

Time commenced - 6.00 pm  
Time adjourned - 10.22 pm

## **COUNCIL MEETING 23 NOVEMBER 2005**

Present: The Mayor (Councillor Webb)  
Councillors Ahern, Afzal, Allen, Baxter, Bayliss, P S Berry, Blanksby, Bolton, Brown, Burgess, Care, Carr, Chera, Dhamrait, Dhindsa, Gerrard, Graves, Hickson, Higginbottom, Hird, Hussain, Jackson, Jones, Khan, Latham, Leeming, Liversedge, Lowe, MacDonald, Marshall, Nath, Rawson, Redfern, Rehman, Repton, Richards, Roberts, Samra, Skelton, Smalley, Tittley, Travis, Troup, Turner, West, Williamson, Willitts, Winter, Wynn

### **Apologies for Absence**

An apology for absence was received from Councillor E Berry.

### **Declarations of Interest**

All members present apart from Councillor Latham declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Minute No. 62/05 – Indemnities for Members and Officers. In accordance with the Relevant Authorities (Standards Committee) (Dispensations) Regulations 2002, the Council's Standards Committee had granted dispensations to those Members in respect of this item.

### **Announcements from the Mayor**

The Council stood in silence as a tribute to the memory of former Alderman Albert Swain and former Councillor John Dilks. Councillor Roberts paid tribute to John Dilks' service to the city.

Judy Flack, Chair of the Derby and Sandiacre Canal Society, presented a shield to the Mayor in recognition of the Council's contribution to the society and the canal restoration project.

The Mayor congratulated the Derby Tourist Information Centre for its Gold award as the best Tourist Information Centre in the East Midlands.

The Mayor invited Members and Officers to join him for a Christmas drink on 22 December between 12 noon and 2pm.

The Mayor referred to the fact that this was the last Council meeting before Sue Glithero, Director of Policy, retired after over 30 years service with the Council. Tributes to Sue Glithero were paid by Councillors Hickson, Jones and Williamson.

## 54/05 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

**Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 14 September 2005 be approved as a correct record, confirmed and signed by the Mayor.**

## 55/05 Statements by Members of the Council Cabinet

Statements by members of the Council Cabinet were made as follows:

1. By Councillor Bolton, Council Cabinet Member for Environment and Direct Services, concerning environment awards to the Council, namely the East Midlands Assembly Award, for work on Pride Park, and two Green Apple Awards.
2. By Councillor Wynn, Council Cabinet Member for Children's and Education Services, announcing that Andrew Flack, Director of Education, had been appointed as the Council's first Director for Children and Young People.

## 56/05 Public Questions

Questions from members of the public were asked as follows:

1. By Mr M Holmes, concerning education and leisure provision in Mickleover, answered by Councillor Wynn, Council Cabinet Member for Children's and Education Services.
2. By Mr A Hill, concerning congestion charging, answered by Councillor Repton, Council Cabinet Member for Planning and Transportation.
3. By Mr A Dunn, concerning air pollution readings in the city centre following the closure of the bus station, answered by Councillor Bolton, Council Cabinet Member for Environment and Direct Services.
4. By Mr A Dunn, concerning the size and number of proposed bus loading bays in the new bus station, answered by Councillor Repton, Council Cabinet Member for Planning and Transportation.
5. By Mrs P Taylor, concerning the Council's policy on 'A' boards in the city, answered by Councillor Repton, Council Cabinet Member for Planning and Transportation.
6. By Mrs P Woolley, concerning bus services between the bus and train stations, answered by Councillor Repton, Council Cabinet Member for Planning and Transportation.

7. By Mrs P Woolley, concerning the bond with MetroHolst relating to the Riverlights development, answered by Councillor Williamson, Leader of the Council and Council Cabinet Member for Corporate Policy.
8. By Ms P Abreu, concerning the agenda for the meeting of the Scrutiny Management Commission on 1 November 2005, answered by Councillor Williamson, Leader of the Council and Council Cabinet Member for Corporate Policy.
9. By Ms P Abreu, concerning the inner ring road and Connecting Derby schemes, answered by Councillor Repton, Council Cabinet Member for Planning and Transportation.

