

Time began	6.00pm
Time ended	6.45pm

COUNCIL CABINET

12 JULY 2005

Present: Councillor Burgess – Chair
Councillors Allen, E Berry, Care, Carr, Hickson, and Samra.

This record of decisions was published on 14 July 2005. The key decisions set out in this record will come into force and may then be implemented on the expiry of five clear days unless a decision is called-in.

41/05 Apologies

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Latham.

42/05 Late items to be introduced by the Chair

There were no late items.

43/05 Identification of Urgent Items to which Call-In will not Apply

There were no urgent items.

44/05 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Samra declared a personal prejudicial interest in item 7 – Hartington Street renewal Area Programme as he owned property within the renewal area. Councillor Carr declared a personal prejudicial interest in Item 26 as a member of his family was tendering for a contract which was set out in the report.

45/05 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Part 1 minutes of the meetings held on 17 May 2005 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

Matters Referred to Council Cabinet

46/05 Culture and Prosperity Commission Review of Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site - Response

The Council Cabinet considered a report from the Director of Development and Cultural Services setting out the response to be given to the Culture and Prosperity Commission on their review of the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site.

Decision

1. To congratulate the Overview and Scrutiny Commission on an outstandingly thorough and helpful piece of work.
2. To approve the range of initiatives outlined in the report which were designed to better exploit our World Heritage Site status in months and years to come.

47/05 Hartington Street Renewal Area Programme

The Council Cabinet considered a report from the Directors of Development and Cultural Services and Policy setting out the proposals of the Hartington Street Renewal Area Programme relating to Houses in Multiple Occupation.

Decisions

1. To agree in principle to a modification of the reasoned justification for Policy H23 – reuse of under-used buildings – of the City of Derby Local Plan Review in order to strengthen the link between the Council's respective planning and housing policies.
2. To refer the report to Area Panel 3.

(Having declared an interest in the above item Councillor Samra left the meeting during the discussion and voting thereon)

48/05 Forward Plan

The Council Cabinet considered a minute extract from the Scrutiny Management Commission held on the 7 June 2005, regarding the format of the Forward Plan.

Decision

1. To provide additional information in the Forward plan to explain what a particular report will cover.
2. The Chair to discuss the issue further with the Chair of the Scrutiny Management Commission

49/05 Overview and Scrutiny Objectives and Work Planning for 2005/06

The Council Cabinet considered a minute extract from the Scrutiny Management Commission held on 7 June 2005, regarding the Overview and Scrutiny objectives and work planning for 2005/06.

Decision

To note that Cabinet members will have a standing invitation to Scrutiny Commission pre agenda meetings.

50/05 Best Value Performance Plan 2005-08

The Council Cabinet considered a minute extract from the Scrutiny Management Commission held on 7 June 2005 regarding the Best Value performance Plan 2005-2008 and requesting Council Cabinet to review the cost and effectiveness of consultation with the public.

Decision

To note that a report of the Community Regeneration Commission would be considered at the next meeting relating to their topic review on consultation.

51/05 Derby Homes Market Testing, Britannia Court and Isle of White Blocks – Referrals from Community Regeneration Committee

The Council Cabinet was informed that the Community Regeneration Commission had made no comments on the three matters referred to them.

Decision

To note that the Community Regeneration Commission had no comments on the matters referred to them.

Key Decisions

52/05 Historic Buildings/Conservation Area Grants

The Council Cabinet considered a report from the Director of Development and Cultural Services regarding Historic Building and Conservation Area Grants. The report detailed the history and age of the buildings, and set out the repair work that needed to be conducted. The grant would be for 25 per cent of the costs.

Options Considered

No other options were considered.

