

ITEM 16a

207/08 Derby's Response to Climate Change – A Situation Report for Summer/Autumn 2008

The Council Cabinet considered a report presented by Councillor Williams as Chair of the Climate Change Commission on Derby's Response to Climate Change – A Situation for Summer/Autumn 2008. As part of its work programme for 2008/09, the Climate Change Overview and Scrutiny Commission had conducted a review to establish what the Council and its partners were doing to reduce the carbon dioxide emissions arising from their activities. This was done primarily through questionnaires. The review concluded that although good work was being done in some areas, this was not widespread and there was a lack of knowledge of what needed to be done to tackle emissions and how this could be achieved.

Decision

1. To receive the report and refer it to the Climate Change Board.
2. To request a response to Council Cabinet and the Climate Change Commission.

MINUTE EXTRACT

Time began 6.00pm
Time ended 7.50pm

COUNCIL CABINET 17 FEBRUARY 2009

Present: Councillor Jones (Chair)
Councillors Allen, Care, Carr, Naitta, Skelton and Troup

In attendance Councillors Hickson, Williams and Williamson

208/08 Recommendations of the Overview and Scrutiny Commissions on the Draft Revenue and Capital Budgets 2009/10 – 2011/12

The Council Cabinet considered a report of the Overview and Scrutiny Commissions on the draft Revenue and Capital Budgets 2009/10 – 2011/12. The budget proposals for 2009/10 to 2011/12 were contained in the documents entitled 'Budget proposals 2009/2010' and 'Detailed Budget Proposals 2009/10 to 2011/12' that were issued by the Director of Resources on 12 and 15 January 2009 respectively. The Revenue Budget proposals contained in these documents were considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Commissions at their meetings in January 2009.

The Council Cabinet was asked to consider the recommendations of the Overview and Scrutiny Commissions and decide whether to incorporate these recommendations into the budget proposals for 2009/10 to 2011/12.

Decision

To consider the recommendations with the reports on General Fund Revenue and Council Tax 2009/10 and Capital Budget 2009/10 – 2011/12.

229/08 Capital Budget 2009/10 – 2011/12 General Fund Revenue Budget and Council Tax 2009/10

The Council Cabinet considered reports on:

- Capital Budget 2009/10 – 2011/12
- General Fund Revenue Budget and Council Tax 2009/10.

During his presentation of the General Fund Revenue Budget and Council Tax 2009/10, the Corporate Director of Resources advised that the proposal to reduce the council tax increase from 4.9% to 4.25% following the

consultation period would require a £700k contribution from general reserves to balance the budget. He went on to emphasise that the £700k would be a permanent funding gap and whereas the Council has enough reserves to meet this gap in 2009/10, this is not a sustainable position and Council Cabinet would need to find further savings to meet this gap in 2010/11.

Decision

- A. To approve the following amendments to the revenue budget proposals, in response to representations made following consultation with Overview and Scrutiny Commissions, the public and stakeholders:
 - (i) Cabinet agrees that the opening of an energy shop will not now take place and the £70,000 earmarked to this service will be diverted to support the running of the new Climate Change Team.
 - (ii) Cabinet agrees that the concept of pre budget scrutiny introduced in 2008, should be repeated in future budget cycles and held at the earliest point when sufficient information is available for scrutiny commissions to make informed observations. The Council Cabinet's intention is to engage the Scrutiny Management Commission in a base budget review process as soon as possible after the Annual General Meeting of the Council in May 2009.
 - (iii) Following comments from the Planning and Transportation Commission on home to school transport, Cabinet has agreed to adjust the savings profile to £165,000 in 2009/10 and £115,000 in 2011/12.
- B. To approve the following amendments to the capital budget proposals in response to representations made following consultation with Overview and Scrutiny Commissions, the public and stakeholders.
 - (i) Council Cabinet agrees that when future capital budgets are presented to Overview and Scrutiny Commission they will show the current lines of expenditure and where appropriate how the expenditure differs from that of the previous year.
- C. To recommend Council to relevant budgets set out in the Cabinet Minutes.

ITEM 16c

Response of the Member for Direct and Internal Services to the Climate Change Commission's recommendation that the cabinet revisit the decision to terminate the council's water cooler contracts.

"The Climate Change Commission's recommendation that the cabinet should revisit the decision to terminate all the council's water cooler contracts was debated at some length on Tuesday, February 17.

"Cabinet resolved that the decision would be revisited. I confirmed during the debate that I would take the matter to employees via CJC once again before any final decision is made.

"Councillor Roberts also raised concerns during the debate over potential health and safety implications from the ongoing use of water from the taps in the toilets. I gave a reassurance that the health and safety aspects had been reviewed previously and that the conclusion was that there were absolutely no health and safety risks. However, we recognise our care of duty to the council employees and my colleague, Councillor Jones, gave an assurance that this aspect would also be properly looked at before a decision is made."