

Time began 6.30pm  
Time ended 7.37pm

**COUNCIL CABINET**  
**31 JULY 2007**

Present: Councillor Williamson (Chair)  
Councillors Banwait, Bolton, Graves, Hickson,  
Nath, Roberts, Smalley and Williams

In attendance Councillor Jones

This record of decisions was published on 2 August 2007. 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.

**33/07 Apologies for Absence**

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Hussain.

**34/07 Late Items Introduced by the Chair**

There were no late items.

**35/07 Identification of Urgent Items to which Call-In will not apply**

There were no items.

**36/07 Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Smalley declared a personal interest in minute no 38/07 because he had a child at a faith school.

Councillor Williams declared a personal interest in minute no 40/07 because her daughter attends Asterdale Children's Centre

**37/07 Minutes of the previous meetings held on 3 July 2007**

The minutes of the meetings held on 3 July 2007 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

## **Key Decisions**

**38/07 Home to School Transport**

The Council Cabinet considered a report on Home to School Transport and a report from the Children and Young People Commission. As part of the Council's budget strategy for 2007-10, each department made proposals to

save 10% of its budget. In the budget agreed by Council on 1 March 2007, the savings included income from introducing charges for transport to faith schools, and increasing the fares charged on other discretionary school transport. A formal consultation took place between 22 March and 20 April 2007. Copies of the consultation document were distributed to all pupils in city schools as well as other interested bodies. In the light of the comments of the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Commission it was proposed to undertake a further period of consultation in the autumn term.

### **Options Considered**

1. It would be possible to make no changes to the policy. This would, however, require equivalent savings to be made elsewhere in the Council's budget, and would impact on other services to children, young people and the public.
2. It would be possible to extend the free transport entitlement to pupils attending schools for other reasons than faith. However, the Council did not have the financial resources to do this and the Education and Inspections Act 2006 was already extending the entitlement for low income families.
3. It would be possible to withdraw the transport provision completely. However, this was not supported in the consultation, as it would create difficulties for many families and may have further environmental impact as more pupils were transported by car.
4. It would be possible to introduce and increase charges for faith and other discretionary transport from September 2008 without further consultation. As concerns had been raised about the length of the initial consultation within term time it was considered appropriate to carry out a further period of consultation when the schools returned in the autumn term.

### **Decision**

1. To note the comments of the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Commission.
2. To increase fares for existing charged for services by 15% from September 2007.
3. To confirm that those pupils currently receiving free transport to faith schools will continue to do so until they leave statutory education or change school.
4. To carry out a further period of consultation when the schools return for the autumn term.

## **Reasons**

1. There was a continuing need for the Council to identify and implement budget savings.
2. Concerns had been raised about the length of consultation within term time.

(Councillor Smalley requested that his vote against the decision be recorded.)

## **39/07 Derby Older Peoples Plan**

The Council Cabinet considered a report on Derby Older Peoples Plan. Older people comprised a large, vibrant and significant part of Derby's population. The proportion of older people in Derby was projected to rise over the next 10 to 15 years. More than ever it was essential for the Council to promote services and develop partnerships that would create better outcomes for older people. The draft Derby Older People's Plan had been driven and written by members of Derby Older People's Strategic Planning Partnership – DOPSPP. The document detailed our corporate and partnership approach to promoting positive outcomes for older people. It would thus be 'owned' by Derby City Partnership and renewed and refreshed through DOPSPP, drawing on on-going engagement with older people's groups and forums. It was intended that the draft plan be subject to consultation and further development until 12 September 2007. Publication of the full Plan should take place in early October.

## **Options Considered**

Not producing an Older People's Plan would miss an opportunity in terms of collating existing good practice within the Council and other partners and also engaging with older people about future priorities.

## **Decision**

To approve this draft plan for consultation.

## **Reasons**

The Council needs to approve the draft Older People's Plan for formal consultation.

