

Time began: 4.00pm
Time ended: 6.00pm

COUNCIL CABINET

10 February 2021

Present	Councillor Poulter (Chair) Councillors Barker, M Holmes, Roulstone, Smale, Webb, Williams and Wood
In attendance	Councillors AW Graves, Repton, Shanker and Skelton Paul Simpson – Chief Executive Andy Smith – Strategic Director of People Simon Riley – Strategic Director of Corporate Resources Emily Feenan – Director of Legal, Procurement and Democratic Services Heather Greenan – Director of Policy Insight and Communications Steve Caplan – Director of Property David Fletcher – Director of City Development and Growth Emma Dann – Principal Regeneration Officer Sarah Banks – Our City Our River Principal Co-ordination Manager Priya Gill – Deputy Youth Mayor Kara MacFadyen - Communications Officer

This record of decisions was published on 12 February 2021. 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.

107/20 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Connie Spencer – Youth Mayor.

108/20 Late Items

There were no late items.

109/20 Receipt of Petitions

There were no petitions

110/20 Identification of Urgent Items to which Call In will not apply

There were no items.

111/20 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Webb declared an interest in Item 10 – Adult Social Care Fees and Charges 2020/21 because he was the chair of a care home committee in the city.

Councillor Barker declared an interest in item 11 – Future High Streets Fund because this included the refurbishment of the Market Hall and he was a Director of the National Association of British Markets.

Councillors Poulter and Williams declared an interest in item 11 – Future High Streets Fund because there was a reference to Voices in Action and Councillor Poulter's granddaughter and Councillor Williams daughter were members of Voices in Action.

112/20 Minutes of previous meetings

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 January 2021 were agreed as a correct record subject to the inclusion of the approval of the minutes of the meetings held on 9 and 16 December 2020.

Matters Referred

113/20 Recommendations from the Executive Scrutiny Board

The Council Cabinet considered a report on Recommendations from the Executive Scrutiny Board. The Executive Scrutiny Board met and discussed items contained within the Council Cabinet Agenda. The report enabled the views and recommendations resulting from these discussions to be formally shared with Council Cabinet. These were submitted to Council Cabinet as Appendix 1, prior to commencement of the meeting.

Decision

To receive the report and consider the recommendations alongside the relevant report.

114/20 Call-in of Key Decision 105/20 - Financial Support for Families During School Holidays

The Council Cabinet considered the outcome of a call-in of a key decision 'Financial Support for Families During School Holidays'.

The Executive Scrutiny Board upheld the call-in of Council Cabinet decision 105/20 on the following ground:

- That clarity of aims and desired outcomes had not been provided.

The Executive Scrutiny Board referred Council Cabinet decision 105/20 back to Council Cabinet for reconsideration at the earliest opportunity.

Decision

To re-affirm the decision made by Council Cabinet at its meeting on 13 January 2020 detailed in minute no 105/20.

Key Decision

115/20 Determined School Admission Arrangements for Derby City Maintained and Voluntary Controlled Schools 2022-2023

The Council Cabinet considered a report which stated that the Council was the Admissions Authority for all maintained and voluntary controlled schools within Derby City, and therefore, must comply with the statutory duty to consult on any changes to its admission arrangements on behalf of those schools before they are determined and published in the year preceding admission.

The School Admissions Code 2014 requires that consultation on admission arrangements, including published admission numbers at each maintained school for the academic year 2022-2023 must last for a minimum 6 weeks and must take place between 01 October 2020 and 31 January 2021. All admission arrangements must then be determined (set) by the statutory deadline date of 28 February 2021.

The proposed Admission Arrangements for 2022-2023 detailed in Appendix 1 of the report were consulted on between 01 November 2020 and 13 December 2020.

No objections or comments relating to the proposed admission arrangements had been received during the consultation period.

The proposal was for the admission arrangements for the 2022-2023 academic year set out in Appendix 1 of the report, to be considered and approved as the determined (set) admission arrangements by Council Cabinet.

The Executive Scrutiny Board noted the report.

