

# ITEM 19

## Minute Extracts

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*Please note that the report in relation to minute number 197/14 is exempt from publication.*

### 197/14 Derby Regional Growth Fund Programme

The Council Cabinet considered exempt information in relation to Derby Regional Growth Fund Programme.

#### Options Considered

These were set out in paragraphs 5.1 and 5.2 of the report.

#### Decision

1. To note the progress on the Derby RGF Programme.
2. To approve the over-commitment of DEGF by £2.602m to £22.86m.
3. To recommend to Council a short term loan over 12 months of £1.5m to maintain DEGF in 2015/16, the detail of loan profile would be approved by the Director of Finance and Procurement.
4. To agree to establish an Economic Regeneration reserve and transfer £20,000 in 2015/16 and £10,000 in 2016/17 from the previously agreed Economic Regeneration revenue budget to fund the interest costs associated with the short term loan (£30,000) in 2016/17.
5. To use capital reserves yet to be applied to enable DEGF contracts to be signed in April 2015, to be reimbursed following Council approval of the short term loan.
6. To agree for DEGF to operate as a recycled grant and loan scheme managed within the annual limits of the recycled loan and in line with the RGF Scheme Offer Letter.

#### Reasons

Theses were set out in paragraphs 3.1 to 3.3 of the report.

## 208/14     Derby After Dark – Lighting Strategy for Derby City Centre

The Council Cabinet considered a report on Derby After Dark – Lighting Strategy for Derby City Centre.

The Regeneration Projects team working in partnership with Streetpride and Derby Live, commissioned the preparation of a lighting strategy for Derby City Centre in August 2013.

The commission included –

- a)     A lighting strategy for the city centre to include a deliverable action plan and mechanism for long term management and maintenance.
- b)     Concept and detailed technical design for:
  - St Peter's Street
  - The Strand + Wardwick + Museum Square
  - Riverside (Silk Mill to Riverlights)
- c)     Design and implementation of one temporary lighting demonstration as an engagement tool.

The Strategy outlined the underlying aspirational themes and key design principles regarding the use of artificial light in Derby city centre's public realm and buildings.

A series of consultation events were organised to engage residents and various stakeholders in the process. The 'Derby After Dark' Strategy and the summary booklet would be available online.

### **Options Considered**

Do nothing was an option, but it would mean there would be no progressive input in the way we plan, deliver and manage light and lighting infrastructure in the city.

### **Decision**

To approve the Derby After Dark Lighting Strategy for Derby City Centre and recommend Council to adopt the Strategy as material consideration for the determination of city centre planning applications.

### **Reasons**

1. The Strategy demonstrated the Council's commitment to deliver sustainable lighting solutions in the future and provided a sound base for future funding bids.
2. The strategy proposed sample design guide and specification that were

proposed to be used to assess planning applications as well as guide Derby City Council's future investment in lighting and lighting infrastructure in the city.

## **212/14     2015/16 Planned Property Maintenance Work Programme**

The Council Cabinet considered a report on the 2015/16 Planned Property Maintenance Work Programme. The report set out the 2015/16 proposed planned property maintenance capital programme including the budget breakdown for each project.

The programme presented some amendments to the three year programme provided in the 18th February 2015 Council Cabinet Report (Capital Budget 2015/16 to 2017/18) and detailed the full Property Maintenance Work Programme for 2015/16.

The on going Property Rationalisation Project was affecting both revenue and capital spend on properties, with any works being focussed on essential works only, as it was not considered value for money to invest significant sums in buildings whilst this project was still progressing.

Proposed maintenance schemes had been prioritised against essential condition issues and health and safety requirements, including upgrading of fire alarms and emergency lighting systems, renewing life expired boilers, heating and air conditioning systems, replacement windows, re-roofing, structural repairs, kitchen upgrades and essential refurbishment.

The work programme was managed and monitored by the Property Board in line with the governance arrangements of the Strategic Asset Management Board.

The Planned Maintenance Work Programme was capitalised and funded corporately and was complemented by reactive revenue maintenance works that took place throughout the year.

It was noted that in relation to paragraph 4.8 of the report the second and third bullet points should read

- Merrill House HOP (415k) removed – urgent works to address priority issues have already been completed.
- Perth House HOP (250k) removed – urgent works to address priority issues have already been completed.

### **Options Considered**

None.

### **Decision**

1. To approve the planned property maintenance capital programme of works for 2015/16 and reallocation of the planned maintenance funding to the proposed schemes as detailed in appendix 2 of the report, ensuring the funding combination was such that no increase in borrowing would be incurred across the years.
2. To amend the corporate capital programme 2015/16 – 2017/18 to incorporate the reallocation and removal of schemes as detailed in paragraph 4.4 and appendix 2 of the report.
3. To approve the addition of the two energy efficiency schemes detailed in appendix 2 of the report and to recommend Council to approve the additional service financed spend to save borrowing for the Homes for Older People energy scheme.
4. To delegate authority to the Strategic Directors of Neighbourhoods, Adults Health and Housing and Children and Young People, following consultation with the relevant Cabinet Member, to enable them to respond to changing priorities throughout the year by introducing new schemes or bringing forward the implementation of some schemes at the expense of others.

## **Reasons**

1. Approval of the work programme at the beginning of the 2015/16 financial year would allow effective planning and programming of the detailed work programme, with the objective of ensuring that the property maintenance projects were delivered on time and achieve value for money. Early approval of the programme would allow us to identify risks to the delivery of projects. We would be able to review and monitor risks to ensure they do not escalate and, where possible, were eliminated.
2. In the interests of the effective management of the programme, it was appropriate for the Strategic Directors of Neighbourhoods, Adults, Health and Housing and Children and Young People following consultation with the relevant Cabinet Member to review the programme and reallocate funding on the basis of the outcomes of investigations, feasibility studies and progress of other projects and changing health and safety priorities.
3. The current proposed maintenance programme required flexibility to accommodate the outcomes of decisions linked to the council's property rationalisation project.
4. The original Property maintenance programme approved at 18th February 2015 Council Cabinet (Capital Budget 2015/16 to 2017/18) had been amended due to a review of the programme and consideration of essential work required. Some schemes had been removed as work was not considered essential at this stage.