In accordance with Procedure Rule A126, the Chair of the Adult Services and Health Commission had been advised that this item would be considered although not included in the Forward Plan.

## 40/07      Retained School Balances

The Council Cabinet considered a report on Retained School Balances. The report set out details of schools' planned use of balances, where these exceeded the threshold set out in the Council's Scheme for Funding Schools.

### **Options Considered**

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

### **Decision**

To notify schools of the Council's approval for their planned use of surplus balances and to set conditions as set out in appendix 3 on the use of any balances additional to those assumed in their budgets.

### **Reasons**

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

In accordance with Procedure Rule A126, the Chair of the Children and Young People Commission had been advised that this item would be considered although not included in the Forward Plan.

## 41/07      The Roundhouse and Associated Listed Buildings with Adjoining Lane, Pride Park

The Council Cabinet considered a report on the Roundhouse and Associated Listed Buildings with Adjoining Lane, Pride Park. As landowners, we needed to consider our funding arrangements for Pride Park, especially in the context of the sale terms previously authorised for our freehold interest in the Roundhouse and associated Listed Buildings and adjoining land.

### **Options Considered**

Previous options were set out in previous Reports. There was now a contract in place with Derby College so no other options were currently available.

### **Decision**

To approve the recommendation included within the attached confidential report.

### **Reasons**

To complete the successful Pride Park project.

## 42/07      Demolition of Exeter House

The Council Cabinet considered a report on Demolition of Exeter House. In January 2005, Derby Cityscape published its first Masterplan outlining its vision for the future of Derby city centre. In February 2005, Cabinet resolved to adopt this Masterplan as a guide to the City Council's regeneration plans for the City Centre. In October 2006 Derby Cityscape published, for consultation, revised proposals, which take account of changing circumstances. The revised Masterplan proposals were adopted by Cabinet at its 3 July 2007 meeting. The Cityscape proposals for the North Riverside area contained proposals that would involve the redevelopment of the land currently occupied by Exeter House and its replacement with a scheme comprising residential, office, leisure and ancillary retail uses. A plan and Development Brief were attached at Annex 1. The necessary demolition of Exeter House would involve the demolition of 37 units of affordable accommodation together with 4 leasehold units. In order for the demolition to proceed the Council would be required to serve a demolition notice on both the tenants and leaseholders of that block.

### **Options Considered**

Different options for development of the city centre had been considered by Cityscape through their consultation exercises and through discussions with the Council. The chosen proposals for the North Riverside area were considered the most appropriate and viable to secure the regeneration of the City Centre.

### **Decision**

To support the decommissioning of Exeter House and authorise the issue of an initial demolition notice under Schedule 5A Housing Act 1985.

### **Reasons**

1. The current North Riverside proposals outlined in the Derby Cityscape Masterplan had been open for public consultation between October 2006 and February 2007. The proposed mixed scheme for this area involving residential, office and leisure developments replaced the original proposals for a Performing Arts Centre which was not considered viable without significant public funding which had not been identified.
2. Following extensive economic appraisal of development options by Derby Cityscape working with the Council, English Partnerships and the East Midlands Development Agency the current alternative proposals were considered the most appropriate to bring much needed regeneration to this part of the City.

## 43/07      Joint Minerals Aggregates Sites Development Plan Document (DPD) Preferred Options Consultation

The Council Cabinet considered a report on Joint Minerals Aggregates Sites Development Plan Document (DPD) Preferred Options Consultation. The report set out the steps that had been taken to prepare a joint Minerals Aggregates sites Development Plan Document for the City and County, summarised the Preferred Options version, the proposals for consultation on it and sought authority to undertake the consultation.

### **Options Considered**

As set out in the Preferred Options report.

### **Decision**

To approve the Preferred Option version of the Joint Minerals Aggregates Sites Development Plan Document and its Sustainability Appraisal for consultation and to authorise that consultation as outlined in this report.

### **Reasons**

To enable the consultation on the preferred option of the Development Plan Document (DPD) to be undertaken in accordance with the legislation.