Options Considered

Not to undertake a consultation where there were no changes proposed for a period of up to seven years. However, all admission authorities must publish their determine admission arrangements every year, even if they have not changed from previous years. It was considered that annual consultation process provided parents, carers and stakeholders with a regular opportunity to review and comment on the proposed admission arrangements each year.

Decision

1. To approve the proposed admission arrangements for Community and Voluntary Controlled infant, junior, primary and secondary schools as set out in Appendix 1 as the determined (set) admission arrangements for the 2022-2023 academic year.
2. To approve the published admission numbers as set out in Annex 3 of Appendix 1 of the report.

Reasons

To ensure that fairness, equity and transparency was retained, and that Derby City Council was fully compliant with the mandatory requirements of the School Admissions Code 2014, School Admission Appeals Code 2012, relevant legislation and regulations.

116/20 The Granting of an Easement to Permit Surface Water Discharge onto Land owned by Derby City Council

The Council Cabinet considered a report which sought authority for the granting of an easement over land owned by Council, in return for a cash payment.

The Executive Scrutiny Board noted the report.

Options Considered

To refuse the easement.

Decision

1. To agree the principle of the grant of an easement as detailed in the report.
2. To delegate authority to the Director of Property Services, following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Governance & Licencing and with the agreement of the Strategic Director of Resources, to conclude negotiations and grant an easement in accordance with the general details as set out in this report.

Reasons

1. The granting of an easement over land owned by the Council would attract a payment in excess of £250,000.
2. The granting of said easement would facilitate the development of up to 800 new units as well as a new school and affordable housing on land owned by third parties, on the granting of full planning permission. This was in accordance with the Council's housing delivery plan and local plan.

117/20 Adult Social Care Fees and Charges 2021/22

The Council Cabinet considered a report which stated that under the Care Act 2014, Councils had a duty to ensure that there was a sustainable and affordable social care market locally. This included establishing fee levels that providers would expect to receive for commissioned care that was delivered to meet a person's needs. To ensure that the Council was aware of and taking account of the cost pressures affecting local providers of care, engagement and consultation with independent sector providers had been undertaken in recent months. This had been focused on those providers operating "standard" care i.e. not those dealing with more complex levels of care. The report summarised the engagement findings, the reported cost pressures and feedback from providers. The report set out details of the funding model itself and the proposed rates for 2021/22 for standard residential / nursing care and for homecare services,

The report also set out the proposed charges for Council-provided adult social care services for 2021/22, which formed the annual review referred to in the Council's Adult Social Care Charging Policy.

It should be noted that the full cost of care services was only paid by around a tenth of customers, the majority were subsidised following the outcome of a Financial Assessment.

The Executive Scrutiny Board noted the report.

Options Considered

1. The Council could determine not to award any inflationary increase to the fees it pays for in-house and independent sector care. This was not being recommended as having a sustainable and viable social care market was vital to ensuring that the Council could discharge its statutory duties in relation to vulnerable adults.
2. The Council could decide not to increase the charges it levied for in-house and independent sector care. This was not being recommended as it would create an unmanageable pressure in the adult social care budget.
3. The Council could decide not to exercise the powers granted in the Care Act 2014 to levy administrative charges for certain activities. This was not being recommended as it would create an unmanageable pressure in the adult social care budget.

Decision

1. To approve a 2.4% fee increase for independent sector standard residential care and nursing care weekly fee rates (net of the Registered Nursing Care contribution) from April 2021.

2. To approve a 2.29% fee increase for standard independent sector homecare services from April 2021.
3. To approve an increase to the charging rates for Council-provided services of 3.0% from April 2021.
4. To approve an increase in existing Direct Payments, where an inflationary uplift was requested and evidenced, within a range where the minimum proposed would be 1.3% in line with the levels of inflation cited under general RPI for October 2020 and the maximum proposed would be 2.29% which mirrored the proposed uplift for homecare providers.
5. To approve that all the new rates would apply from 12 April 2021 (in line with the planned date of the rise in state benefits for 2021/22).
6. To delegate authority to the Strategic Director of People Services following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Adults, Health and Housing to agree fee levels for complex individual customers placed with specialist providers, within the overall budget of Adult Social Care Services.