## 57/05 Written Questions about the Business or Functions of the Derbyshire Police Authority or Derbyshire Fire Authority

There were no written questions about the business or functions of the Derbyshire Police Authority or Derbyshire Fire Authority.

## 58/05 Written Questions from Non-Council Cabinet Members to Members of the Council Cabinet

Written questions from Non-Council Cabinet Members to Members of the Council Cabinet were asked as follows:

1. By Councillor West, concerning the provision of local libraries, answered by Councillor Dhindsa, Council Cabinet Member for Leisure and Cultural Services.
2. By Councillor Latham, concerning average spending on school meals, answered by Councillor Wynn, Council Cabinet Member for Children's and Education Services.
3. By Councillor Smalley, concerning the Fairer Charging Policy for Home Care Charges, answered by Councillor Hussain, Council Cabinet Member for Adult Services.
4. By Councillor Carr, concerning the Single Status Agreement, answered by Councillor Roberts, Council Cabinet Member for Personnel, Performance Management and Economic Development.
5. By Councillor Care, concerning the use of "cancelled" stickers on fly posters, answered by Councillor Bolton, Council Cabinet Member for Environment and Direct Services.

## 59/05 Minutes and Recommendations of the Council Cabinet

The Council considered the minutes and recommendations of the Council Cabinet, requiring the approval of the Council, set out in Appendix A to these minutes.

It was moved by Councillor Williamson, and seconded, to approve the minutes and recommendations of the Council Cabinet dated 27 September 2005.

The Council consented to a proposal by Councillor Williamson to amend the motion by the addition of the following words "with the exception of paragraph 4. of the resolution in Minute No. 125/05 which be amended by the insertion of the words 'subject to the amendment of the first two bullet points to read:

- Cabinet will be updated on 29 November on progress with planning the revenue budget and with updating the Corporate Plan and will be asked to approve recommendations to the Council on an updated Capital Strategy at its meeting on 20 December.
- Council on 25 January will amend the approved 2005/6 budget to take account of the 1% savings exercise for 2005/6"

(The effect of the amendment, if approved, was that paragraph 4. of the resolution in Minute No. 125/05 would read as follows:

"4. the timetable set out in paragraph 8 of the report subject to the amendment of the first two bullet points to read:

- Cabinet will be updated on 29 November on progress with planning the revenue budget and with updating the Corporate Plan and will be asked to approve recommendations to the Council on an updated Capital Strategy at its meeting on 20 December.
- Council on 25 January will amend the approved 2005/6 budget to take account of the 1% savings exercise for 2005/6.")

The amendment was put to the meeting and carried.

**Resolved to approve the minutes and recommendations of the Council Cabinet dated 27 September 2005, as amended.**

## 60/05 Notices of Motion

### 1. *Air Ambulance Service*

**Resolved, on the motion of Councillor Williamson, that Council supports Staffordshire County Council's call for the Government to fund the Air Ambulance Service from central resources instead of this vital, life saving service having to rely on charitable donations as it currently does. Council requests that the city's MPs be asked to lend their support.**

## *2. Police Reorganisation*

It was moved by Councillor Hickson, and seconded, that Council notes with concern Government proposals to compulsorily reduce the number of police forces which will result in the loss of Derbyshire Police Force and almost certain amalgamation with Nottingham if not an even bigger East Midlands Force.

Council is concerned about the loss of the Derbyshire Force and the implications that will have for policing both in this city and the county.

Council therefore calls on the Home Secretary to reconsider these proposals as a matter of urgency and allow those forces which are delivering to agreed standards to remain in situ if that is the wish of their governing authorities.

It was moved by Councillor Roberts, and seconded, that the motion be amended by the deletion of all words after the word "notes" in the first line and the insertion in their place of the words "the proposals to restructure the Police Forces nationally which may result in the loss of the Derbyshire Police Force. Derby City Council resolves to work closely with the Derbyshire Police Authority and the Chief Constable to seek a solution that delivers first class policing to the citizens of Derby and one that will provide the levels of assurance that give appropriate comfort to their concerns."

The amendment was put to the meeting and carried.

