivering increased value for money and efficiency gains over the coming years.

### **Options Considered**

An alternative option was the withdrawal from the working group on the MHA. However, this would not develop collaborative and partnership objectives and would reduce our capability to provide continuous improvement in the delivery of highway services.

## Decision

To retrospectively approve the Authority becoming a signatory to the Midlands Highway Alliance Agreement.

## Reasons

1. Collaborative working arrangements via the MHA were considered beneficial to the Authority by maximising and sharing procurement of highway services; sharing knowledge and common systems; delivering efficiency savings associated with the buying power of an association of local authorities.
2. The following list introduces the potential benefits to the Authority of joining the MHA:
  - demonstrate leadership in modern methods of procurement and service delivery;
  - development of collaborative and integrated working arrangements;
  - being part of a pool of expertise which helped develop and transfer knowledge;
  - aid and develop capacity to deliver highway projects;
  - provide opportunity for economies of scale and cost savings;
  - demonstrate in CPA terms our pursuit of efficiencies in service delivery;
  - lower overall risk of service delivery;
  - provide potential to continuously improve on time, cost and quality of highway construction services;
  - to develop sustainability issues.

## 164/07 Funding Bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund for the Silk Mill Museum

The Council Cabinet considered a report seeking approval of a Funding Bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund for the Silk Mill Museum project. This project was the first phase of a coherent programme to transform and modernise Derby's museum service. It would provide a high quality visitor attraction at the Southern gateway to the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site (DVMWHS) and offer an important and engaging visitor experience for new and existing audiences.

The report indicated that the Silk Mill Museum project would offer:

- An important visitor destination at the Southern gateway to the DVMWHS
- A site that promotes Derby as a centre of creativity and innovation, both in the past and the present
- A jewel in Derby's cultural crown

Additionally it was envisaged that the project would provide the following benefits for the City:

- Create an outstanding visitor attraction
- Explain Derby's role in the World Heritage Site
- Provide further proof of the regeneration of the city centre
- Provide opportunities for lifelong learning
- Care for a historic building
- Contribute to a greener Derby

The report set out the financial implications of the project and provided a breakdown of the total cost. It also set out forecasted running costs for each year from opening in 2012 to 2019. In response to a question regarding these projected revenue costs the Head of the Museums Service confirmed that revenue costs from 2012 would be less than £10,000 per annum.

### **Options Considered**

The following options had been considered:

#### a) Do Nothing

A "do nothing" approach would not address any of the problems facing the Silk Mill Museum (outdated displays, fabric in need of investment, poor facilities; inadequate collections care and access) and would prevent the story of Big Ideas from being told. It would not reflect the building's status as a key part of the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site. Furthermore it would deliver no improvements for the rest of the museums service in the City.

#### b) Small-scale enhancements across the sites.

A small-scale rolling programme of works would not provide a solution to the situation at the Silk Mill. Nor would such an approach yield the significant financial leverage that the current project offers.

#### c) New large scale development

One option that had historically been considered was the potential to develop a new large museum / attraction to effectively replace the Silk Mill. This would require the acquisition of a large site preferably in a city centre location. However, the development of a new large-scale attraction / museum to effectively replace the Silk Mill would be highly expensive, carry a significant degree of risk in terms of deliverability and leave the Silk Mill without a viable long-term use. This was not an appropriate option, even if a suitable site could be identified.

#### d) Major enhancement of all existing sites

This approach would see the Museum Service undertake a simultaneous programme of works across all its 3 sites. This option would deliver

significant benefits for the service and the quality of visitor experience at all sites. Although this option was undoubtedly very attractive, the practicalities of delivering it in terms of cost, capacity and disruption (closure of all three museums at once) made it ultimately unachievable and undesirable. For this reason the current proposal had been put forward, and this project formed Phase 1 of the programme to redevelop all museum sites. Phase 2 would consist of improvements to the Museum and Art Gallery and Pickford's House Museum.

#### e) Closure of one or more sites

The three museum sites were highly varied in terms of their size, architectural form and content. This variety was a key aspect of the Museum Service's identity and distinctiveness. It enabled the service to offer a broad range of experiences that appealed to a range of audiences. However, one option might be to close one or more museum, and to run the service from fewer sites. Indeed, the Council recently explored the possibility of closing one of the current sites and refocusing its activities on a reduced number of sites.