Reasons

1. The Council must publish its intended fees for care taking into account market conditions and cost pressures. The Care Act required this as part of Council's "market shaping" duties which also required Councils to hold sufficient intelligence about their local care market. General information and consultation feedback from independent sector care providers had therefore been gathered, analysed, largely focusing on specific inflationary and cost pressures affecting care businesses. The Council's fee rate models for residential care homes, as set out in Appendix 2 and home care, as set out in Appendix 3 of the report, had been adjusted and builds on the methodology used by the Council in previous years.
2. Maintaining income levels for Council-provided services was crucial to the management of the overall budget for the Council. This included considering whether care services that were directly provided need to have their charges increased in line with inflation.
3. The Council previously decided to introduce the option to apply an annual inflationary uplift for Direct Payments to address a legacy systemic inequity whereby people electing to receive their funding by Direct Payment could be disadvantaged compared to those whose services were commissioned by the Council. This approach helped to ensure that Direct Payment arrangements were sustainable.
4. The proposed start date for all 2021/22 fees and charges aligned with the date that the Department of Work and Pensions (DWP) benefit rates were expected to change.

5. Specialist fee levels for people with more complex needs did not fit into the standard fee frameworks. Instead, these were individually set and agreed with providers.

118/20 Future High Street Fund Revised Programme

The Council Cabinet considered a report which stated that at the end of December 2020, Derby received an in-principle Future High Streets Fund award of £15,034,398. This award was less than the original bid and the report sought approval to submit a revised Future High Streets Fund programme to meet the required deadlines.

The Executive Scrutiny Board welcomed the fact that advice from a low carbon and energy specialist has been included for the Market Hall; and recommended to Council Cabinet that it writes to the Government to call on it to formulate a properly funded city rescue plan to save our cities.

Options Considered

The options considered in reviewing and revising the FHSF programme were set out in section 4.4 of the report.

Decision

1. To approve the revised Future High Streets Fund programme as set out in paragraph 7.1 of the report.
2. To delegate authority to the Strategic Director of Communities and Place, following consultation with the Strategic Director of Corporate Resources and Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Planning and Transportation to agree the final detail and any amendments required ahead of the submission of the revised Future High Streets Fund programme.
3. To note the acceptance of Future High Streets Fund funding conditions would be agreed in line with the December 2019 Council Cabinet delegation.
4. To note individual schemes would be brought back to Council Cabinet to be added to the capital programme, as set out in paragraph 7.4 of the report.
5. To note recommendation 1 from the Executive Scrutiny Board.
6. To reject recommendation 2 from the Executive Scrutiny Board.

Reasons

To respond to the requirements of the Future High Streets Fund and submit a revised FHSF programme within the £15m funding envelope by the 26 February 2021.

Budget and Policy Framework

119/20 Draft - Medium Term Financial Plan 2021/22 – 2023/24 (Revenue Budget, Capital Budget, DSG Grant, Reserves and Capital Strategy)

The Council Cabinet considered a report which outlined the Council's budget proposals for the period 2021/22 to 2023/24 to recommend to Council:

Revenue budget:

The report outlined proposals to recommend to Council a net budget requirement of £256,372,732 for 2021/22 and outlined further budget proposals for 2022/23 and 2023/24.

It also set out permanent savings requirements of (£11.140m) over the three-year period to address the impact of demand pressures, rising costs, maintaining priority services and investing in the Derby Recovery plan. These savings total (£9.654m) in 2021/22, (£1.516m) in 2022/23 and £0.030m in 2023/24.

Capital budget:

The report set out the 2021/22 to 2023/24 capital programme to recommend to Council. The main areas of the £473.4m programme over the next three years were:

The capital programme outlined assumptions made on future year's government allocations which were still to be confirmed.