## 44/07      ICT Strategy Statement

The Council Cabinet considered a report on ICT Strategy Statement. The Council's IT Strategy Group had been closely involved in the development of the ICT Strategy Statement. This statement would provide the framework for the development of our more detailed ICT Strategy document and IT development plan. The group would use the statement to pull together departmental ICT strategies and co-ordinate, and where appropriate, prioritise, IT across the Departments and Central IT, within an overall project development plan. It would also form a key component of the IT FM contract re tender. The statement positions IT within the context of the Corporate Plan and its six key priority areas and set out five high level principles that would guide the development and delivery of IT across the Council:

- Value
- Service
- Delivery
- Architecture
- Governance.

### **Options Considered**

Developing an ICT strategy without the guidance and framework of the strategy statement was an option considered by the ICT Strategy Board. However, it was felt that initial work, defining a framework and key principles

for the development of individual departmental strategies, which could then be pulled together for an overarching Council ICT Strategy was the most effective way of moving the Council forward within this area.

### **Decision**

To approve the ICT Strategy Statement.

### **Reasons**

Information was a corporate asset that required careful management to achieve our priorities. The ability of any organisation to use its wealth of knowledge was defined by its capability to access and share information flexibly and securely, irrespective of format, location or delivery mechanism in support of those priorities. A clearly defined ICT strategy was key in the shaping and delivery of the Council's future ICT needs.

### **45/07          Public Realm Programme 2007/08**

The Council Cabinet considered a report on Public Realm Programme 2007/08. Council Cabinet on 17 April 2007 approved a budget for projects in the Public Realm Strategy and related Asset Management issues for 2007/08. This included £17m of Council funding, plus external funding contributions, making a total of approximately £22m. The Council's contribution was funded from prudential borrowing and therefore impacted on the revenue budget. A programme of works was drawn up and approved by the Public Realm Board and had been kept under review in accordance with PRINCE2 programme management procedures. Public Realm Board on 3 July 2007 considered a revised list of allocations for 2007/08, taking into account some anticipated underspends on the projects that had already been approved in the programme.

### **Options Considered**

The Public Realm Board considered all other schemes within the Public Realm Strategy that could be brought forward in this timescale, and this list has been exhausted.

### **Decision**

1. To approve the reallocation of funds from current projects in the 2007/08 programme to the projects identified in the accompanying paper.
2. To require detailed proposals for each project to be reported to the Public Realm Board for approval under PRINCE2 Project Management procedures.
3. To approve scheme commencement on these projects, subject to their further approval in detail by the Public Realm Board, and to waive

Contract Procedure Rules for the manufacture and installation of work to the War Memorial.

4. To bring a further report to Cabinet showing a revised three-year programme consistent with the revenue budget strategy.
5. To approve an increase from £52,000 to £85,000 for the amount allocated from corporate reserves by Council Cabinet on 3 July 2007 for the review of accommodation space standards within the overall Accommodation Strategy

## **Reasons**

1. In order to enable progress to be made towards much needed improvements in city centre public spaces in accordance with the Public Realm Strategy.
2. To maximise the use of Council funding for the implementation of the Public Realm Strategy.

## **46/07          Community Cohesion Strategy**

The Council Cabinet considered a report of the Director, Derby Community Safety Partnership. The Community Cohesion Strategy was the first of its kind for Derby City. The Plan was designed to deliver strong sustainable community relations across the City resulting in 'A City where people live together and respect each other'. Creating cohesive communities was now a major policy theme for national and regional government. Improving community cohesion in the City would play a significant role in building and maintaining the reputation of Derby and in encouraging Derby citizens to confidently participate in the life of the City and its neighbourhoods. The overall aim of the strategy was to create a City where there was a clearly defined and widely shared sense of the contribution of different individuals and communities to a future vision for the City. In particular there was a focus on the contribution of those newly arrived in the City, those people already settled, and what they share in common. The strategy also aimed to be preventative, avoiding future problems through targeted work with young people.

