

Time began: 6.00pm
Time ended: 7:31pm

**COUNCIL CABINET
12 APRIL 2011**

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

In attendance Councillors Allen, Bayliss and Jones

This record of decisions was published on 14 April 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.

229/10 Apologies

There were no apologies for absence.

230/10 Late Items Introduced by the Chair

There were no late items.

**231/10 Identification of Urgent Items to which Call-In
will not apply**

There were no urgent items.

232/10 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Holmes declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item 240/10 as the Chair of the Friar Gate Studios Board and left the room during the consideration of this item.

233/10 Minutes of the meeting held 15 March 2011

The minutes of the meeting held on 15 March 2011 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

Matters Referred

**234/10 Climate Change – Carbon Reduction
Commitment Liability**

The Council Cabinet considered a report from the Scrutiny Management Commission on the changes to the Carbon Reduction Commitment Liability Scheme introduced in the Comprehensive Spending Review which had put

additional financial pressure on the Council's corporate budget. This issue was picked up by the Scrutiny Management Commission during the budget consultation process in January and Members requested an update. The Scrutiny Management Commission received a briefing paper at their March meeting which confirmed that the changes to the Carbon Reduction Commitment scheme would require the Council to find an additional £400,000 in 2012.

The Commission requested Council Cabinet to pursue recompense for the financial pressure introduced through changes to the Carbon Reduction Commitment Scheme by the Comprehensive Spending Review. The Commission also requested a report for the June 2011 meeting of the Commission on the effect of the reduction in the climate change team resulting in reduced capacity to capture and analyse data and find greater efficiencies.

Decision

1. To note the Scrutiny Management Commission's request that the Council Cabinet pursue recompense for the financial pressure introduced through changes to the Carbon Reduction Commitment Scheme by the Comprehensive Spending Review.
2. To note the Scrutiny Management Commission's request for a report to be brought to the June meeting of the Scrutiny Management Commission on the effect of the reduction in the climate change team resulting in reduced capacity to capture and analyse data.

235/10 Motion from Council

The Council Cabinet considered the following motion from Council:

"Council is concerned about the continued problems with bins on streets, fly tipping, fly posting and other environmental crimes and notes the increased concerns of residents in Arboretum, Abbey and Normanton Wards amongst others. In order to address these longstanding matters of environmental and street scene disorder, Council requests Council Cabinet to look in to ways of utilising existing enforcement staff or officers to develop an enforcement team and policy on these environmental concerns which would have the power to impose swift penalties on those causing such environmental degradation in our City."

Decision

To note the motion.

Key Decisions

236/10 Adult Learning Service Fees 2011-12

The Council Cabinet considered a report on Adult Learning Service Fees 2011-12. There had been a number of recent changes in government policy around adult learning and a reduction in the funding rates which would take effect from September 2011. Consequently there was a need to consider an appropriate structure for fees for Adult Learning Service (ALS) courses.

Options Considered

1. To increase all course fees. This could lead to an overall reduction in income as learner numbers may decrease.
2. To reduce the number and range of courses offered in order to reduce the overall running costs of the service. This could lead to a reduction in choice and opportunity for Derby residents.
3. To introduce a course fee subsidy from council funding. This option had not been recommended due to current Council budget pressures

Decision

1. To, in line with Government policy, change the structure for certain ALS course fees for the 2011/12 academic year to ensure that courses are affordable those learners who are not entitled to full fee remission as detailed in paragraphs 4.4 and 4.6 of the report.
2. To agree that any adjustments to the rates of fee remissions or concessions as a result of additional guidance from the Skills Funding Agency should be approved by the Strategic Director for Children and Young People in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Health.

Reasons

1. Derby City Council's ALS was government funded through the Skills Funding Agency (SFA) and was obliged to adopt a fees policy that was in accordance with its policies and guidance.
2. A national policy was to be introduced to restrict the entitlement for full fee remissions on Adult Skills courses to those benefit claimants in receipt of a Job Seekers Allowance (JSA) or Employment Support Allowance (ESA) only. It had been recognised that this would adversely affect some adult learning services including Derby Adult Learning Service. The Skills Funding Agency had agreed to transitional protection of funding for the 2011/12 academic year.

