

Time began 6.00pm
Time ended 6.40pm

COUNCIL CABINET

29 NOVEMBER 2005

Present Councillor Williamson - Chair
Councillors Bayliss, Bolton, Dhindsa, Hussain, Repton,
and Wynn

Also Present: Councillor Jones

This record of decisions was published on 1 December 2005. The 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.

192/05 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Nath, Roberts and Hickson.

193/05 Late Items Introduced by the Chair

There were no late items.

The Chair reported that this would be Sue Glithero's last meeting of Council Cabinet before she retired. The Council Cabinet thanked Sue for all her hard work over the many years she had been at Derby City Council and wished her a long and happy retirement.

194/05 Identification of Urgent Items to which Call-In will not apply

There were none.

195/05 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Bayliss declared a personal interest in minute no 199/05 because he was Chair of Governors at Boulton Primary School.

Matters referred to Council Cabinet

196/05 Social Inclusion and the Physical Environment

The Council Cabinet considered a report of the Community Regeneration Commission on Social Inclusion and the Physical Environment. The Commission had noted the progress reported, noted that several aspects would be given further momentum through the cleaner, safer, greener

strategy currently being developed locally and requested a further report be made when central government agenda on these policies are become clearer.

Decision

To note the report.

197/05 Community Involvement and Consultation

The Council Cabinet considered a report on Community Involvement and Consultation. At its meeting of 27 September 2005, Council Cabinet considered the Community Regeneration Commission's review of community involvement and consultation. This report set out an Action Plan in response to the recommendations from the review.

Decision

1. To support in principle the proposed actions listed in the Action Plan attached to the Director of Policy's report, which had been developed in response to the Community Regeneration Commission's recommendations following the Community Involvement and Consultation review.
2. To refer the report to the Community Regeneration Commission for comment.

198/05 Temporary Bus Lane - Allenton

The Council Cabinet considered a minute extract from Area Panel 2 held on 21 September 2005 requesting the removal of the temporary bus lane in Allenton.

Decision

To review the temporary bus lane in early March 2006 when it will have been in operation for six months and report the findings to Area Panel 2 in March 2006.

Key Decisions

199/05 Development of Children's Centres Phase 2 and Extended Schools

The Council Cabinet considered a report on the development of Children's Centres phase 2 and Extended Schools. The Council needed to develop eight new phase 2 Children's Centres across the city between April 2006 and March 2008 and these should be planned alongside the development of Extended Schools as a key contribution to the implementation of Integrated Children's Services in Derby. The proposed plans were set out in this report.

Options Considered

1. The Council could decide not to deliver phase 2 Children's Centres. This would mean we could not take advantage of financial investment outlined in paragraph 1.4.
2. The Council could decide not to deliver any further Extended School services. This would mean we could not take advantage of financial investment outlined in paragraph 1.16.
3. Failure to develop Children's Centres and Extended Schools would seriously hinder the implementation of Integrated Children's Services in Derby.

Decision

1. To consult on the development of eight new Phase 2 Children's Centres.
2. To consult on the development of Extended Schools services across the city.

Reasons

1. The Sure Start Unit has allocated £2,169,735 capital funding and £2,746,118 revenue funding to develop eight new Children's Centres in phase 2 between April 2006 and March 2008.
2. The DfES has allocated £2,635,828 over the next three years for the development of Extended Schools services in accordance with current government initiatives.
3. The proposed developments will mean that there is a Children's Centre serving all but one small disadvantaged area as identified within the Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy and will also make sure that there is at least one Children's Centre in each area defined by Area Panels.

200/05 Local Development Framework – Annual Monitoring Report and Revisions to the Local Development Scheme

The Council Cabinet considered a report on Local Development Framework. The Council was required, under the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, to submit an Annual Monitoring Report, AMR to the Secretary of State by the end of December each year. Council Cabinet was being asked to approve this years AMR for submission. The full document was available on CMIS. In accordance with Government advice, key stakeholders had already been consulted on a draft version of the AMR. The AMR sets out progress in implementing the Local Development Scheme, LDS. On the whole, progress

has been good. Modifications to the City of Derby Local Plan were placed on deposit in September according to schedule and work had started on several plans under the new system. To take account of new requirements for early consultation and undertaking sustainability appraisals, it was proposed to set the timescales for some documents back a little. It was also proposed to prepare a new Supplementary Planning Document to provide guidance on how the Council would negotiate planning obligations under S106.

Options Considered

The submission to the Secretary of State of the Annual Monitoring Report was required by Regulation. No other options have therefore been considered.