The report also contained a refreshed Capital Strategy that gave a high level overview of how capital expenditure, capital financing and treasury management activity contribute to the provision of local public services along with an overview of how associated risk was managed and the implications for future financial sustainability as detailed in Appendix 16 of the report. During 2021/22 a Capital Ambition Statement for the City would be developed.

Reserves:

The report detailed a series of strategies and assessments of the adequacy of reserves which were required as part of the budget process. These demonstrated that the Council was able to set a balanced budget for 2021/22 and to plan its finances on a sustainable basis.

Prior to Council Cabinet recommending to Council the Budget Requirement to set the Council Tax it was required to consider the Section 25 report from the Strategic Director of Corporate Resources (attached at Appendix 6 of the report). This detailed the adequacy of reserves and robustness of the estimates for the period 2021/22 to 2023/24.

The report also detailed how the Budgets support delivery of the Council Recovery Plan and a number of the initiatives and approaches to allow resources and investments to be targeted to priorities.

Dedicated Schools Grant:

On 19 December 2019 the Department for Education (DfE) announced the details of the School Funding Settlement following the Government's earlier announcement that national funding for schools and high needs would increase by £2bn for 2020/21, £4.8bn for 2021/22 and £7.1bn for 2022/23. The provisional announcement in July 2020 remained consistent with this statement.

The Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) for Derby was split into four blocks; Schools Block, Early Years Block, High Needs Block and a Central School Services Block.

The 2021/2022 allocation for the DSG is £272.785m and was made up of four blocks of funding:

- Schools Block £204.737m (includes £8.496m mainstreamed pay and pension grants)
- Central School Services Block £3.130m
- High Needs Block £45.138m
- a) Early Years Block £19.780m.

The announced national increase in the Schools Block was around 4.3% although allocations to individual Local Authorities would be different as the levelling up to the National Funding Formula was different for each Council. Derby's increase was 3.6% excluding the teachers' pay and pension allocations (mainstreamed for the first time).

The High Needs Block had been increased by 11.8% circa £4.7m (this included £1.018m for the mainstreamed pay and pension grants). There continued to be significant challenges for the High Needs Block in Derby, this was a national position.

The Executive Scrutiny Board noted the report.

Decision

1. To note:
 - a) The outcomes of the Budget Consultation detailed in Appendix 8 and 9 and 10 and Scrutiny detailed in Appendix 11 of the report.
 - b) The outcomes of the Executive Scrutiny Board of the 19th January detailed in Appendix 11 of the report and associated recommendations.
 - c) The Section 25 Report of the Section 151 officer on the robustness of estimates and on the adequacy of the reserves 2021/22 to 2023/24 detailed in Appendix 6 of the report.

- d) The use of the S106 contributions detailed in section 5.3.7 of the report.

2. Subject to the above to recommend to Council to approve:

Revenue Budget

- a) Derby City Council's net budget requirement for 2021/22 of £256,372,732 subject to the finalisation of the Council's Council Tax for 2021/22.
- b) To increase the City Council element of Council Tax by 4.99% as set out in section 4.9 of the report.
- c) The directorates revenue budget plans for 2021/22 to 2023/24 as set out in section 4.7 of the report and the revenue budget estimates as detailed in Appendix 3 of the report.
- d) The implementation of savings proposals included in Appendix 4a of the report.
- e) Subject to the completion and consideration, where relevant, of any further consultation exercises, equality impact assessments and assessments under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998.
- f) The commencement of appropriate procurement procedures to support the specific budget proposals listed in Appendix 4a of the report.

Reserves

- a) The use of reserves of £1.967m on a non-recurrent basis to smooth the timing differences on the collection fund for 2021/22.
- b) The reserves adequacy report as detailed in Appendix 6 of the report.

Capital

- a) The capital programme for 2021/22 and note the indicative capital programme for 2022/23 and 2023/24 as set out in section 5 of the report. A summary and detail was detailed in Appendix 12 of the report.
- b) To recommend that Council approve the additional borrowing outlined in section 5.1, 5.1.9 and 5.3.4 of the report.
- c) The MRP policy detailed in Appendix 14 of the report.
- d) The prudential indicators detailed in Appendix 15 of the report.
- e) The Capital Strategy attached at Appendix 16 of the report.
- f) Application of the Flexible Use of Capital Receipts Policy as outlined in section 5.3.6 and Appendix 19 of the report.