237/10 Consultation on the Proposed Closure of Warwick House

The Council Cabinet considered a report on Consultation on the Proposed Closure of Warwick House. On 23 November 2010 Council Cabinet decided to consult on a proposal to close Warwick House care home for older people. The consultation ran from 1 December 2010 to 23 February 2011. The report summarised the responses to the consultation process and sought to address the key concerns that were raised. Further details about the consultation process and the responses received were appended to the report.

Options Considered

1. Not closing Warwick House would be the best decision for existing residents, respite attendees, family members and staff but would not serve many other older people, their families and communities well. This was because resources could not be diverted to more modern alternatives like Extra Care Housing which provided choice and control in other parts of the country but were only recently emergent in Derby.
2. Remaining with the previous plan of developing Warwick House to provide dementia care would divert resources from new-build Extra Care Housing and deliver a remodelled scheme within the shell of a building constructed in the early 1960s with correspondingly high maintenance costs and reduced lifespan.
3. Agreeing to closure but providing an open-ended commitment to maintain Warwick House until the last resident had left naturally would create significant uncertainty and delay around new developments.
4. Agreeing a very rapid closure, for instance within 2011, would create unnecessary additional concern for residents, respite attendees and involved families or friends.

Decision

1. To close Warwick House on a date no sooner than 31st March 2012.
2. To secure the futures of the Council care homes at Arboretum House, Bramblebrook House, Coleridge House and Raynesway View for at least the timescales set out in table 9.2 of the report.
3. To provide an option for Warwick House's seven long-term residents to move together to nearby Bramblebrook House.
4. To transfer Warwick House's six Intermediate Care beds to Perth House care home for older people on or before 31 March 2012.

5. To transfer Warwick House's fifteen respite care beds to Perth House over time, with appropriate use also made of respite beds at Coleridge House and Bramblebrook House on an interim basis.

Reasons

1. Consultation feedback had strongly challenged the proposal to close Warwick House, but the rationale for the closure remained solid and was set out in the Supporting Information section. An extended timescale for the closure was felt to be important in view of the concerns of existing residents, respite attendees and their families.
2. Assurances about the long-term future of Council care homes could not be provided because of concerns about their design and the changing expectations of Derby's older people. Perth House, planned for a specialist focus in intermediate care and respite care, was an exception to this. However, medium term assurances could be made about the remaining four homes because plans to replace them imminently were unrealistic in the current financial climate. It was important to provide these assurances for the sake of the people who currently lived and worked there, so that the Council could make most efficient use of the services, and also so that long-term residents and respite attendees at Warwick House understand their options if they strongly preferred to move to a Council-run setting in the event of closure being approved.
3. Residents of Warwick House would get tailored support from a key-worker, based on their individual preferences, if the home had to close. The offer made in Recommendation 2.3 of the report was designed to support the opinions generally expressed by the seven residents and their families in the consultation period, based on the friendships they had made with one another. However, other arrangements would be made for any resident where this did not meet their needs or suit their preferences.
4. The decision to move all of Derby's residential intermediate care capacity to the same site had been made previously because this would enable a more high-profile and consistent service. Warwick House beds would be transferred to Perth House so that the city's intermediate care capacity was maintained.
5. The Council had made the decision to continue being a substantial provider of residential respite care. This was in recognition of the vital importance respite had in helping older people and their informal carers to sustain their day-to-day lives. It was extremely important that current respite attendees at Warwick House were reassured that capacity to support them would remain if the home should close, that a specialist focus on respite would continue, and also that there would be further respite options local to Warwick House for at least the medium term.

238/10 Consultation on the Proposed Closure of Merrill House

The Council Cabinet considered a report on Consultation on the Proposed Closure of Merrill House. On 23 November 2010 Council Cabinet decided to consult on a proposal to close Merrill House care home for older people. The consultation ran from 1 December 2010 to 23 February 2011. The report summarised the responses to the consultation process and sought to address the key concerns that were raised. Further detailed about the consultation process and the responses received were appended to the report.