Decision

1. To authorise the submission of the Annual Monitoring Report to the Secretary of State by the end of December 2005, subject to any minor drafting amendments.
2. To approve the proposed revisions to the Local Development Scheme, as set out in the AMR and in Appendix 2 of the report.
3. To authorise the Director of Development and Cultural Services, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Planning and Transportation, to liaise with Government Office and the Planning Inspectorate to prepare a revised version of the LDS based on the schedule set out in Appendix 2.
4. To authorise submission of a revised LDS to the Secretary of State.

Reason

To satisfy the legal requirement to submit an AMR and to make sure that the Council's LDS provided an up-to-date and appropriate programme of plan making.

201/05 The Green Lane Centre

The Council Cabinet considered a report on the proposed Green Lane Centre. Officers have in recent months been working on proposals for a replacement Night Shelter in Derby. The report provided an update on the present position and an outline of the work that would be taking place over the next few months if the Centre was approved.

Options Considered

Not to proceed with the project, thereby losing the opportunity of the funding currently being offered to support it.

Decision

1. To approve in principle, subject to the comments of the Community Regeneration Commission, to:
 - authorise the Director of Corporate Services to negotiate the purchase of the site for the proposed Green Lane Centre. The proposed terms were set out the Confidential part of the meeting.
 - approve the contribution of up to £500,000 from the Affordable Housing Facilitation Fund in 2006/07 towards the total cost of the scheme.
 - waive Contract Procedure Rule C15 – Requirement to obtain quotes or tenders – under rule C6 to allow for the design work to be negotiated with appropriate external design consultants, if necessary.
 - authorise the Director of Corporate Services to enter into contracts for the purchase of the site and for the building works to enable the scheme to proceed at an early date, subject to confirmation by the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister – ODPM - that the funding programme proposed was acceptable.

Reasons

1. To take forward the development of the Green Lane Centre.
2. To commit the funding made available by the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister - ODPM - in the current financial year.
3. To achieve value for money from the development.

Budget and Policy Framework

202/05 Reviewing the Council's Vision, Objectives and Priorities

The Council Cabinet considered a report on reviewing the Council's vision objectives and priorities. The report highlighted the outcomes of an informal workshop held by Cabinet Members on 12 October 2005 to determine corporate priorities for 2006/09. The workshop covered:

- the development of clearer links between the Council's vision and the Community Strategy and Local Area Agreement
- the revision of current objectives and priorities alongside existing national and local priorities, current performance issues and manifesto commitments
- the implications for the Council's budget and planning framework

- how the format of the Corporate Plan could be made more relevant to local People.

It was proposed that four overarching objectives supported by key priorities would guide resource allocation over the next three years, in line with the approach agreed by Council Cabinet on 12 July 2005. The objectives were:

- to improve the quality of life in Derby's neighbourhoods
- to encourage lifelong learning and achievement as a catalyst for economic growth
- to build healthy and independent communities
- to deliver excellent services, performance and value for money.

The Council's vision would be revised to reflect the new Community Strategy.

Decision

1. To agree the draft objectives and priorities as a basis for referral to Scrutiny Management Commission and consultation with employees, partners and the public.
2. To note the implications of the draft objectives and priorities for the budget and planning framework, and the refreshed Community Strategy for the Council's vision.

203/05 Revenue Budget Strategy and Monitoring

The Council Cabinet considered a report on Revenue Budget Strategy and Monitoring. The report set out the Council's latest spending position for 2005/6 and the progress made to date in formulating the budget for 2006/7. The Council Cabinet was continuing in its determination to keep council tax increases at moderate levels, to fund the abolition of home care charges and to redirect our priorities into local areas and priority neighbourhoods. To achieve this, positive action was being taken by Council Cabinet members working closely with their Chief Officers to identify savings. The report included:

- early identification of £863k of savings within 2005/6 budgets while still aiming to achieve a balanced year end position
- early decisions on some specific 2006/7 savings to allow implementation to commence prior to the start of the next financial year, totalling £1.213m
- updated details of the Council's wider budget position and of ongoing work with Chief Officers to create a balanced position to be consulted on in January.

Decision

1. To recommend to Council the approval of the changes to 2005/6 budgets set out in Section 3 of the report and Appendix 2.
2. To note the latest monitoring position in respect of the amended General Fund 2005/6 budgets and the Housing Revenue Account.
3. To recommend to Council the approval of measures to achieve savings in 2006/7 budgets as set out in Section 5 of the report and Appendix 4.

Contract and Financial Procedure Matters

204/05 Contract and Finance Procedures Matters Report

The Council Cabinet considered setting out a number of contract and finance procedure matters.

- the one-off revenue budget required to complete the job evaluation implementation, and the associated funding
- Education capital scheme commencement for Woodlands Community School pool refurbishment.
- Following a competitive tendering process to award the contact for the management of the Council's golf courses.
- Treasury Management Borrowing Strategy.

