

# ITEM 7 a) & b)

## MINUTE EXTRACT

Time began 6.00pm

Time ended 8.15pm

### **COUNCIL CABINET 15 FEBRUARY 2011**

Present

Councillor Holmes (Chair)  
Councillors Grimadell, Ingall, Marshall, Poulter and Webb

In attendance

Councillors Bayliss and Jones

This record of decisions was published on 17 February 2011. 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.

### **195/10 Recommendations from the Overview and Scrutiny Commissions on the draft Revenue and Capital Budgets 2011/12 – 2013/14**

The Council Cabinet considered a report on recommendations from the Overview and Scrutiny Commissions on the draft Revenue and Capital Budgets 2011/12 – 2013/14.

The Revenue Budget proposals were considered by the five Overview and Scrutiny Commissions at their meetings in January/February 2011. The Capital Budget proposals were considered by the Scrutiny Management Commission on 1 February.

Appropriate Cabinet Members and chief officers were supplied with the individual commissions' recommendations immediately after the wording was finalised by the respective chair and vice chair. This repeated the practice trialled in 2010 and allowed the fullest consideration to be given to the scrutiny input.

The recommendations of the individual Commissions and the reasons for those recommendations were as set out in the Appendices to the report.

The process set out in the Budget and Policy Framework Procedure Rules required the Cabinet to formally consider the reports of the overview and scrutiny commissions and report to Council on how it had taken into account any recommendations made.

The Council Cabinet also considered a supplementary report from the

Scrutiny Management Commission on Stage 2 of the Revenue Budget  
Proposals and a response from the Council Cabinet to the recommendations.

### **Decision**

To take the recommendations of the overview and scrutiny commissions into account when considering the capital and revenue budgets (minutes numbers 196/10 and 197/10)

### **196/10    General Revenue Budget and Council Tax 2011/12 [part only]**

### **Decision**

To recommend to Council the following ...

12. To note the feedback from the budget consultation and approve the Council Cabinet response to the consultation recommendations at Appendix 6 of the report.

Commission Meeting [[Commission portfolio if different]]	Recommendations	Response from Cabinet
Scrutiny Management – 1 February 2011	<p>ICT Contract</p> <p>That Council Cabinet note the Commission endorse the actions being taken to seek contract cost reductions by ongoing identification of efficiency projects to be undertaken and to reduce the annual contract fee.</p>	Cabinet note this endorsement.
<p>Scrutiny Management – 1 February 2011</p> <p>[[Children &amp; Young People]]</p>	<p>Report on Capital Budgets</p> <p>a) That Council Cabinet note the Commission a) support the £2m for emergency works at Lees Brook School as these are essential to keep the school open b) reiterate the need to secure central government funding for a full rebuild and c) request a report back to a future meeting.</p> <p>b) That Council Cabinet note the Commission a) support the additional £1m capital allocation to Disabled Facilities Grant in 2011/12 b) support the policy intention of the Leader that DFG be substantially expanded in future years as a welcome invest-to-save means of reducing the need for residential care and c) will want to consider the findings of the related forthcoming review.</p>	<p>Cabinet note this endorsement and will continue to lobby for additional funding and will report back to the Commission.</p> <p>Cabinet note this endorsement and agree to share the findings of the invest-to-save proposals with the Commission.</p>
<p>Scrutiny Management - 14 February.</p> <p>[[Children &amp; Young People]]</p>	<p>Academies</p> <p>That a) modelling be undertaken of the potential impact on centrally-held funds and services should further schools adopt Academy status and b) the outcome be reported to the Children and Young People Commission.</p>	Cabinet have asked for financial modelling of the impact of future academies on the schools budget.

		Cabinet agree to share their findings with the Children and Young People Commission
Scrutiny Management - 14 February	<p>Terms and Conditions</p> <p>That Cabinet note the Commission:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) recorded extreme disappointment that changes to staff terms and conditions was not pursued and in particular the reduction from 37 to 36 hours because of the number of jobs that would have potentially have saved</li> <li>b) commended those staff teams that have voluntarily agreed changes to hours or working patterns so as to reduce the impact of expenditure cuts in their work area</li> <li>c) commended staff who have taken on extra work and responsibilities covering for vacant posts but the Commission <b>recommend</b> this should be monitored as this may become overwhelming for some staff with adverse consequences for individuals' welfare</li> </ul> <p>[Note: Councillor Dhindsa disagreed with part a) of recommendation 21]</p>	<p>Cabinet note the Commission's disappointment, however the negotiation with the Trade Unions supports the voluntary exit process as the proposed option for 2011-12</p> <p>Cabinet supports the commendation of staff for their continued work and proposals to support the budget</p>
Scrutiny Management - 14 February	<p>Pay Award Contingency</p> <p>That a) the pay increase contingency to fund £250 each for lower paid staff be retained in the budget and other savings be identified in the revenue budget to make this cost neutral</p>	<p>Cabinet understand the Commission concerns, however the implementation</p>

	<p>b) representations be made to seek national agreement by the Local Government employers to pay the increase to lower paid staff.</p>	<p>of this proposal supports a balance budget and saves approximately 38 full time jobs.</p> <p>The original proposal was not supported by additional funding, nor is [it] a decision which Central Government can implement. The decision regarding pay awards is a Local Government Employers decision which is a pay freeze for 2 years.</p>
<p>Scrutiny Management - 14 February</p> <p>[[Neighbourhoods]]</p>	<p>Planning Enforcement</p> <p>That the current budget for planning enforcement be retained in the budget to avoid the proposed reduction from 2 to 1 enforcement staff and other savings be identified in the revenue budget be identified to make this cost neutral.</p>	<p>Cabinet note the concerns of the Commission and agree to monitor the effect of the proposal closely during 2011-12</p>

**COUNCIL**  
**2 March 2011**

**Minute Extract**

**COUNCIL CABINET MINUTES** – 16 February 2011 (including Budget and Council Tax Motion) Approved subject to the amendment of paragraph 1 of the motion to read:

1. To approve a budget requirement for Derby City Council for 2011/12 of £221,764,425 subject to:
  - a) reducing the savings on Climate Change, included on page 34 of Appendix 6 (Document 5C), by £50,000 to be funded by bringing forward the saving of £293,000 for Community Transport from 2012/13 to 2011/12, shown on page 39 of Appendix 6 (Document 5C). This will be replaced in 2012/13 with permanent reductions in expenditure on energy, or failing that by reductions in posts within CCEMU.
  - b) and ) [omitted]