**Resolved that the Council notes the proposals to restructure the Police Forces nationally which may result in the loss of the Derbyshire Police Force. Derby City Council resolves to work closely with the Derbyshire Police Authority and the Chief Constable to seek a solution that delivers first class policing to the citizens of Derby and one that will provide the levels of assurance that give appropriate comfort to their concerns.**

## *3. Area Panel Agendas*

It was moved by Councillor Bayliss, and seconded:

1. To restore the free distribution of paper agendas and the full supporting paperwork for Area Panels to citizens of Derby who request them.
2. To update the list of citizens sent agendas regularly, on the basis of those who currently attend Panel meetings, and to stop sending agendas to any person who does not attend two successive meetings of an Area Panel unless the request is renewed.

3. To continue to make Area Panel papers available electronically through email alerts, the Council's web site and CMIS, and to encourage the use of these access channels.
4. To rescind Minute No. 53/04 (1).

It was moved by Councillor Smalley, and seconded, that the motion be amended by the deletion of paragraphs 1 and 4, the renumbering of paragraphs 2. and 3. as paragraphs 1. and 2., and the insertion of a new paragraph 3. "that the costs of extending any further free distribution of Area Panel agendas are brought before Cabinet for approval prior to implementation."

(The effect of the amendment, if approved, was that the motion would read as follows:

- "1. To update the list of citizens sent agendas regularly, on the basis of those who currently attend Panel meetings, and stop sending agendas to any person who does not attend two successive meetings of an Area Panel unless the request is renewed.
2. To continue to make Area Panel papers available electronically through email alerts, the Council's website and CMIS, and to encourage the use of these access channels.
3. That the costs of extending any further free distribution of Area Panel agendas are brought before Cabinet for approval prior to implementation.")

The amendment was put to the meeting and lost.

**Resolved:**

1. **To restore the free distribution of paper agendas and the full supporting paperwork for Area Panels to citizens of Derby who request them.**
2. **To update the list of citizens sent agendas regularly, on the basis of those who currently attend Panel meetings, and to stop sending agendas to any person who does not attend two successive meetings of an Area Panel unless the request is renewed.**
3. **To continue to make Area Panel papers available electronically through email alerts, the Council's web site and CMIS, and to encourage the use of these access channels.**
4. **To rescind Minute No. 53/04 (1).**

4. *Pension Credit*

It was moved by Councillor Care, and seconded, that Council believes that pensioners deserve a decent level of financial support but that this is being hindered by a Pension Credit system which requires many pensioners to complete a lengthy, and especially to vulnerable people, daunting form to increase their income to a level that the Government considers acceptable.

This Council is concerned that around 4,000 pensioners in Derby who may be entitled to pension credit are not currently receiving it. The Council therefore agrees to:

1. Continue encouraging local pensioners to apply for pension credit.
2. Write to our local MPs expressing our concern with the current system and asking that it is reviewed at the earliest opportunity to remove the barriers which discourage pensioners from receiving a reasonable level of financial support.

It was moved by Councillor Williamson, and seconded, that the motion be amended by the deletion of all words after the word "support" in the first line and the insertion in their place of the words "and therefore welcomes Government initiatives to simplify the process of claiming benefits for pensioners, particularly the shorter claim form for Pension Credit and the introduction of 5 year awards.

Council acknowledges the achievements in promoting take-up of Pensioner Credit in Derby, which have been nationally recognised. This work is vital to local people and also has a beneficial financial impact for the Council.

Council therefore instructs the Cabinet Member for Housing and Social Inclusion to ensure that Derby Advice, the Council's benefits advice service, and Derby Benefits continue to promote take-up of benefits for Derby's pensioners."

The amendment was put to the meeting and carried.

**Resolved that this Council believes that pensioners deserve a decent level of financial support and therefore welcomes Government initiatives to simplify the process of claiming benefits for pensioners, particularly the shorter claim form for Pension Credit and the introduction of 5 year awards.**

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## 5. *School Meals*

It was moved by Councillor Smalley, and seconded, that the Conservative Group on Derby City Council instructs Council to ask Cabinet to review its paradoxical decision not to use any of the £150k Government grant earmarked for the improvement of school meals in Derby on the actual ingredients of those meals, instead preferring to spend the money painting the walls of the dining halls in the city's schools.

The motion was put to the meeting and lost.