Decisions

1. To approve an application for Historic Building Repair grant aid of up to £2,222 (or 25% of the actual costs, whichever is the lesser) towards the cost of repairs to the roof of the rear outbuilding at 22 Iron Gate, subject to the following conditions:
 - Standard Conditions.
 - Extent and location of reused and new slates to be agreed after the slates are stripped from the roof. If any of the original slates cannot be reused, new or reclaimed slates to be sound natural slate of UK origin and approved by the Council's Conservation Officer.
 - All lead work to be Lead Sheet Association standards
 - The grant of planning permission of the replacement sash window.
2. To approve an application for Conservation Area grant aid of up to £1,656 (or 25% of the actual costs, whichever is the lesser) towards the cost of repairs to seven windows and replacement of one window on the front elevation of 112 Duffield Road, subject to the following conditions:
 - Standard conditions.
 - Windows to be paint finished white or off white.
 - Replacement sliding sash window on ground floor to be manufactured to match the others. Window to be single glazed, set back from the opening rather than flush, and traditionally weighted.
 - The grant of planning permission for the replacement sash window.

Reasons

The offer of grant assistance would make sure that repair works to listed buildings are carried out to a high standard and that the character and appearance of the Conservation Area was preserved and enhanced by the repair and reinstatement of traditional features.

53/05 Twinning Grant – Derby Schools Football Association

The Council Cabinet considered a report from the Director of Corporate Services setting out details of a twinning grant for Derby Schools Football Association. The grant would provide an allowance towards travel and out of pocket expenses. The financial assistance would be available to pupils living within the City and adults accompanying the group.

Options Considered

No other options were considered.

Decision

To approve a retrospective twinning grant of £1,250 to Derby Schools Football Association who visited Osnabruck in May 2005.

Reasons

The visit was eligible for assistance under the Council's Scheme.

54/05 Modernising the Fostering Service – Proposed Developments in 2005/06

The Council Cabinet considered a report from the Director of Social Services setting out the proposals for modernising the fostering service. It was proposed that the Council increased payments for foster carers as set out in the report as part of its commitment to reach Fostering Networks Allowance rates.

Options Considered

1. Other options had been considered, to do nothing, in relation to fees and allowances, and to increase rates to the fostering network recommended rates from October. Also to increase rates to the fostering recommended rates in two phases, October 2005 and October 2006.
2. These options had been developed from consideration of how to continue to improve the fostering service and to reach the point where the right payments system would be in place and a

reasonable level of allowances and rewards to enable the council to be in a better position to recruit to the in house foster care service.

3. All the options considered include the recommendation to modernise the payments system.
4. The recommendation that was being brought forward about the level of payments was a best judgement recommendation rather than a scientific calculation that this was exactly the formula that would reach the perfect balance between payment and results. It does incorporate the principle that the council should seek to cover costs of care, and not to expect foster carers to subsidise those costs. The National Fostering Network rates were the only guidelines available, and the number of authorities using them fully or working towards them was increasing year on year.
5. The option to do nothing had been discounted. The judgement was that the level of financial support was one of the significant factors people consider in deciding whether to foster and whether to foster for the City Council. It was considered that the current allowances were too low to cover basic cost and to enable the Council's own service to be attractive.
6. The option to increase the rates by 30 per cent to the full fostering network recommended rates in October 2005 had been discounted as it was not yet possible to identify how it would be fully funded.
7. The option of committing now to two phases, one in October 2005 and another in October 2006 had been considered but the current budget position for 2006 was not sufficiently clear to allow commitment to be made at this time. It would be considered again in autumn 2005.
8. In addition to the formally identified options the Council could choose to make any level of increase above inflation between the current rates and the Fostering Network rate. However a staged process seemed to offer a reasonable balance between cost, demonstrating commitment and obtaining results.
9. The fostering service was continuing to work on improving its advertising, its recruitment processes and its support for existing carers to improve retention. These were not optional, as they form part of the overall work programme to improve the fostering service.

Decisions

1. To increase current fostering allowances on 1 October 2005, as set out in the report, in order to progress towards the Fostering Network recommended minimum rates.

2. To consider the business case for a further phased increase in 2006 as part of the 2006/07 budget process or earlier if affordable following a review of the Social Services budget position in the autumn.
3. To rationalise and consolidate the range of additional payments available for foster carers into a single improved allowance.
4. To restructure and modernise the current fee structure to meet current needs and attract prospective carers for more difficult to place children.
5. To note the intention to enter into a long term agreement at a slightly reduced rate for a number of placements with independent fostering agencies where the placements were settled and long term, and it is not possible to move the children.
6. To bring a progress report to Cabinet in April 2006, on the impact of the changes recommended in the report on recruitment and retention.