Options Considered

1. Closing Merrill House would enable the Council make best use of available local alternative care home supply whilst releasing a capital asset that could be used to invest in more modern alternatives like Extra Care Housing which provided greater choice and control over an individuals support arrangements. However, this was balanced against the disruption making a move to a new home would cause for the current long term residents.
2. Keeping Merrill House open as a long-stay home for the foreseeable future would not address the changing demand for residential care or the increasing preference among Derby's older people for alternative forms of provision.
3. Agreeing to closure but providing an open-ended commitment to maintain Merrill House until the last resident had left naturally would create significant uncertainty and delay around new developments. It would be more difficult to maintain service quality.
4. Agreeing a very rapid closure, for instance within 2011, would create unnecessary concern for residents, respite attendees and involved families or friends.

Decision

1. To keep Merrill House open but put a freeze on further long-term places.
2. To use vacant beds for short-term care, for instance to address emergencies or to provide respite care.
3. To keep the viability of Merrill House under review with a view to eventual closure and replacement with extra care housing or other comparable services.

Reasons

1. There had been strong opposition to the closure of Merrill House but information was provided in the following report that explained why the care home did not have a long term future. The Council needed to release current resources over time to enable it to invest in new models of service for older people that were working extremely well in other parts of the country and were being increasingly demanded in Derby by older people themselves.
2. It was not justifiable to close Merrill House quickly in the face of the concerns that had arisen from the consultation. This was because there was no identifiable Extra Care Housing scheme or other necessary new service for older people that could be funded by capital receipt from the sale of Merrill House at this point in time.
3. Work was ongoing to develop Extra Care Housing and other modern services for older people that help reduce the demand for residential care. It would be inappropriate to use vacant beds for new long-term admissions while Merrill House remains under review.

239/10 Determination of Admission Arrangements for Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools 2012-13

The Council Cabinet considered a report on Determination of Admission Arrangements for Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools 2012-13. The Council had consulted as required on the proposed admission arrangements and relevant area for 2012-2013. Following consultation, it was proposed that the current admission arrangements, set out on page 11 of the Secondary 'Admissions Handbook 2011-2012 and page 16 of the Primary 'Admissions Handbook 2011- 2012, found at www.derby.gov.uk/admissions should be adopted as our arrangements for 2012-2013.

Options Considered

There were no other options considered.

Decision

1. To adopt the admission arrangements for 2012 – 2013 set out in page 11 of the Secondary Admissions Handbook 2011 – 2012 and page 16 of the Primary Admissions Handbook as amended by the following recommendations.
2. To note and support the position on the co-ordination of admissions to all schools in Derby City, including the Chief Schools Adjudicator's

recommendations following his investigation into fraudulent or misleading applications’.

3. To note and support the decision not to alter the catchment area of Littleover Community School to include Glebe Rise as that would be in breach of Section 2.40 of the School Admissions Code.
4. To note and support the amendment to the Published Admission Number (PAN) for Boulton Primary, an increase to 45 from 30 to reflect the increased demand for primary places in the demographic area for 2012-2013 intake.
5. To note and support the amended Published Admission Number (PAN) for Ravensdale Infant and Junior Schools, an increase from 75 to 90 to reflect the increased demand for primary places in the demographic area for 2012 2013 intake.
6. To note and support the increase in the Published Admission Number from 252 to 266 for Derby Moor Community Sports College Trust School.

Reasons

To agree the proposed admission arrangements and published admission numbers for 2012-2013 in order to ensure equity and consistency for parents in compliance with the School Admissions Code of Practice.