## **Decision**

### **Resolved to**

- 1. approve and adopt the strategy on behalf of the City Council**
- 2. note that it will be driven through the Community Safety Partnership recently established Community Cohesion Leadership Group and will be adopted by the Community Safety Partnership and Derby City Partnership board.**



# Budget and Policy Framework

## 47/07 Treasury Management Annual Report 2006/07

The Council Cabinet considered a report on Treasury Management Annual Report 2006/07. The report detailed the outturn position for prudential indicators and reported on treasury management activity during 2006/07. The outturn prudential indicators for 2006/07 were set out in Appendix 2. This showed that the Council's borrowing for capital financing purposes over the course of the year was within the limits set by Cabinet at its meeting on 21 February 2006. The results of treasury management borrowing and investment activity in 2006/07 were set out in the supporting information. This showed that:

- new borrowing in 2006/07 was taken at an average rate of 4.30%
- returns on investments averaged 4.97%, which was relatively well above the weighted average Bank of England base rate of 4.83%.

### Decision

1. To note the prudential indicators in respect of the 2006/07 outturn as outlined in the supporting information and summarised in Appendix 2.
2. To approve the updated prudential indicators for 2007/08 and 2008/09 as listed in Appendix 2, noting that the changes were as a result of the reported 2006/07 outturn position and updates to the capital programme, notably the increase reported in June 2007 of £25m towards the cost of a new waste disposal facility.
3. To approve this Annual Report in respect of Treasury Management activity for 2006/07.

## 48/07 Capital Programme 2006/07 Outturn

The Council Cabinet considered a report on Capital Programme 2006/07 Outturn. The report dealt with the following capital programme matters requiring reporting to and approval by Council Cabinet ...

- Details of the capital outturn 2006/7 totalling £70.5m for work completed by 31 March 2007, and the associated capital financing. This programme of investment had delivered new and improved facilities and infrastructure for Derby including:
  - major investment in school facilities including school modernisation projects, classroom extensions, improved disabled access and PE and sports schemes

- refurbishment of residential care establishments including Raynesway View, Moorfields, Merrill House, Ashlea House and Arboretum House
- improvements to a number of playgrounds, parks and play areas as well as refurbishment of Spondon community centre and the construction of Heatherton Community centre
- delivery of the Rethink Rubbish recycling initiatives introducing three new rounds enabling parts of Sunnyhill, Sinfin, Osmaston, Wilmorton, Allenton, Mickleover and Normanton to join the recycling scheme
- the start of the new visual arts and media centre QUAD
- completion of the programme of works to improve the multi storey car parks at Bold Lane, Chapel St and Assembly Rooms
- the completion of the Homes Pride programme and start of the Estates Pride programme
  - start of the programme of works in the Rosehill Market renewal area and development of the Green Lane assessment centre.
- Details of the variance of £7.175m against the final capital programme comprising slippage of £9.487m, £1.804m additional spend backed by funding, £1.541m spend brought forward from 2007/8 and £1.033m net cost under spends, £406k of which was due to the deliberate under spend on the housing public sector programme following the end of the Homes pride programme.
- The addition of the programme slippage and associated financing on schemes to the 2007/8 capital programme. The slippage included £3.975m on Regeneration and Community including Connecting Derby and the construction of the QUAD building, £1.173m Children and Young Peoples (CYP) unallocated funding streams and £1.5m on Housing, £1.2m of which was for Rosehill Market renewal assessment and the Decent Homes Assistance.
- Refurbishment of Sinfin Moor pavilion which had not been added to the capital programme.
- The addition of additional expenditure and funding for schemes listed in paragraph 1.6 of the main body of the report
- Details of the capital determination found at Appendix 6.

## **Decision**

1. To note the capital outturn for the financial year 2006/7 and actual financing of the capital programme, the major achievements it had delivered, and variances against the final programme.