## 6. *Education White Paper*

It was moved by Councillor Latham, and seconded, that this Council congratulates the Secretary of State for Education on her recently announced decision to re-introduce Grant Maintained Schools, albeit by another name, into the state system of education and will fully support the principle when it has passed all its stages through the Parliamentary system to become law.

It was moved by Councillor Williamson, and seconded, that the motion be amended by the deletion of all words after the word "her" in the first line and the insertion in their place of the words "determination to further improve the quality of education for children in England, set out in the Government's recently-published Education White Paper.

Like the Government, this Council believes in education as one of the most important means through which we lessen and eradicate the injustices which still disfigure our society, and with which we create a society where power, wealth and opportunity are in the hands of the many not the few.

Council takes immense pride in the ever-improving educational attainment of the city's children, supported by their teachers, parents, headteachers, and governors.

Council welcomes several aspects of the Education White Paper, in particular

- the extension of school/parent contracts;
- tough new nutritional standards for school food ;
- the abolition of the Schools Organisation Committee;
- the power to act as a champion for the interests of children and parents in schools across the city;
- the introduction of new measures to assist in maintaining school discipline and to manage exclusions;
- more funding for bilingual learners and other minority groups subject to underachievement;
- better provision for Looked After Children.



In spite of this, Council notes that reservations have been expressed about certain aspects of the White Paper, particularly about the ability to ensure a fair admissions policy is maintained throughout the city.

However, Council acknowledges that the White Paper is a discussion document representing an intention to legislate rather than actual legislation.

Council therefore instructs the Cabinet Member for Children's Services to work with others to develop a constructive dialogue with a government that shares this Council's values and its commitments to educational excellence.

The amendment was put to the meeting and carried.

**Resolved that this Council congratulates the Secretary of State for Education on her determination to further improve the quality of education for children in England, set out in the Government's recently-published Education White Paper.**

**Like the Government, this Council believes in education as one of the most important means through which we lessen and eradicate the injustices which still disfigure our society, and with which we create a society where power, wealth and opportunity are in the hands of the many not the few.**

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## 61/05      Duration of Meeting

**Resolved, on the motion of Councillor Roberts, that, in accordance with Rule CP10, the duration of the meeting be extended beyond four hours.**

## 62/05      Proposed Changes to Political Management Arrangements – Phase 2

The Council considered a joint report of the Director of Corporate Services and Monitoring Officer and the Director of Finance concerning proposed changes to Political Management Arrangements – Phase 2.

It was moved by Councillor Williamson, and seconded:

1. To approve the proposed changes to political management arrangements set out in the report and review their operation in May 2006.
2. To approve the proposed delegations to individual members of the Council Cabinet set out in Appendix 3 of the report.
3. To authorise the Director of Corporate Services to draw up a revised Schedule of Meetings to July 2006 incorporating meetings of individual members of the Council Cabinet and a reduced frequency of Cabinet meetings.
4. To approve the recognition of Opposition Spokespeople and a Shadow Cabinet, and the consequent proposed amendment of Part of the Protocol on Member / Officer Relations set out in Appendix 4 of the report.
5. To approve the proposed amendments to the Constitution set out in Appendix 5 of the report.
6. To establish a cross-party working group (Con 1, Lab 2, Lib Dem 1), under the chairmanship of the Council Cabinet Member for Community Services, Regeneration, Equalities and e-Government to consider ways of increasing citizen engagement through e-democracy initiatives and produce proposals for a future Council meeting.

It was moved by Councillor Smalley, and seconded, that the motion be amended by the addition of the following words:

- “7. To recommend that no further Special Responsibility Allowances (SRA's) are created by the implementation of these proposed new arrangements.”

The amendment was put to the meeting and lost.

**Resolved:**

- 1. To approve the proposed changes to political management arrangements set out in the report and review their operation in May 2006.**
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(Councillor Williamson indicated that Councillor Jackson would be the second Labour Group representative on the cross-party working group referred to in paragraph 6 above.)

## **63/05 Indemnities for Members and Officers**

The Council considered a report of the Director of Corporate Services concerning Indemnities for Members and Officers.

**Resolved, on the motion of Councillor Williamson:**

- 1. To approve the provision of Indemnities for Members and Officers on the basis set out in Appendix 2 of this report.**

- 2. To authorise the Director of Finance to secure insurance cover in respect of such indemnities as he considers appropriate.**

(All Members of the Council, apart from Councillor Latham, declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the above Minute but participated in the decision in accordance with a dispensation granted by the Council's Standards Committee.)

