

**209/08 Scrutiny Management Commission Call-in –
‘Modernisation of Cashiers Service’**

The Council Cabinet considered a Call-in from Scrutiny Management Commission on ‘Modernisation of Cashiers Service’. In accordance with Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rule OS36, the Monitoring Officer called in for scrutiny an executive key decision in respect of the Modernisation of the Cashiers Service in the Council House (Minute Number 187/08) made by Council Cabinet at its meeting on 13 January 2009. The call-in meeting of the Scrutiny Management Commission took place on 27 January 2009 and at that meeting the Commission resolved by majority vote that in making its decision Council Cabinet had breached the following principles of decision making:

- a) Proportionality – in that the decision to close the cash counter on 27 February would have an adverse effect on a significant number of customers.

Decision

To re affirm the previous decision but to extend the final date for closing the cashiers’ service in the Council House to 30 April 2009.

**210/08 Scrutiny Management Commission Call-in –
‘Accommodation Strategy’**

The Council Cabinet considered a Call-in from Scrutiny Management Commission on Accommodation Strategy. In accordance with Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rule OS36, the Monitoring Officer called in for scrutiny an executive key decision in respect of the Accommodation Strategy (Minute Number 190/08) made by Council Cabinet at its meeting on 13 January 2009. The call-in meeting of the Scrutiny Management Commission took place on 27 January 2009 and at that meeting the Commission resolved by majority vote that no principle under rule OS33 had been breached

Decision

To note the report.

**211/08 Scrutiny Management Commission Call-in –
‘Vacancy Control’**

The Council Cabinet considered a Call-in from Scrutiny Management Commission on Vacancy Control. In accordance with Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rule OS36, the Monitoring Officer called in for scrutiny an

executive key decision in respect of the Control of Vacant Posts (Minute Number 189/08) made by Council Cabinet at its meeting on 13 January 2009. The call-in meeting of the Scrutiny Management Commission took place on 27 January 2009 and at that meeting the Commission resolved by majority vote that in making its decision Council Cabinet had breached the following principles of decision making:

e) Clarity of aims and desired outcomes – in that it was unclear where the decision to introduce vacancy control fitted into the budgetary process and the budgetary reasons for the decision were unclear.

The Commission recommended Council Cabinet to unfreeze vacancies and look at other options for controlling staffing budgets.

Decision

To accept the recommendation of the Scrutiny Management Commission to unfreeze vacancies and look at other options for controlling staffing budgets.

228/08 Corporate Plan 2008/11 – Updated Action Plan

The Council Cabinet considered a report on Corporate Plan 2008/11 – Updated Action Plan. On 13 January 2009 the Cabinet received a copy of the Corporate Plan Action Plan that had been updated for 2009-11, for review. The Corporate Plan Action Plan described what actions would be taken over the period 2009-2011 to deliver our vision of 'Derby – a city of all ages'. The Plan was centred around six key priorities that were retained by Council on 19 November 2008; these were shown alongside the supporting outcomes at **Appendix 2**. The final draft of the Action Plan would be submitted to Council on 2 March 2009 recommending approval alongside the three-year budget proposals. The latest draft of the action plan was available electronically on CMIS -

<http://cmis.derby.gov.uk/CMISWebPublic/Meeting.aspx?Document=12832>

Decision

1. To note to the feedback and comments received from Scrutiny Management Commission and to incorporate the recommendations in the Action Plan.
2. To approve the contents of the Corporate Plan Action Plan that had been updated for 2009-11.
3. To recommend that Council adopt the updated Action Plan on 2 March 2009.
4. To recommend that Council delegate responsibility to make amendments to reflect up-to-date information, final actions and intended outcomes to the Chief Executive and Corporate Director of

Resources, and to finalise the Action Plan in consultation with the Leader of the Council.

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

The Council Cabinet considered reports on:

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

During his presentation of the General Fund Revenue Budget and Council Tax 2009/10, the Corporate Director of Resources advised that the proposal to reduce the council tax increase from 4.9% to 4.25% following the consultation period would require a £700k contribution from general reserves to balance the budget. He went on to emphasise that the £700k would be a permanent funding gap and whereas the Council has enough reserves to meet this gap in 2009/10, this is not a sustainable position and Council Cabinet would need to find further savings to meet this gap in 2010/11.

Decision

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

- (i) Council Cabinet agrees that when future capital budgets are presented to Overview and Scrutiny Commission they will show the current lines of expenditure and where appropriate how the expenditure differs from that of the previous year.

C. To recommend Council:

Capital Budget 2009/10 – 2011/12

1. To approve the capital programme for 2009/10 and the indicative capital programme for 2010/11 and 2011/12 set out in the report, subject to the completion and approval of a full business case by the Corporate Asset Management Group or Public Realm board for major new schemes in the corporate programme identified in Appendix 2 of the report.