2. To approve the slippage in the 2006/7 capital programme as detailed in section 1.8 and Appendix 3 and approve the addition of the slippage and associated funding to the 2007/8 capital programme.
3. To approve the addition to the 2006/7 capital programme of the refurbishment of the Sinfin Moor pavilion.
4. To approve the additional capital expenditure and associated funding to the 2006/7 capital programme for:
  - Capitalised maintenance of schools £66k
  - Foundation schools £516k
  - Flood defence £101
  - Inner Ring Road Maintenance Scheme (IRRMS) £121k
  - Cycle Derby £77k
  - East Street £250k
  - IT assignment days £130k
  - Electronic Social Care Records £175k
  - National Care Standards £120k.
5. To approve that the capital determination be approved by the Audit and Accounts Committee 29 September 2007.

#### 49/07          Revenue Outturn 2006/07

The Council Cabinet considered a report on Revenue Outturn 2006/07. The Council's overall net General Fund revenue spending in 2006/7 was an improved position to that anticipated when revised estimates were last brought before Cabinet in February 2007. Overall there was a net General Fund underspend of £397k against the latest approved budget instead of the net £85k underspend forecast in February 2007, representing a net variance of 0.26% of the Budget Requirement. These figures excluded the outturn on the individual schools budgets. The most notable variances were a £1.7m overspending on Adult Social Care including an anticipated £0.5m for the previously reported No Board loss of income and a net £2m underspending on corporate budgets mainly from Treasury Management and Supporting People. These were all key variance areas reported in February 2007.

£55k of the net underspend related to the Emergency Planning budget and it was proposed that this should be transferred to the corporate Emergency Planning reserve. It was proposed that the balance of £342k was transferred to corporate reserves and earmarked towards the Council's corporate contribution to the Building for Schools preparation costs, subject to recommendations in the separate Building Schools for the Future report on this agenda. The report also sought approval to the treatment of Local Area Agreement – LAA, Local Public Service Agreement - LPSA2, and other partnership budget underspends.

Departments had also re-examined the level and reason for holding service carryforward and service earmarked reserves held for a defined future use. Cabinet approval was sought for change of use totalling £1.456m to address new service priorities and budget risks. £324k was no longer required to be held as service reserves and would be transferred to the unallocated corporate reserves for future corporate use. An update on the corporate reserves position was included in the Revenue Budget Strategy report on the agenda.

The outturn surplus on the Housing Revenue Account – HRA – is £2.957m, which was £1.392m more than the budget plan for the year. £0.779m of this was attributable to Derby Homes. The increase in the surplus was mainly attributable to increased rent and service charge income and reduced provision for doubtful debts.

### **Decision**

1. To note the revenue out-turn for the financial year 2006/7 and the variances to the latest approved budget at Appendix 2.
2. To approve the treatment of variances at paragraph 1.8.
3. To approve the treatment of LAA, LPSA2 and other partnership budget underspends as details in paragraph 1.9.
4. To approve the change of use of service carry forward reserve balances at 31 March 2007 no longer required for the original purpose held, as detailed in Appendix 4.
5. To note the service earmarked reserves held at 31 March 2007 and approve the change of use detailed in Appendix 5.
6. To note the Housing Revenue Account outturn 2006/7 at paragraph 1.17 and Appendix 6.

### **50/07 Revenue Budget Strategy 2008/09 – 2010/11**

The Council Cabinet considered a report on Revenue Budget Strategy 2008/09 – 2010/11. In line with our Corporate Plan priorities that were agreed at 3 July Cabinet, the Council would continue to deliver high quality services and value for money.

However, the financial situation facing the Council from 2008/09 was a particularly challenging one, in that we were awaiting the outcome of the Government's Comprehensive Spending Review – CSR - 2007 of public services which would not be available until the autumn of 2007. At this stage we were therefore uncertain of how much Revenue Support Grant we would be receiving for the three year period 2008/09 to 2010/11, which meant our outline budget strategy had therefore had to be based more so on forecasts

than in previous years. There were also a number of major financial pressures emerging over those already planned for including:

- increasing demands for home care services for the elderly as the ageing population in the city continues to grow
- pension fund contributions are likely to increase from 2008/09
- uncertainties over the costs of our major joint waste disposal project with Derbyshire County Council
- job evaluation costs could be higher than anticipated in the worst case scenario.