240/10 Photovoltaic (PV) System Installation Spend to Save Project

The Council Cabinet considered a report on Photovoltaic (PV) System Installation Spend to Save Project. The report sought approval of a 25 year ‘spend to save’ project designed to deliver low risk financial returns whilst also providing a reduction in council carbon emissions. The project would install a Photovoltaic (PV) electricity generation system at Friar Gate Studios and Springwood Leisure Centre. This was a form of renewable technology that produced AC electricity from solar irradiation without any carbon emissions. The 8 June 2010 Leisure Facility Strategy update to Council Cabinet noted that consultants PMP Genesis highlighted that of the existing leisure facilities only Springwood Leisure Centre was not ageing or in poor repair. The electrical capacity of the system would be 26.5kW peak at the Friar Gate Studios and 90kW peak at Springwood Leisure Centre. This could either be used on site (displacing utility supply and cost) or exported to the grid for revenue income.

Options Considered

A Do Nothing Option had been considered. This returned a negative net present value – (NPV) of -£162,442. In effect the benefit accruing to those

who install renewable technology and receive Feed-in-Tariffs – (FIT's) would be paid for by those who do not claim FIT's. The cost of grid electricity rising by a predicted 1.5% to enabled this transfer.

Decision

1. To approve the outline project funding estimate required to enable the issue of the Invitation to Tender (ITT) for the installation of PV at Friar Gate Studios and Springwood Leisure Centre
2. To approve the inclusion of the project in the capital programme for 2011/12 and commencement of the scheme.
3. To approve the virement of site revenue savings made against displaced utility supply in order to support the borrowing together with the FIT and export revenues.

Reasons

1. The Council would benefit by exploiting energy efficient renewable technologies, using carbon neutral technology and provide a strong community lead in demonstrating the potential of renewable technology.
2. The Council would benefit from the receipt of generation tariff of £982,030 over the period of prudential borrowing. The level of Internal Rate of Return (IRR) expected was underpinned by a low risk investment in reliable, proven technology within a simple system installation.
3. The FIT legislation allowed for the recovery by energy suppliers of the cost of the tariffs paid. This was expected to lead to a 1.5% increase in fuel bills above normal. The installation of PV avoided this cost for the proportion of grid electricity displaced. This in effect lead to the negative NPV of -£162.4k for the Do Nothing option.

241/10 Voluntary Sector Grant Aid Strategy 2011- 2015

The Council Cabinet considered a report on Voluntary Sector Grant Strategy. Council Cabinet at its meeting in December 2010 considered a proposal to reduce grant aid to voluntary sector organisations as part of the Council's overall budget strategy for 2011/12 and beyond. Council Cabinet provisionally approved the Grant Aid Strategy and its key funding themes and approved the process for commissioning voluntary sector services for 2011-15. Council Cabinet also authorised a twelve week consultation on the proposed Grant Aid Strategy. The consultation with the Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS), service users, partner agencies and the public began on 15 December 2010 and ended on 13 March 2011. The report fed back the outcome of the consultation and made recommendations for next steps.

Organisations were very concerned about the size and timing of the grant aid budget reduction. It was suggested that reduction of 30% in one year would have too damaging an impact on the sector and phasing the reduction over a longer period was a fairer and more supportive approach. It was also felt that the funding reduction for the voluntary sector was disproportionate when it was experiencing increasing demand due to cuts in other areas and changes to social care eligibility criteria. However, having considered the views of the sector, the approach in the strategy enables a fundamental re-alignment of services with the outcomes in the Derby Plan at an affordable level that could be maintained as business as usual in following years. The actual impact was spread over two years and the full year savings would not be realised until 2012/13.

The Strategy did not mention a small grant programme for supporting small projects, pilot projects and starting new initiatives. To address this, it was proposed to include a small grant round in the updated Strategy.

The application period at four weeks was considered to be too short for some organisations to submit their service proposals, especially those that were new to the Council's grant funding process. Having considered this it was proposed that the period for applications be extended from four to six weeks.

Smaller organisations, those managed by people unfamiliar with completing grant applications, or those where English was not their first language expressed concern that they would struggle to complete grant application forms. It was proposed to arrange a series of workshop events where these organisations could be provided with information and assistance to help with their applications.

Concern was expressed that the process for assessing and allocating grants would not be transparent. The Council had worked with Voluntary Sector representatives to develop a transparent and fair assessment process. This would include providing details of assessment criteria, weightings, use of assessment panels, and an appeals process.