## **64/05 Standards Committee and Independent Remuneration Panel – Membership Issues**

The Council considered a report of Director of Corporate Services and Monitoring Officer concerning membership issues relating to the Standards Committee and Independent Remuneration Panel for Members Allowances.

**Resolved, on the motion of Councillor Williamson:**

- 1. To approve that the term of office of independent members of the Standards Committee be three years with members retiring on a rolling basis in accordance with the table below:**

	First term of office ends at:		
	Annual Meeting in 2006	Annual Meeting in 2007	Annual Meeting in 2008
<b>Mr G Bagga</b>	X		
<b>Canon R B Blowers</b>		X	
<b>Mrs C McDowall</b>			X

- 2. To approve that independent members may serve up to a maximum of three terms of office.**
- 3. To approve that an independent member shall cease to be a member if he/she fails to attend three consecutive meetings without a good reason.**
- 4. To invite members of the Independent Remuneration Panel for Members' Allowances to commit themselves to follow the Seven Principles of Public Life set out in the report and to delegate to the Standards Committee the investigation and determination of any complaints of misconduct by Panel members.**

## **65/05 Constitutional Appointments and Appointments to Outside Bodies**

The Council considered a report of the Director of Corporate Services concerning Constitutional Appointments and Appointments to Outside Bodies.

**Resolved, on the motion of Councillor Williamson:**

**1. To appoint Mrs Susan Haynes as a member of the Derbyshire Valuation Tribunal for a six year term**

**2. To make the following appointments**

**Scape System Build Limited:**

**Councillor Ahern – Director for the remainder of the current municipal year**

**Chris Edwards, Assistant Director – Property Services – Shareholder Representative – appointed until December 2007**

**Representative on CLASP - Consortium of Local Authorities Special Projects:**

**To nominate a Member for the remainder of the current municipal year**

**3. To appoint Councillor Turner to the Adoption Panel for the remainder of the current municipal year**

## **66/05 Urgent Decisions of the Chief Executive**

The Council considered a report of the Director of Corporate Services concerning Urgent Non-Executive Decisions taken by the Chief Executive since the last meeting of the Council.

**Resolved, on the motion of Councillor Williamson, to note the report.**

## **67/05 Designation of Alcohol Free Zone - City Centre**

The Council considered a report of the Director of Corporate Services concerning the designation of an Alcohol Free Zone covering the City Centre.

It was moved by Councillor Williamson, and seconded:

**1. To approve the designation of land in the City Centre listed in Appendix 2 of the report as an Alcohol Free Zone.**

2. To authorise the Director of Corporate Services to make the necessary Order, advertise it in a local paper, and erect signs in the designated area.

It was moved by Councillor Burgess, and seconded, that the motion be amended by the insertion of the words "plus Great Northern Road, Sudbury Street and College Mews" between the words "Appendix 2" and "as an Alcohol Free Zone" in paragraph 1.

(The effect of the amendment, if approved, was that paragraph 1. of the motion would read as follows:

"To approve the designation of land in the City Centre listed in Appendix 2, plus Great Northern Road, Sudbury Street and College Mews, as an Alcohol Free Zone.")

The amendment was put to the meeting and carried.

**Resolved:**

- 1. To approve the designation of land in the City Centre listed in Appendix 2, plus Great Northern Road, Sudbury Street and College Mews, as an Alcohol Free Zone.**
- 2. To authorise the Director of Corporate Services to make the necessary Order, advertise it in a local paper and erect signs in the designated area.**

## **68/05      Review of Departmental Structure 2005**

The Council considered a report of the Leader of the Council and the Chief Executive concerning Review of Departmental Structure 2005.