Also, there were still uncertainties about the continuation of Neighbourhood Renewal Funding beyond 2007/08. We received £4.3m in 2007/08 which we were putting to very good use in the Council's priority neighbourhood areas and without similar levels of funding going forward, we would face significant financial pressures.

Although our external resources available in 2008/09 were uncertain, we were committed to maintaining a low council tax for our council taxpayers and budget decisions going forward as more funding information becomes available would be taken from this starting point. In line with our current budget that was agreed by Council in March 2007, that identified 10% savings over the three year period to 2009/10 together with prudent forecasting of income and expenditure from 2008/09 as set out in the report by the Acting Corporate Director of Resources, we had a forecasted balanced budget position up to 2009/10 and a budget deficit at this stage for 2010/11 of £3.148m. Should this funding deficit materialise, we would need to make further efficiency savings of 2% in this year in order to balance the budget.

Running in parallel to these forecasts, chief officers had been authorised to focus on making efficiency savings in 'back office' administration processes in order to make best use of recent major financial investments in computer systems. A corporate programme of further potential efficiency savings from topic reviews had been requested and that would be drawn up in Summer 2007 and monitored through the Building on Excellence Efficiency Board.

## **Decision**

1. To note the estimated financial position facing the Council from 2008/09 onwards and the forecasts it was based on.
2. To approve the strategy to be followed for the 2008/09 to 2010/11 initial budget planning process.

# Contract and Financial Procedure Matters

## 51/07 Contract and Financial Procedure Matters

The Council Cabinet considered a report on Contract and Financial Procedure Matters. The report dealt with the following items that required reporting to and approval by Council Cabinet under contract and financial procedure rules:

- funding and contractual issues relating to the extended concessionary fares scheme
- contractual issues relating to the Dial a Bus contract
- additional Schools Budget grant funding
- funding for two new health and safety advisers for schools
- additions and amendments to the schools capital programme
- sale of the Jayex signboard
- funding for an additional valuer post
- the Annual Efficiency Statement for the 2006/07 financial year
- early revenue budget 2007/8 monitoring risk budgets and significant variances identified.

### Decision

1. To approve the addition of extra funding of £58,339 from the Department for Transport (DfT) to the concessionary fares revenue budget in 2007/08.
2. To approve a waiver from Contract Procedure Rules - CPR15 tendering requirements - to permit the Council, in partnership with Derbyshire County Council, borough and district councils, to enter into an agreement with a concessionary fares card supplier to be short listed by the DfT following the DfT tendering process.
3. To approve the use of the first tranche of funding for the Regeneration and Community Department to take on a temporary member of staff to begin the process of cleaning the database of existing Gold Card holders to ensure that there is an updated list of those who need a new card.
4. To approve a waiver under Contract Procedure Rule CPR24 to award a contract to Derby Community Transport to operate the city Dial A Bus

service and other bus services from September 2007 on the basis that this company scored highest in the tender assessment process.

5. To approve the use of additional Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) of £622,000 to fund preparation costs for Building Schools for the Future (BSF) and to devolve additional School Development Grant (SDG) of £307,000 to schools, except those with surplus balances, based on pupil numbers.
6. To approve the use of up to £30,000 of corporate reserves to fund two additional health and safety advisers for schools for 2007/08 only, with ongoing costs from 2008/09 to be funded by the Children and Young People's Department.
7. To approve the addition to the capital programme of, and to commence spending on, schemes relating to post-16 provision at Lees Brook Community Sports College including £120,000 of funding to invest in energy saving measures and the Schools Access Initiative, and a funded increase in the cost of the scheme to rebuild Sinfin Community School.
8. To defer consideration of the sale of the Jayex electronic signboard and request a more detailed report be brought back to Council Cabinet on 4 September 2007.
9. To approve £34,000 funding for an additional valuer post, to be funded from additional capital receipts.
10. To note the Annual Efficiency Statement for the 2006/07 financial year submitted to central government.
11. To note the revenue risk budgets identified by departments for revenue budget monitoring during 2007/08.
12. To note the significant variances emerging from early 2007/08 revenue budget monitoring.