Reasons

1. There has been a small net increase in the number of carers recruited by Derby in 2004/05 for the first time for several years and a continuing slow reduction in the number of children looked after to its lowest ever level. Pressure for new placements continued, however, and cannot be met from within current resources. A planned downturn in the use of independent fostering agencies has not yet been achieved and at present there was no certainty that without further action to improve competitiveness and offer Derby carers a fair deal that this would be achieved.

A combination of paying National Foster Carer Network rates as the basic position with a simplified but extended fee structure for the more demanding children was considered the best way to enable the services to offer an easily understood package to potential foster carers and place ourselves appropriately within the market where independent fostering agencies are our main competitors.

These are nationally recognised rates that are promoted as giving carers a fair allowance to cover the costs of caring for children on behalf of the Local Authority.

2. The intention was to fund this by a combination of streamlining existing extra allowances using the Choice Protects special grant, and whenever possible reducing over time the use of independent fostering agencies. The Choice Protects grant is time limited, but in the past grants of this nature had been consolidated into the FSS and there was no reason to doubt that this would happen in this case. Reducing the number of placements remains a positive intention but was not yet happening.

3. If no action was taken it would be very likely that the current shortage of placements particularly for teenagers would continue and that the use of the independent fostering agencies would grow at continuing cost to the council. Taking this action was a positive step to improving the position.
4. The proposal to increase rates now and consider a further phase later in the year was considered to be the best way forward as it spreads the costs over a longer period but also provided serious evidence of our commitment to existing carers. The positive impact of this on the recruitment activity for new carers would also extend over this period.
5. A number of the independent fostering agencies placements had been in place for two years or longer. It would not be in the interests of these children to seek to move them unless the care plan required this. Confirming these placements as long term could achieve an eight per cent reduction on the fees, and it was the intention to do this.

55/05 Further Integration of Specialist Mental Health Services in Derbyshire

The Council Cabinet considered a report from the Director of Social Services regarding further integration of specialist mental health services in Derbyshire. After previous consultation that was identified as being inadequate, it was advised to undertake a further public consultation. The consultation aims to:

- Confirm the preferred approach (enhanced Integration)
- Clarify the statutory processes (The Health Act 1999 and the Local Government Act 1972)
- Confirm the arrangements to support staff transfers.

The timescale for the consultation is over two months, 12 July to 11 September, the earliest possible start date for the implementation of any change would be 1 January 2006.

Options Considered

Options were outlined in the consultation document. These were Stay as at present, or Enhanced Integration.

Decision

To undertake a further public consultation process about the integration of specialist mental health services.

Reasons

1. Following the initial period of public consultation, some respondents may have taken the consultation to imply that a completely new organisation would be set up. This was not the case.

2. As public authorities, the three statutory organisations involved had a duty to consult properly and fully on proposed organisational changes. In adopting this approach, we want to ensure absolute clarity and transparency as to what was being proposed.

56/05 Office Accommodation – Integrated Learning Disability Service

The Council Cabinet considered a report from the Directors of Corporate Services and of Social Services setting out proposals for the office accommodation for the integrated Learning Disability Service. The preferred solution to this position was to co-locate the service at St Paul's and St Matthew's House, Stores Road, Derby. The report detailed the costs of the new accommodation and the contributions the various services are making towards it.

In accordance with procedure rule A126 the Chair of the Scrutiny Management Commission had been advised that this item would be considered although it had not been included in the Forward Plan.

Options Considered

The option to do nothing was considered and discounted because of the state of the current accommodation and the need to move forward with the agreed integration process. The property was considered to be the best option from those looked at in the process.

Decisions

1. To approve the lease of additional accommodation for the integrated Learning Disability Service at St Paul's and St Matthew's at Stores Road, Derby.
2. To approve a waiver to contract regulation C6 of the Council Constitution to enable the landlord to undertake the work required.
3. To approve a contribution from the proceeds of the sale of The Mount to cover the setting up of the project. The contribution required would be either £63,000 or £128,000 depending on whether a capital contribution was obtained from the NHS.