General Fund Revenue Budget and Council Tax 2009/10

2. To approve a budget requirement for Derby City Council for 2009/2010 of £199,030,461.
3. To approve for 2009/2010 the departmental revenue budget estimates and use of corporate reserves of £713,000 (0.36% of the budget) in 2009/10 and £232,000 in 2010/11 (due to a financial adjustment from the previous 3 year budget agreed in the Revenue Budget Strategy in September 2008) summarised in Appendices 4, 5, 6, and 12 of the report.
4. To agree the latest 2008/2009 revenue budget monitoring position as set out in Appendix 13 of the report.
5. To approve the measures proposed to manage budget risks in 2009/10 and in future years, including the deliverability of identified savings, levels of service and inflation forecasts as set out in Section 11.
6. To approve within this total of £199,030,461:

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|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| Net service estimates of: | £ |
| Children and Young People | 41,052,186 |
| Environmental Services | 22,786,000 |
| Regeneration and Community | 19,836,304 |
| Partnerships | 6,897,051 |
| Resources | 10,558,000 |
| Corporate and Adult Services | 67,834,340 |
| Corporate and Contingency Budgets | 31,154,000 |
| | 199,937,461 |

Appropriations to/from reserves (figures in brackets are appropriations to reserves):

| | |
|--------------------|-----------|
| Corporate reserves | (713,000) |
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|---------------------------|--------------------|
| Service reserves | (244,000) |
| Revenue Financing Capital | 50,000 |
| | 199,030,461 |

7. To note that, at its meeting on 21 January 2009, the Council calculated the amount of 70,187 equivalent band D properties as the Council's Tax Base for the year 2009/10 in accordance with Regulation 3 of the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) Regulations 1992 as amended by The Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base)(Amendment)(England) Regulations 2003, made under Section 33(5) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.

8. To calculate the following amounts for the year 2009/10 in accordance with Sections 32 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (the Act).

- a. £620,157,714 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32(2)(a) to (e)
- b. (£421,127, 253) being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32(3)(a) and (c) of the Act
- c. £199,030,461 as its budget requirements for the year, being the amount by which the aggregate at (a) above exceeds the aggregate at (b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 32(4) of the Act
- d. £106,648,562 being the aggregate of the sums which the Council estimates will be payable for the year into its General Fund in respect of redistributed non-domestic rates, revenue support grant.
- e. £1,110.40 as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year, being the amount at (c) above, less the amount at (d) above, all divided by the amount at 2.7 above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 33 of the Act

f. For the following Valuation Bands:

| | £ | | £ |
|---|---------|---|---------|
| A | 740.27 | E | 1357.16 |
| B | 863.64 | F | 1603.91 |
| C | 987.02 | G | 1850.67 |
| D | 1110.40 | H | 2220.80 |

as the amounts to be taken into account for the year, under Section 30(2)(a) of the Act, in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different valuation

bands, being the amounts given by multiplying the amount at (e) above by the number which, in the proportion set out in Section 5(1) of the Act, is applicable to all dwellings listed in each particular valuation band divided by the number which in that proportion is applicable to dwellings listed in Valuation Band D, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 36(1) of the Act

9. To note that for the year 2009/10, Derbyshire Police Authority has stated the following in a precept to the Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

All dwellings in Valuation Band:

| | | | |
|---|----|---|----|
| £ | | £ | |
| A | ** | E | ** |
| B | ** | F | ** |
| C | ** | G | ** |
| D | ** | H | ** |

10. To note that for the year 2009/10, Derbyshire Fire Authority has stated the following in a precept to the Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

All dwellings in Valuation Band:

| | | | |
|---|----|---|----|
| £ | | £ | |
| A | ** | E | ** |
| B | ** | F | ** |
| C | ** | G | ** |
| D | ** | H | ** |

11. Having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amount in 2.5, 2.6 and 2.7 above, in accordance with Section 30(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, to set the following amounts as the amounts of Council Tax for the year 2009/10 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

All dwellings in Valuation Band:

| | | | |
|---|----|---|----|
| £ | | £ | |
| A | ** | E | ** |
| B | ** | F | ** |
| C | ** | G | ** |
| D | ** | H | ** |

** - figures to be inserted when the Police Authority and Fire Authority precepts are notified.

12. To note the revenue budget plans for 2010/11 and 2011/12 set out in section 5 of the report.
13. To authorise the publication of the requisite notices in accordance with the provisions of Section 38(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.
14. To note the revised tables and appendices in the addendum report and resulting from the adjustments described in paragraphs 3.1 to 3.3 of the report.
15. To agree that any shortfall needed to meet the Minimum Funding Guarantee in school budgets should be met initially from the £350,000 earmarked for schools maintenance and, if this is insufficient, from the Children and Young People's Department budget.