Decision

1. To approve a one-off revenue budget of £239,298 in 2005/06 and £223,475 in 2006/07 funded from £198,000 earmarked job evaluation reserve and £265,000 2005/06 job evaluation revenue budget.
2. To approve a capital scheme commencement for the swimming pool refurbishment at Woodlands Community School.
3. To award the contract for the management of the Council's golf courses to Commercial Services for a period of two years from 1 January 2006.
4. To extend the Treasury Management Strategy to authorise the Director of Finance to undertake, during the remainder of 2005/06, borrowing in advance to fund the 2006/07 capital programme, on condition that the capital funding requirement for 2006/07 is not exceeded and that the Director of Finance considers market conditions to be beneficial

205/05 Social Care Business Process Modernisation

The Council Cabinet considered a report on Social Care Business Process Modernisation. The report sought approval for prudential borrowing to be used to procure ICT equipment and software to support the implementation of electronic social care records and an integrated children's system and associated business improvements in social care.

Decision

1. To approve the programme of ICT investment within Social Services set out in the report for inclusion in the capital programme.
2. To approve the financing of the programme on the basis set out in Section 1.5 to Appendix 2, including:
 - up to £696k of capital expenditure to be funded from additional corporate prudential borrowing, the remainder to be funded by existing capital budgets
 - the creation of a £125k Social Services ICT modernisation reserve from the existing 2005/6 budgets to be used to fund the scheme revenue costs in 2007/8 and 2008/9
 - the balance of the scheme financing costs to be met from existing Social Services ICT revenue budgets and future efficiency savings
 - the remaining balance of the uncommitted Social Services ICT revenue budget to be vired to fund wider budget pressures within the department in 2005/6 and 2006/7.
3. To allow the Director of Finance the flexibility to agree a reduction in the scale of corporate prudential borrowing should additional supported capital resources become available to the Social Services ICT budget, beyond those planned for.

206/05 Education Service Capital Schemes 2005/06 – Phase 5

The Council Cabinet considered a report on Education Services Capital Schemes 2005/06 phase 5. The proposed capital schemes were set out in this report. The projects needed to progress as soon as possible, in particular the proposed Mackworth Morley Sure Start Children's Centre to be located at Reigate Primary School. It was essential to progress with this scheme to meet Sure Start funding deadlines. It was necessary to allocate additional funding for the proposed Outdoor Activity Centre at Darley Abbey, primarily funded through Lottery funding. The report also included a number of smaller school capital projects, together with schemes with variations to funding.

Decision

1. To approve variation to Darley Abbey Big Lottery Funded Outdoor Adventure project for PE and Sports as set out in Appendix 2.
2. To approve the proposed project to establish a Sure Start Children's Centre for Mackworth Morley at Reigate Primary School, as shown in Appendix 3.
3. To approve variations to the Sure Start project shown in Appendix 4.
4. To approve new and revised schemes to be funded from the Education Service Capital Programme outlined in Appendices 5 and 6.

Performance Management

207/05 2005-06 Quarter 2 Performance Monitoring Report

The Council Cabinet considered a report on Quarter 2 Performance Monitoring 2005/06. The purpose of the quarterly performance report was to underpin performance management within the Council in terms of monitoring the achievement of our corporate objectives, our Local Area Agreement and Public Service Agreement targets.

Decision

1. To note the performance of the Council against the targets included in its 2005/2006 Best Value Performance Plan, 2005-08 Corporate Plan, 2020 Vision Community Strategy, falling due to be reported on in the second quarter.
2. To give particular attention to those areas where the forecast year-end performance was currently below target and the action being taken to address this.

208/05 Safeguarding Children – Progress Report

The Council Cabinet considered a report on Safeguarding Children. Following the death of Victoria Climbié in February 2000 an Inquiry led by Lord Laming produced 108 recommendations. Social Services produced an Action Plan to make sure these recommendations were carried out in Derby. The Action Plan has been worked on, regularly reviewed and monitored by Council Cabinet. The Department for Education and Skills and Commission for Social Care Inspection no longer formally required Council Cabinet to consider the report in future, so this would be the last report in this format.

Decision

1. To note the progress of the arrangements to safeguard and promote the welfare of children in Derby, in this final report on the Climbié action plan.
2. To agree the proposal for an annual report to Council on safeguarding children in Derby.

209/05 Exclusion of Press and Public

Decision

To exclude the press and public from the meeting during discussion of the following items on the grounds that they 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.

Contract and Finance Procedure Rules

210/05 Arthur Neal Home for Older People

This item was withdrawn with the agreement of the Council Cabinet.

Key Decision

211/05 The Green Lane Centre

The Council Cabinet considered a report setting out the exempt information relating to the proposed Green Lane Centre.

Decision

To note the valuation advice within the report and authorise the Director of Corporate Services to complete the purchase of the property at the sum referred to in the report, provided that sum is considered to be the market value.

MINUTES END