Reasons

1. The Learning Disability Service in Derbyshire was in the process of achieving full integration, with the two Social Services organisations being the lead agencies.

2. An important factor within this integration was the achievement of integrated practice, process and skill at the point of service delivery. For this to be achieved, teams needed to be co-located in appropriate accommodation. Across the county as a whole Derby was the only area where the Learning Disability teams were not co-located. In the case of the Health Team they are located at Temple Lodge, whilst the Social Services Community Team was located in The Mount. Neither of the buildings are DDA complaint nor do they have the sort of facilities required for a modern integrated Learning Disability Service, for example, neither has interviewing or reception facilities.
3. The integration accords with best practice and has already been agreed in principle by Council Cabinet and the Mental Health Trust. The process would deliver a more efficient joined-up service to the user and make best use of the skills of all the professional disciplines working in Learning Disabilities. The same integration has already been achieved in the Mental Health Service.

57/05 Disposal of 5 Wilson Street

The Council Cabinet considered a report from the Director of Corporate Services on the proposed disposal of 5 Wilson Street. The property was acquired in 1995 and was used as offices by a number of departments, it was in poor condition and other potential uses were considered but rejected. Following consultation with Ward Members and consideration by the Asset Management Group, it has been offered for sale through marketing agents, with best bids invited by a common closing date.

Options Considered

Acceptance of a lower offer was considered but no reasons were known why that should apply in this case.

Decision

To accept the highest offer.

Reasons

To achieve the highest receipt.

58/05 Retained School Balances

The Council Cabinet considered a report from the Director of Education regarding the retained school balances. Surplus balances are those which exceed 10 per cent of the budget in the case of primary, nursery and special schools, and 5 per cent in the case of secondary schools. The overall level of school balances and the number of schools with surplus balances had continued to fall during the 2004/05 financial year.

Options Considered

The scheme for Funding Schools required an evaluation of the reasons given by schools for retaining large balances.

Decisions

1. To notify schools of the Council's approval for their planned use of surplus balances and to set conditions as set out in the report on the use of any balances additional to those assumed in the budget plans.
2. To transfer surplus balances from Stonehill Nursery school to a reserve to support capital funding for a Children's Centre at that school.
3. To notify schools of dates by which agreed capital plans funded from balances must be completed as set out in the report.

Reasons

The scheme for Funding Schools allows the Council to claw back surplus balances if these do not comply with an approved list of reasons for holding them.

59/05 Grants to Sports and Community Groups

The Council Cabinet considered a report from the Director of Education setting out an application for a grant for a sport and community groups. The North of England Athletic association encouraged, promoted and developed athletics in the region as well as co-staging competitions, meetings, championships and events.

Options Considered

The Regeneration Co-ordinator in the External Funding Unit of Derby City Partnership has been consulted on the grant application. It was considered that the project did not meet the necessary funding criteria for the National Lottery 'Awards for All Scheme' and that no other source of funding was currently available.

Decision

To approve the application for grant aid to the North of England Athletic Association for £3,450 as detailed in the report.

Reasons

The organisation applying for grant aid meets the Council's conditions, rules and financial regulations for grant funding schemes as detailed in section three of the Grants to Voluntary and Community Groups information pack.

60/05 Primary School Place Planning Strategy

The Council Cabinet considered a report from the Director of Education setting out the draft Primary School Place Planning Strategy for consultation. It was proposed that there should be wide consultation on the proposed strategy, which would take place using written and electronic material through established consultation mechanisms and advisory groups. Through this there would be more likelihood of being able to conduct a review exercise that reached widely supported outcomes.

Options Considered

A range of possible principles and procedures were considered for inclusion in the draft strategy. The topic review report of the Education Commission enabled the range of options to be narrowed down, as the Commission had examined a wide evidence base and undertaken consultation with a range of interested parties. Consultation with the Heads' Liaison Group and the Deputy Heads' network has been helpful in establishing that there was a good measure of professional support for the approach suggested in the draft policy.

Decision

To agree the draft Primary School Place Planning Strategy for consultation.