However, closure of the Silk Mill would leave the World Heritage Site without a visitor attraction at its southern gateway. Closing the Museum and Art Gallery was not an option because the funding for the new Soldier's Story gallery was provided on the understanding that this gallery remained where it is. Pickford's House was the one museum in the service that offered an "authentic" experience of life in the past. For this reason it was extremely popular with visitors and schools, and for many people it was their favourite of the three sites.

### **Decision**

That the funding application for £4.95m from the Heritage Lottery Fund for the Silk Mill project be approved for submission.

### **Reasons**

1. Funding from HLF would unlock substantial financial support from other potential partners in the project to redevelop the Silk Mill.
2. The project would provide the following benefits for Derby:
  - Create an outstanding visitor attraction
  - Explain Derby's role in the World Heritage Site
  - Provide further proof of the regeneration of the city centre
  - Provide opportunities for lifelong learning
  - Care for a historic building
  - Contribute to a greener Derby

(Note: In accordance with Procedure Rule A126, the Chair of the Community Commission had been advised that this item would be considered although not included in the Forward Plan).

## Budget and Policy Framework

### 165/07 Council Tax Base for 2008/09

The Council Cabinet considered a report concerning the Council Tax Base for 2008/09. The report stated that the Council had to calculate the 'Council Tax Base' for 2008/09 as a means of raising council tax income. The tax base was an estimated figure which equated to the effective number of domestic properties in terms of 'Band D' valuations in the Council's area during the year.

The report indicated that the base was used to translate total council tax income requirements in a headline charge for Band D. Charges for other bands were calculated as defined fractions of this headline charge. Due to the continued growth in the number of domestic properties in the city, the Council Tax Base could be increased from 69,560 to 69,854 Band D equivalent properties.

#### **Decision**

That pursuant to the report and in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2003 (SI 12003/3012), to approve the Council Tax Base for the year 2008/09 as 69,854 band D equivalent properties in accordance with the methodology and estimates shown at appendices 2 and 3 and that Council be recommended to approve the calculation.

### 166/07 Transforming Derby

The Council Cabinet considered a report regarding the Transforming Derby Programme. The report stated that Derby City Council was an excellent four star rated authority with an impressive record for service delivery and performance. However the next few years presented challenging agendas internally and with partners at city-wide and regional level. A key part of the next stage of the Authorities development as a top-performing Council was to reorganise in order to continue to deliver better, more efficient cost effective services and improve the overall customer experience.

To sustain the drive for continuous improvement the Transforming Derby programme aimed to support infrastructure investment and partnership working in new and different ways. The report stated that the programme would replace 'Building on Excellence' and manage a fundamental and wide-ranging transformation of the way services were delivered.

The report confirmed that the integration of Human Resources and Payroll Services into one centralised service would be one of the first projects within the programme. It also set out key enablers that would support the programme and theme based projects at corporate and directorate level.

## Decision

1. To approve the creation of the Transforming Derby programme as the mechanism to manage transformational change across the Council.
2. To note that Transforming Derby was only part of a wider transformation agenda for the whole city.
3. To agree that the four themes for the programme should be...
  - New Ways of Working
  - Working Together
  - Improving the Customer Experience
  - Infrastructure
4. To approve the structures outlined in paragraphs 5.1 – 5.2 of the report.
5. To note the arrangements for managing the programme as outlined in paragraph 5.4 of the report.
6. To approve the establishment of a project to integrate Human Resources and Payroll Services along the lines set out in paragraphs 2.7 to 2.11 of the report.
7. To agree that the new programme should be launched by 31 January 2008.

## 167/07 Draft Corporate Plan 2008-11

The Council Cabinet considered a report setting out the Draft Corporate Plan 2008-11. Copies of the draft Corporate Plan and supporting action plan were attached to the report. The report stated that the Corporate Plan set out how the Council would deliver its vision and priorities over the next three years.