To assist in focussing their grant applications, organisations requested that the Council be specific about the services it was seeking to deliver the outcomes in the strategy. Examples of services would be made available as part of the grant application process.

There was general agreement from organisations that they would require ongoing infrastructure support. A key part of the strategy was the commitment to infrastructure support for the sector, and funding would be available for appropriate services.

Local Authorities within the region were following a wide range of approaches to grant aid. Within this diversity the common themes were that funding to the sector was being reduced as Councils sought to maximise value for money and support for core priorities. A corporate approach was used to co-ordinate

the review of funding with the Voluntary Sector while each directorate within the Council made their own decision on which services meet the priorities of their department to meet overall budget targets.

The fact that the Council had to make significant reductions to its spending to balance the budget was well accepted.

Options Considered

1. The option of leaving the current grant funded services in place was considered and rejected as it would not offer the best strategic fit with the new Derby Plan and not offer the best outcomes for Derby citizens.
2. The option of cutting all grant aid was considered and rejected as it was recognised that the Council needs to continue to invest in the preventative and direct services that the voluntary sector provides.
3. The option of maintaining the current grant funding levels was considered and rejected as it meant that essential statutory services would have to be reduced even more severely.

Decision

1. To revise the Voluntary Sector Grant Aid strategy to bring it in line with the final version of the Derby Plan and Council Plan, reflecting the six key outcomes of the Derby Plan.
2. To proceed with the proposed reduced grant aid budget of £1.971m and implement the savings in 2011/12 with full year savings being achieved in 2012/13.
3. To increase the time period for grant funding applications to be prepared and submitted from four weeks to six weeks and provide more time for the run in to the application process to support and communicate with the sector. The application process to commence on 16 May 2011 and complete on 24 June 2011.
4. Recommendations on which services are to be commissioned and decommissioned to be made to Council Cabinet at a future meeting.
5. To provide support to Voluntary and Community Sector organisations throughout the application period to assist with understanding and preparation of funding bids.

Reasons

1. At the time of the drafting of the voluntary sector grant aid strategy, the Derby Plan was still being developed. The three key themes of People, Place and Prospects in the Plan were used to identify outcomes for customers that we wanted to be delivered through the

strategy. Since then, the Derby Plan had changed and now contained six key outcomes. Modifying the strategy would ensure that it accurately underpinned both the Derby Plan and Council Plan.

2. Implementing the savings in one year had proved to be extremely unpopular with the whole voluntary and community sector. They had argued strongly for a phased reduction over a number of years to allow services to be reduced in a more controlled manner. However, having considered the views of the sector, the approach in the strategy enabled a fundamental re-alignment of services at an affordable level that could be maintained as business as usual in following years. The actual impact was spread over two years as the full year savings would not be realised until 2012/13.
3. The extension of the period for grant applications would provide organisations with more time to consult with their members, consider options for the future services, and explore the potential for joint working to deliver improved value for money. This would be particular benefit to the following organisations:
 1. Smaller voluntary sector organisations particularly those without paid staff that were run and managed by volunteers.
 2. Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) and other community groups who due to language issues may find the grant process more difficult to access.
 3. Groups that were new to the grant aid process.
4. Many of the existing smaller and BME organisations together with organisations that were new to grant funding indicated that they would value an appropriate level of support during the period when they were developing their applications. We would be facilitating workshops, and offering appropriate guidance and advice during the application period.

242/10 New Housing Allocations Policy

The Council Cabinet considered a report on New Housing Allocations Policy. Following new guidance issued by Communities and Local Government – CLG – a review of Derby's current Housing Allocations Policy had been undertaken. The report made recommendations for changes to the policy to comply with the new guidance and to take account of responses to consultation.

Options Considered

Retaining the existing policy leaves the Council open to challenge, as it no longer complies with all statutory guidance.

Decisions

1. To approve the new proposed Housing Allocations Policy as attached at Appendix 3 to the report.
2. To agree to implement the new policy following upgrades to the IT and software system, expected by 1 July 2011.
3. To inform all partner providers, tenants and housing applicants on the Housing Register of the new policy.

