

Minute Extracts

## **37/14      Late Items Introduced by the Chair**

There an addendum to the Contract and Financial Procedure Matters report at 46/14 that was circulated to Members:

- Use of reserves

## **45/14      Proposed Derby and Derbyshire Combined Authority**

The Council Cabinet considered a report on Proposed Derby and Derbyshire Combined Authority. The purpose of this report was to seek approval to establish a Combined Authority (CA) to deliver economic growth and prosperity across the geographical county of Derbyshire. This would be done with Derbyshire County Council and all District and Borough Councils in Derbyshire.

The new proposed Combined Authority would take responsibility for certain statutory functions described in this report, primarily related to transport infrastructure and public transport, and would co-ordinate all functions and funding delegated to it by the D2N2 Local Economic Partnership through its new “single pot” of government and EU funding.

The new Combined Authority would not take any of the Council’s powers and statutory requirements to undertake a regular Local Economic Assessment and produce an Economic Regeneration Strategy, nor would it supplant the responsibilities of the existing arrangements through the Derby Renaissance Board (DRB). However, discussions were in hand with DRB regarding its future role in relation to the proposed Combined Authority and the D2N2 LEP.

There was a parallel exercise underway in Nottingham/Nottinghamshire. It was increasingly likely that Government would want to see the two CAs moving quickly to a merged D2N2 CA. It was therefore very important that the submissions to Government for the two CAs demonstrate how they would either achieve this merged CA or work so closely together that a merged CA was not necessary.

### **Options Considered**

1. To continue with the current system, beyond 31 March 2015 would be impractical, because of changes in LEP funding arrangements requiring changes at a more local level.
2. D2N2 LEP was looking to devolve certain funding and accountability to a more local level, and local authority leaders had agreed that having a body for the

Derbyshire area and a comparable body for the Nottinghamshire area was the most practical way of moving forward.

## **Decision**

1. To approve the establishment of the Derby and Derbyshire Combined Authority, in conjunction with Derbyshire County Council and the 8 District and Borough Councils in Derbyshire.
2. To delegate to the Chief Executive, in conjunction with the Leader of the Council/Deputy Leader, responsibility for negotiating the terms of reference and the DDCA submissions to government under the D2N2 LEP Growth Deal arrangements.
3. To recommend to Council that the Leader of the Council is appointed as the representative on the Combined Authority.

## **Reasons**

1. Local Enterprise Partnerships now had all party support, and could be expected to continue to operate regardless of the outcome of the forthcoming general election. It was therefore essential that Derby had mechanisms in place to participate in the D2N2 LEP and DDCA. This would include the pooling of resources to achieve better value for money for the participating authorities, and the potential receipt of government and EU funding and certain “freedoms and flexibilities”.
2. If the Council does not participate in this exercise as recommended above, the Council could miss out on opportunities to participate with neighbouring authorities and may miss the opportunity to draw down Government and EU Funding from D2N2.

## **46/14 Contract and Financial Procedure Matters**

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

- changes to the current 2014/15-2016/17 capital programme
- changes to the treasury investment criteria for 2014/2015
- acceptance of a grant

- use of reserves
- tender and award of contract
- award of contract
- use of reserves

## **Decision**

1. To approve changes, additions and progression of these on the capital programme as set out in Appendix 2 and highlighted in section 4.
2. To note the revised programme for 2014/15 in table 1 (paragraph 4.1) and the revised indicative programme for 2014/15-2016/17 as shown in table 2 (paragraph 4.5).
3. To approve the acceptance of the HCA grant of £2,621,356 to deliver 129 Affordable Homes.
4. To request Council approval for the changes to the 2014/15 treasury investment criteria as detailed in paragraph 6.
5. To approve the acceptance of a grant of £281,311 from the Department of Transport – DfT- Pothole repair fund.
6. To approve the use of £1,613,000 from the Pay and Reward reserve to continue the Pay and Reward project until 2015 and to approve the drawdown of the £500,000 Property Rationalisation reserve in tranches.
7. To approve the use of £1,613,000 from the Pay and Rewards reserve and a provisional use of £300,000 from the budget risk reserve.

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