The report confirmed that in July 2007 Cabinet had approved retaining the six corporate priorities for 2008-11. These priorities were supported by a number of key outcomes which were detailed within the report. To conclude the report indicated that following review of these outcomes in line with the new Local Area Agreement priorities, it was proposed that additional outcomes were included in the Plan around:

- Building strong and sustainable community relations across Derby.
- Improving facilities in our neighbourhoods.

## Decision

1. To approve the additional key outcomes outlined above to support our first corporate priority - 'Making us proud of our neighbourhoods'.

2. To note the contents of the draft Corporate Plan 2008-2011 and Action Plan which contained information on how our priorities would be delivered.
3. To refer the Plan to Scrutiny Management Commission on 29 January for comment.
4. The Leader would email all Councillors inviting comments on the draft plan and supporting action plan.

## Contract and Financial Procedure Matters

### 168/07 Contract and Financial Procedure Matters Report

The Council Cabinet considered a Contract and Financial Procedure Matters Report. This report dealt with the following items that required reporting to and approval by Council Cabinet under contract and financial procedure rules:

- Amendments to the capital programme and scheme commencements for Community Libraries and schemes identified through the pilot participative budgeting process
- Communities for Health Grant allocation
- Consultancy for Rowditch master planning
- Contract waivers for key stage 4 alternative educational provision at the Kingsmead School/Pupil Referral Unit – PRU
- Corporate Human Resources/Payroll System project costs and funding following new contract.

#### Decision

1. To approve amendment of the Regeneration & Community department capital programme and scheme commencement of the Community Libraries scheme.
2. To add £120,000 to the 2007/08 Environmental Services capital programme and to approve scheme commencement for the schemes identified through the pilot participative budgeting process in the Council's five priority wards.
3. To approve the allocation of the remaining £65,000 of the 2007/08 Communities for Health grant.
4. To approve an allocation of £10,000 from the Corporate Modernisation Fund for consultancy work relating to the Rowditch Recreation Ground.

5. To approve a waiver of CPR15 for contracts between the Kingsmead School/Pupil Referral Unit and the following agencies in the 2007/08 financial year:
  - Rathbone - £80,000
  - Step Forward - £80,000
  - Highfields Farm - £55,870
  - Q Visual Arts - £37,000
  - 7KS - £33,333
  - Cycling for Life - £80,750
  - Drama Therapy - £30,000
  - Eve'olve - £35,000
  - NACRO - £85,000
  - Stone Soup - £50,000
  
6. To approve the addition to the capital programme and funding services as outlined in paragraphs 6.7 and 6.8 for the Corporate Human Resources/Payroll System.

## Performance Monitoring

### 169/07 Annual Performance Social Services

The Council Cabinet considered a report outlining key issues within the Adult Social Services Annual Performance report as produced by the Commission for Social Care Inspection (CSCI). The Commissions had rated the Council's Adult Social Services at two stars, with services judged as delivering good outcomes with promising capacity to improve.

The report provided more detail behind the rating, particularly drawing attention to the improvements needed to increase the overall star rating, which included:

- Reviews of needs and outcomes for people with mental health problems
- Residential accommodation nearer Derby for adults with learning disabilities
- Increased intermediate care
- Increased services to support older people in their own homes
- Increased support for carers
- Increased access to work for people with learning disabilities.

The report also outlined the challenges in maintaining or improving current performance, and the overall implications for the Council arising from the rating for adult social services. It stated that the two star rating achieved for 2006/7 was at the lower end of the two star band and if one additional area

had been considered adequate rather than good, the rating would have reduced to one star.

The report confirmed that in the current CPA process an authority cannot be excellent if adult social services only achieve one star. It indicated that the star rating for 2006/7 and 2007/8 impacted on CPA 2007 and 2008 respectively. However it was not yet clear how the adult social services rating would be incorporated into the corporate assessment process post 2008

### **Decision**

1. To note the annual performance report received from Commission for Social Care Inspection (CSCI) for the year 2006/7
2. To request the Cabinet Member, Adult Services and Health and the Corporate Director, Adult and Corporate Services to bring forward proposals which would improve the delivery of the seven social care outcomes in the city.
3. To place on record Council Cabinet's thanks to staff within Adult Services for achieving the two star rating awarded by the Commission for Social Care Inspection.

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