Reasons

It was necessary for the Council to have a secure strategy to address the range of issues involved in planning to deliver its statutory duty to secure sufficient suitable school places in the primary phase.

Budget and Policy Framework

61/05 Framework and Process for Preparing the Community Strategy 2006 - 09

The Council Cabinet considered a report from the Director of Policy setting out proposals for the framework and process for preparing the Community Strategy 2006 – 09. There had already been extensive consultation about the Community Strategy priorities within the Derby City Partnership and wider consultation was being planned in two phases. The first stage was launched in June, comprising a questionnaire survey circulated widely including to all councillors, which would be analysed in August. The second stage would be a consultation about the draft document itself.

Options Considered

None.

Decisions

1. To agree the proposed framework for Derby's new Community Strategy 2006 – 09.
2. To note that the Community Strategy was part of the Council's Budget and Policy Framework and would be brought to full Council for approval in March 2006.
3. To note the process under way in Derby City Partnership for preparing the final version of the Community Strategy.
4. To refer the proposed strategy to the Community Regeneration Commission during the second stage consultation.

Reason

The Council has a statutory duty to produce a community strategy in partnership with the Local Strategic Partnership, showing how the social, economic and environmental well being of the city would be addressed. The Community Strategy was part of the Council's Budget and Policy Framework, although in practice the document was developed and approved by Derby City Partnership, of which the Council was the lead agency. The Strategy reflects the priorities of Derby City Partnership and public consultation about those priorities. There needs to be a long lead-in time for the preparation of the Strategy.

62/05 Process for Developing the Council's Priorities, Corporate Plan and Budget for 2006 - 09

The Council Cabinet considered a report from the Director of Finance setting out the process for developing the Council's Priorities Corporate Plan and Budget for 2006 – 09. The proposed approach has three stages, firstly an initial review of priorities, secondly the development of budgets and plans around priorities, and thirdly reappraisal of plans and priorities in the context of limited resources. The format of the Corporate Plan may need to be revised to reflect the outcome of this reshaped planning process and to integrate more effectively with the budget, as well as the Community Strategy and the Local Area Agreement.

Decisions

1. To agree the processes for the development of the Council's priorities and the Corporate Plan and budget to deliver these.

2. To endorse the role of Members, both of Council Cabinet and the Overview and Scrutiny Commissions in providing leadership to these processes.
3. To endorse the role the range of factors driving performance improvement and links with the Community Strategy and local Area Agreement which need to be related in our priorities and plans.
4. To refer this report to the Scrutiny Management Commission for information and comment.

63/05 Derby Joint Local Transport Plan: 2006 – 2011, LTP2 Submission of Provisional LTP2 to Central Government

The Council Cabinet considered a report from the Director of Development and Cultural Services setting out the draft provisional Local Transport Plan. The central focus of the Local Transport Strategy is the transport vision. This means that for the Local Transport Plan to really meet local needs, it should be integrated into the community's wider ambitions and priorities. The report details the visions and objectives for the Local Transport Plan and sets out the long term transport strategy.

Decisions

To recommend Council:

1. To approve the draft provisional Local Transport Plan, LTP2, document and the draft Environmental report, and authorise the Cabinet member for Planning, Transportation, Environment and the Director of Development and Cultural Services to make minor amendments, prior to submission to the government on 29 July 2005.
2. To approve the transport strategy included within LTP2 and describe in the report.
3. To note the findings of the draft Environmental report which describes the significant effects of LTP2 and the transport strategy on the environment as required by the Strategic Environmental Assessment regulations, and approve proposals to undertake further consultation on the provisional LTP2 and the draft Environmental Report.
4. To approve the proposal that LTP2 seeks to achieve 'Transport innovation Fund' status for the Local Transport Plan, in order to tackle congestion related problems in an innovative way, primarily through improved public transport allied to increase car traffic restraint in congested areas. This may in the longer term lead to the development of some form of congestion charging in Derby as part of a regional or national scheme.