Reasons

1. To make sure the Council was compliant with the statutory guidance on social housing allocations for local authorities in England and to make best use of limited social housing.
2. Once agreed, we would instruct our IT provider to develop software to align with the new policy.
3. To comply with statutory guidance on informing partners and clients.

243/10 Leisure Facility Strategy

The Council Cabinet considered a report which stated that further to Council Cabinet approval on 28 September 2010 this report updated Council Cabinet on the identification of sites to deliver the two new sporting Hubs as part of the Leisure Strategy.

The report sought approval of the preferred site for the Outdoor Hub (Multi-Sport Arena) onto part of the Park and Ride site on Pride Park and to agree the commencement of work on procurement options for the new facilities. It also informed Council Cabinet of the progress made in identifying a site for the Indoor Hub (50m Swimming Pool).

Options Considered

1. Officers had spoken to nine private sector developers/contractors and to five private sector independent property consultants as apart of the market sounding exercise; additionally, discussions had also been held with the public sector landowners.
2. The feedback received from the four of the private sector independent property consultants was that the simplest, most efficient procurement route would be to acquire a site in the first instance; one did not express an opinion but was accompanied in discussions by SCAPE who advocated the use of the East Midlands Property Alliance framework.

3. Only one of the major private sector developers had expressed an interest in the wider comprehensive regeneration approach and this had been with a view to securing a foothold in the Network Rail Wyvern site.
4. Generally speaking the developer's contracting divisions had said that the cheapest, quickest and practical approach was for Derby City Council to acquire a site and then to award a construction contract under a framework or similar agreement.

Decision

1. To approve the selection of the Park and Ride site on Pride Park as the preferred location of the Outdoor Hub in line with the recommendations contained in the Feasibility Study.
2. To approve the commencement of work on the procurement of the Outdoor Hub, via either the OGC Consulting Service Framework or an OJEU Notice Procedure and for officers to submit a report to a future Council Cabinet meeting on the preferred procurement route.
3. To note that negotiations were ongoing around the site of the Indoor Hub (50m Swimming Pool) and a further report to Council Cabinet would be submitted at a later date.
4. To approve the principle to the use of capital receipts relating to the development of the Leisure Strategy.

Reasons

1. Since the previous report officers had launched both the Regeneration Fund and the Leisure Strategy to the developer market.
2. Developers had been asked to identify alternative site/options for both Hubs where possible. Sixteen developers, agents, advisors and public sector landowners had been interviewed to consider our requirements and identify possible alternative sites however there had been a limited number of options identified. After careful consideration the most appropriate site for the Multi Sports Arena had been identified as part of the Park and Ride car park site at Pride Park.
3. Concurrently two alternative sites for the Indoor Hub had been identified for which negotiations were ongoing.

Budget and Policy Framework

244/10 Derby's Economic Strategy 2011-15

The Council Cabinet considered a report on Derby's Economic Strategy 2011-15. The new Derby Plan, to be published imminently, was the overarching strategy for the city and contains a desired outcome of "realising a thriving sustainable economy". The draft Economic Strategy (Appendix 2 of the report) was, in effect, the economic chapter of the Derby Plan. It was designed to realise this Derby Plan outcome statement and would be owned and overseen by the Derby Renaissance Board (DRB). The strategy outlined the rationale for a series of suggested interventions. Specific actions for partners to undertake were included in three associated Delivery Plans – one for each sub-board of the DRB (Appendix 3-5 of the report). Progress against the Delivery Plans would be monitored by the DRB and periodically reported to Members. This report accompanied the draft Economic Strategy and associated Delivery Plans and sought approval from Members.

Decision

To approve the Economic Strategy and adopt the document as the basis for the Council's future regeneration projects and programmes.