**Resolved, on the motion of Councillor Roberts to:**

- 1. Approve the new five-director structure for implementation with effect from 1 January 2006 and to approve the slotting-in of the four existing chief officers as follows:**
  - **Michael Foote, Deputy Chief Executive**
  - **John Winters, Corporate Director Environmental Services**
  - **Jonathan Guest, Corporate Director Regeneration and Community**
  - **Paul Dransfield, Corporate Director Finance and Performance.**
- 2. Appoint an Ad Hoc Restructuring Committee made up of the following five members:**
  - **Councillor Williamson (Chair)**

- **Councillor Roberts**
- **Councillor Wynn**
- **Councillor Jones**
- **Councillor Hickson.**

- 3. Delegate to the Ad Hoc Restructuring Committee the making of interim arrangements needed to facilitate moving to these new arrangements and the determination of the detailed structures for the implementation on 1 April 2006, including setting up Appointments Panels where necessary and changes to the Council's Constitution.**

## **69/05      Exclusion of Press and the Public**

**Resolved, on the motion of the Mayor, that, under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items of business on the ground that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined on paragraphs 1 and 11 of Schedule 12A of the Act.**

## **70/05      Chief Officer Pay Review**

The Council considered a report of the Interim Assistant Director, Personnel, concerning the Chief Officer Pay Review.

It was moved by Councillor Roberts, and seconded, to implement the recommendations of the Pay Review as outlined in Appendix 5 of the report, with effect from 1 January 2006.

It was moved by Councillor Carr, and seconded, that the motion be amended by the addition of the words "but to link progression to the top of the grade on a performance – related basis, following the development of a system as outlined in paragraph 2.15."

(The effect of the amendment, if approved, was that the motion would read as follows:

"To implement the recommendations of the Pay Review as outlined in Appendix 5 of the report, with effect from 1 January 2006, but to link progression to the top of the grade on a performance – related basis, following the development of a system as outlined in paragraph 2.15.")

The amendment was put to the meeting and lost.

**Resolved to implement the recommendations of the Pay Review as outlined in Appendix 5 of the report, with effect from 1 January 2006.**

## **71/05      Voluntary Early Retirement**

The Council considered a report of Councillor Roberts and the Chief Executive concerning a Voluntary Early Retirement.

**Resolved, on the motion of Councillor Roberts, to approve the Voluntary Early Retirement of Margaret McGlade, Director of Social Services, on 31 January 2006 on the terms set out in the report.**

MAYOR



MINUTES OF COUNCIL CABINET REQUIRING THE APPROVAL OF COUNCIL
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### COUNCIL CABINET 27 SEPTEMBER 2005

Present: Councillor Wynn– Chair  
Councillors Bayliss, Bolton, Dhindsa, Hussain, Nath, Repton,  
and Wynn

Also Present: Councillors Care and Smalley

This record of decisions was published on 29 September 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.

## Budget and Policy Framework

### 124/05 Corporate Asset Management Plan

The Council Cabinet considered a report giving details about the arrangements for property asset management, gives an overview of key property issues facing the Council and strategies for resolving these, progress on last year's Asset Management Plan – AMP – and performance information.

#### **Decision**

To recommend Council to adopt the Corporate Asset Management Plan as part of the budget and policy framework.

The Council Cabinet considered a report on the Budget Strategy 2006/07 to 2008/09. The report set out the current budget position faced by the Council. It was reported that the original published budget strategy of the previous administration in March 2005 included a budget gap of £2.3m in 2006/7 at an assumed council tax of 5%. The intention of the new administration to limit the council tax increases to inflation or below will widen this gap, therefore it was proposed to commence a full and detailed review.

## 125/05 Budget Strategy 2006/07 to 2008/09

The Council Cabinet considered a report on the Budget Strategy 2006/07 to 2008/09. The report set out the current budget position faced by the Council. It was reported that the original published budget strategy of the previous administration in March 2005 included a budget gap of £2.3m in 2006/7 at an assumed council tax of 5%. The intention of the new administration to limit the council tax increases to inflation or below will widen this gap, therefore it was proposed to commence a full and detailed review.

### **Decision**

To approve the strategy to be followed in preparing revenue and capital budgets for 2006/7 and indicative budgets for 2007/8 and 2008/9 as set out in the report, including specifically:

1. a line by line budget review across all Council departments to deliver budget savings, through efficiency savings where possible, and other measures to support the delivery of savings
2. review processes that ensure consistency between the Corporate Plan and budget planning
3. establishment of a process to make sure that Derby City Partnership decision making is closely coordinated with the Council's decision making on its budget
4. the timetable set out in paragraph 8 of the report