## 52/07      Building Schools for the Future Project Progress and Funding

The Council Cabinet considered a report on Building Schools for the Future Project Progress and Funding. BSF was a huge opportunity to transform secondary education with significant capital investment. The programme aimed to replace and renovate all secondary school buildings over the next 15 years. Following government approval of our Readiness to Deliver assessment, Derby would be included in the Programme from September 2007 as part of Wave 5. The level of BSF funding available to Derby had not yet been confirmed but indications were that funding could be up to £150m. ICT was a huge part of the BSF programme in transforming education, with

specific additional funding up to £20m to develop a far reaching ICT vision in parallel with our education vision.

Early preparations were underway in preparing to join the BSF programme and a high level Project Board had been established. A Project Team had also now been established and the process to appoint external technical advisers had been completed. The BSF launch conference on 19 June 2007 was a well attended and successful partnership event, outcomes of which were being carefully considered in shaping the vision for secondary education in Derby.

The Government's BSF timeline was extremely tight with the requirement to submit the higher level BSF vision in the Strategy for Change –part 1- document by 31 October 2007, followed by the submission of an estates strategy by March 2008. Council Cabinet would continue to receive regular progress reports, which had been programmed into the Cabinet Forward Plan. Funding arrangements for the estimated BSF preparation costs of £4.2 million was considered by the Schools Forum. The proposal was for a 50 /50 split between the Council and Schools Budget. Schools Forum approved this proposal at its meeting on 11 July 2007.

### **Decision**

1. To note BSF project progress to date.
2. To approve the use of further corporate reserves up to a maximum of £1.337m, including Children and Young People Service resources, towards BSF costs on the basis set out in paragraph 1.11 below.
3. To approve the use of Schools Budget funding of up to £1.886m and the Schools Budget reserve of £216,000 towards BSF costs as set out in paragraph 1.11 of the accompanying report.

## **Performance Management**

### **53/07 Derby Pointer Panel – April 2007 Survey Results**

The Council Cabinet considered a report on Derby Pointer Panel – April 2007 Survey Results.

### **Decision**

1. To note April's Derby Pointer survey results and the service managers' improvement plans.
2. To note that the results and proposed service improvements will be reported to panel members in the next 'Panel News' newsletter, which will be sent out to panel members with the October 2007 survey.



## 54/07 Exclusion of Press and Public

To consider a resolution to exclude the press and public during consideration of the following items:

“that under Section 100(A) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting during discussion of the following items on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 3, 4 and 9 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act and that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information”

## Key Decisions

### 55/07 The Roundhouse and Associated Listed Buildings with Adjoining Land, Pride Park

To consider exempt information in relation to the Roundhouse and Associated Listed Buildings with Adjoining Land, Pride Park.

#### Decision

1. To note the progress made with Derby College on the disposal of the Roundhouse.
2. To allow the variation of the agreement with Derby College as described in the report.
3. To approve the partial repayment to EMDA as detailed in the report resulting from the notional receipt the Council would be taken to have received and to request a further report in due course.

### 56/07 Options Appraisal for Council's Residential Homes for Older People 2007/08

The Council Cabinet considered a report which set out an options appraisal for the Council's residential Homes for Older People 2007/08.

#### Decision

1. To begin consultation on a closure of a residential home for older people.
2. To undertake further work in 2007/08 to clarify future options for the remaining seven homes including the possibilities of mental health resource centres and extra care housing options.

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