245/10 ICT Strategy

The Council Cabinet considered a report on ICT Strategy. The report summarised the new ICT Strategy that had been developed to establish the framework in which the ICT service would operate and how investment in new ICT systems would be managed. The strategy established seven key principles:

- establishing the role of ICT in the business; ICT as an enabler
- achieving Value for Money through more efficient use of ICT
- delivering for Customers; self service, mediated service and end to end workflow
- Information Management and Information Security; protecting customer data
- Service Delivery and Management; adopting professional standards
- Technology Standards; setting the technology framework
- Transformation; ICT delivering efficiency and reducing costs.

The report and the draft strategy had been approved by the one ICT strategy board and the one Derby one council strategic board on which all groups were represented.

Decision

To approve the ICT Strategy that has been reviewed and agreed by the ICT Strategy Board.

246/10 Being Safe and Feeling Safe – Derby’s Crime and Disorder Reduction Strategy 2011-14

The Council Cabinet considered a report on Being Safe and Feeling Safe – Derby’s Crime and Disorder Reduction Strategy 2011-2014. Under current legislation, there was a duty for each crime and disorder reduction partnership to formulate and implement a three year strategy to reduce crime and disorder and combat substance misuse; with an annual strategic assessment of risk and need which should be reviewed every six months. This three year strategy covered the period 2011-2014, and explained the priorities for community safety for Derby city during this period. The action plan outlined key delivery areas over the next 12 months. The priorities identified in the strategy had been developed alongside the ‘being safe and feeling safe’ priority outcome in the Derby Plan to ensure that these strategies were harmonised. It had also been developed alongside the Council’s Corporate Plan. There was also a statutory duty for the local authority to exercise all of its function with due regard to the likely effect on crime and disorder in the area and to take direct action to reduce crime and disorder. This included consideration of the potential impact of policies, budgets, commissioned services and direct service delivery on crime and disorder. The strategy and annual plan had to be approved through the Council’s decision making process and remained a statutory plan to be approved by Council.

Decision

1. To recommend Council to approve the strategy and annual plan.
2. To ensure that all Members and services have due regard to the Council’s statutory duty to reduce crime and disorder.

247/10 Asset Management Plan

The Council Cabinet considered a report on Asset Management Plan. The report sought approval to the adoption of an updated Asset Management Plan.

Decision

1. To adopt the Asset Management Plan.
2. To authorise the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader of the Council to make amendments to the Asset Management Plan following consideration of comments by the Scrutiny Management Commission.

3. To promote the principles of asset management planning across the Council.

Contract and Financial Procedure Matters

248/10 Contract and Financial Procedure Matters Report

The Council Cabinet considered a report which dealt with the following items that required reporting to and approval by Council Cabinet under Contract and Financial Procedure rules:

- changes to the capital programme
- revised schools devolved formula deficit for Children and Young People capital Programme 2010/11
- capital Scheme Commencements
- use of reserves.

Decision

1. To approve the changes detailed in Appendix 2 of the report and to amend the 2011/12 – 2013/14 capital programme.
2. To note the revised capital programme and associated funding detailed in Table 1 for 2011/12, paragraph 4.2 of the report.
3. To approve the use of the Devolved Formula Capital - DFC - allocations for 2011/12 for the relevant schools, amounting to £122,000, as detailed in paragraph 4.10 of the report.
4. To approve the temporary use of previous years unallocated Children and Young People capital grants to fund the remaining shortfall of £311,000.
5. To approve the capital scheme commencements detailed in Appendix 3 of the report.
6. To approve the original allocation of reserve funding be maintained until the Friar Gate Studios project is completed.

Performance Monitoring

249/10 Ofsted Inspection of Derby Adult Learning Service

The Council Cabinet considered a report which stated that Derby City Council Adult Learning Service was inspected by Ofsted between 7 -11 February

2011. The service was graded as Good with Outstanding Aspects. The Council Cabinet and Leaders of the Labour and Liberal Democrat groups offered their congratulations to all those who contributed to the service.

Decision

To note the main findings of the inspection.

Councillor Poulter noted that this was the last Council Cabinet meeting of the Municipal Year and asked that Cabinet's appreciation for the professionalism, effort and achievements of all officers across the Council be recorded.

MINUTES END