64/05 Revenue Outturn and Carry Forward of 2004/05 Budgets

The Council Cabinet considered a report from the Director of Finance setting out the revenue outturn and carry forward of 2004/05 budgets. The total net outturn in 2004/05 on all General Fund Services was £249.384 Million, an underspend of £2.506 million, or 99 per cent of the budget requirement. The report set out the overspends and underspends of the departments throughout the Council.

Decisions

1. To note the general fund revenue outturn for the financial year 2004/05 and the variances to the latest approved budget.
2. To approve the treatment of variances and carry-forward proposals as set out in the report.
3. To approve the areas for base budget review as set out in the report.
4. To approve the statement of corporate reserves as set out in the report.
5. To note the Housing Revenue Account outturn as set out in the report.

65/05 Capital Outturn Report 2004/05

The Council Cabinet considered a report from the Director of Finance setting out the Capital Outturn Report for 2004/05. The final capital budget position showed changes from that previously approved by Council Cabinet in March 2005. These changes and more detailed information regarding each department and other funding schemes were set out in the report.

Decisions

1. To approve programme changes to the final 2004/05 approved programme as details in the report.
2. To approve the capital outturn for the financial year 2004/05 and note the financing of the capital programme.
3. To approve the slippage in the 2004/05 capital programme as detailed in the report, and add the slippage and associated funding to the 2005/06 capital programme.
4. To approve the moving of elements of the Devolved Formula Funding (£1,509k), Education PFI programme (£1,726) and playground schemes (£35k) to the 2005/06 programme.

Contract and Financial Procedure Matters

66/05 Contract and Financial Procedure Matters Report

The Council Cabinet considered a report from the Directors of Finance and Corporate Services regarding a number of contract and financial procedure matters.

Decision

1. To note the progress made to date in delivering the requirements of the Efficiency Agenda following the Gershon review.
2. To approve the latest allocations from the e-Derby/Building on Excellence budget as detailed in the report.
3. To authorise the Council to enter into a contract with Derwent Valley Construction – Derwent - for the construction of an all weather pitch, floodlights, changing rooms, sustainable energy provision and drainage, and associated works at St Benedict School and Performing Arts College subject to:
 - (a) the school entering into the agreement with the Council to:
 - act as the Council's agent
 - appoint and pay the fees of suitably qualified advisers
 - meet any overspend on the contract over the projected proceeds of the land sale
 - not to hold the Council liable for any deficiency in the contract works of specification
 - (b) the school agreeing with the Council's proposed arrangement for the holding and application of the land sale proceeds
 - (c) the Diocese agreeing with the Council's proposed arrangement for the holding and application of the land sale proceeds
 - (d) Derwent providing a performance bond or other form of security to the satisfaction of the Director of Corporate Services.
4. To approve the revised terms of sale of the land at St Benedict School including easements being created over retained land.
5. To add the Council's element of the St Benedict school capital works to the capital programme.

6. To approve the tender for the business process re-engineering consultancy contract.
7. To approve the changes to the 2005/06 approved capital programme and capital scheme commencements, as detailed in the report.
8. To authorise acceptance of a further £400,000 grant from the Arts Council England for the Quad project.
9. To approve the financial protocol for Local Area Agreement pooled funding.

(Councillor Carr having declared an interest in the above item left the meeting during the discussion and voting thereon.)

67/05 Extending an Existing Contract with the Family Welfare Association as lead agency for Derby Children's Fund Programme

The Council Cabinet considered a report from the Director of Social Services setting out the proposals for extending an existing contract with the Family Welfare Association. The Children's Fund Partnership Board and Children's Strategic Partnership were in agreement of this request for a contract extension.

Decisions

1. To extend an existing contract with the Family Welfare Association as lead agency for the Children Fund Programme in Derby. This extension to the existing contract was for one year from April 2006 to the end of March 2008. The current contract with the Family Welfare Association would run until the end of March 2006.
2. To agree, Under Contract procedure Rules C6, to a waiver of the Contract Procedure Rule C15 relating to the requirement to obtain tenders.

68/05 Notice of Termination of Funding for Aekta Carers Group

The Council Cabinet considered a report from the Director of Social Services regarding the notice of termination of funding for Aekta Carers Group.

Decisions

1. To confirm the decision to give notice to end funding for Aekta Carers Group from 1 October 2005.

2. To agree that if, in the three months notice period, the group was able to demonstrate that the current problems were being satisfactorily addressed, discussions would take place with a view to resuming funding for services
3. To confirm that if by the end of the notice period the Management Committee was still unable to work together to resolve the current difficulties, funding should cease.

69/05 Upgrade of Anite Swift Social Care System Software to Incorporate Requirements of the Integrated Children System

The Council Cabinet considered a report from the Director of Social Services setting out the proposals to upgrade the Anite Social Care System software to incorporate requirements of the Integrated Children System. The Social Services Department has used and developed Anite Swift as their core business support system for five years, across adults and childrens services. Anite Swift is a nationally recognised social care software solution operated by some 60 local authorities.

Decision

1. To approve the procurement of the Anite Integrated System module in order to meet the DfES requirement for all new social care referrals to be processed and recorded using the prescribed exemplars from January 2006.
3. To waive the requirement of Contracts Procedure Rule C15 to obtain tenders given the special circumstances that apply in this case.

70/05 Inner Ring Road Integrated Maintenance Scheme

The Council Cabinet considered a report from the Director of Development and Cultural Services setting out the Inner Ring Road Integrated maintenance Scheme. The work along the inner ring road would include:

- refurbishment of six bridges
- replacement and refurbishment of six sign gantries
- replacement of the King Street footbridge
- strengthening and resurfacing of carriageways
- replacement of all pedestrian and vehicular parapets and safety fences
- replacements and upgrading of all signing
- replacement of the inadequate Eastgate pumping station.

It was hoped to select a preferred contractor by August, designs would be finalised and it was envisaged a start on site would be made.

Decisions

1. To waive Contract Procedure Rule C15 and approve the partnership procurement process to the appointment of a contractor to carry out the Inner Ring Road Integrated Maintenance Scheme.
2. To delegate the contract negotiation with the preferred bidder, and award of tender to the Director of Development and Cultural Services in conjunction with the Director of Finance and Director of Corporate Services.

71/05 Kickstart Bus Funding Bid

The Council Cabinet considered a report from the Director of Development and Cultural services regarding the Kickstart Bus Funding Bid. The aim of Kickstart funding is to pump prime new services, or service improvements, with the objective of increasing bus patronage and developing bus services as an alternative to car use. Funding was available for a maximum of three years and the deadline for submission was 30 June 2005.

Decisions

1. To retrospectively approve a joint bid to Department for Transport for Kickstart Bus Funding, made by Leicestershire County Council as lead authority.
2. To approve in principle the provision of revenue support of up to £50,000 per year from 2009/10 onwards to continue the service, subject to a review of the performance of the service at the end of the three year period.

Performance Monitoring

72/05 Derby Homes' Performance Monitoring – Quarter 4 2004/05

The Council Cabinet considered a report from the Director of Policy regarding Derby Homes' Performance monitoring. Derby Homes' Delivery Plan 2004/05 included a series of performance standards that Derby Homes has pledged to meet. The Council monitors Derby Homes' performance on a monthly basis and reports to the Council Cabinet each quarter. The report sets out the details of each section of the services performance.

Decisions

1. To note Derby Homes' 2004/05 fourth quarter performance.

2. To note that the Community Regeneration Commission had considered the report on 5 July 2005.

73/05 Internal Audit – Annual Report on Progress in 2004/05

The Council Cabinet considered a report from the Director of Finance regarding the Internal Audit – annual report on progress in 2004/05.

Decisions

1. To note the activity and performance of internal audit in 2004/05.
2. To refer the report to the Scrutiny Management Commission for information.

74/05 Exclusion of Press and Public

To exclude the press and public from the meeting during discussion of the following item, on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 9 of part 1 of schedule 12A of Section 100(A) of the Local Government Act 1972.

Key Decision

75/05 Disposal of 5 Wilson Street

The Council Cabinet considered a revised report from the Director of Corporate Services setting out exempt information relating to the disposal of 5 Wilson Street.

Decisions

To note the report.

MINUTES END