Dedicated Schools Grant

- a) The allocations of the Dedicated Schools Grant as detailed in section 6 of the report.
- b) The increase of Minimum Funding Level per pupil to £4,180 per primary school pupil and £5,415 per secondary aged pupil.
- c) The base rate element of the Early Years Funding for 2 year olds of £5.36 and 3/4 year olds £4.43 per hour.
- d) The application of the following formula criteria for 2021/22:
 - i. To implement a cap on growth above 2.91% per pupil and a scaling factor of 100%
 - ii. To set a Minimum Funding Guarantee of 0.5%.
- e) The transfer of £0.500m from the Schools Block to the High Needs Block.
- f) The use of the Dedicated Schools Grant Reserve to the value of £0.600m to support the 2021/22 Dedicated Schools Grant Budget,
- g) To approve the value of Growth Fund of £0.160m to be retained centrally and to continue with the infant class size funding of £0.3m.

3. To delegate:

- Approval to the Strategic Director of Corporate Resources to make necessary adjustments in order to retain a balanced budget for 2021/22.
- Approval to the Strategic Director of Corporate Resources following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance and Procurement to permit movement of schemes (detailed within the 3-year capital approved programme) within and between financial years to facilitate delivery and agility in Capital Programme delivery. These would be subsequently reported in the quarterly financial monitoring reports.

120/20 Treasury Management and Investment Strategy 2021/22

The Council Cabinet considered a report which sought approval of the Council's Treasury Management Strategy for the financial year 2021/22 and the Treasury Management Indicators derived from this strategy. The report included:

- Background and context
- The Treasury Management Strategy

- Treasury Management Indicators
- Investment Strategy (Appendix 1 of the report).

The Executive Scrutiny Board noted the report.

Decision

- To approve and recommend to Council the Treasury Management Strategy for 2021/22 outlined in paragraphs 4.28 to 4.69 of the report.
- To approve and recommend to Council the Treasury Management Indicators for 2021/22 to 2023/24 in paragraph 4.69 to 4.75 of the report.
- To delegate authority to the Strategic Director of Resources to amend investment levels following appropriate advice from the Council's treasury advisors as detailed in paragraph 4.58 of the report.
- To approve and recommend to Council the Investment Strategy for 2021/22 outlined in the report attached at Appendix 1 paragraphs 1.12 to 1.23 of the report.
- To approve and recommend to Council the Investment Indicators for 2021/22 to 2023/24 outlined in the report attached at Appendix 1 in paragraph 1.24 to 1.31 of the report.
- To approve and recommend to Council the Investment approach for Commercial or Social Return outlined in the report attached at Appendix 1 in paragraphs 1.7 to 1.11 of the report.

121/20 2020/21 Quarter 3 Financial Monitoring for General Fund, Capital Budgets, Dedicated Schools Grant, Collection Fund and Housing Revenue Account

The Council Cabinet considered a report which summarised the Council's forecasted financial outturn position to 31 March 2021 based on the financial position as at 30th December 2020.

Summary

- Revenue budget:** The Council was currently forecasting an overspend of £6.415m against our base budget requirement of £238.384m. This was an improved position from Quarter 1.

The Council's forecast overspend for 2020/21 was 2.69% of the current budget. Within this forecast was the expectation that £2.970m savings was delivered

against a target of £4.746m included within the 2020/21 budget approved by Council in February.

- b) **Capital budget:** Capital expenditure to date was £58.139m and our forecast was estimated at £127.769m against an approved capital budget of £183.663m.
- c) **Reserves:** Following Council Cabinets approval on 16 December 2020 to reallocate reserves the General Fund Reserve balance at 30 December was £8.933m, our Earmarked Reserves had a future years' forecast balance of £8.669m and the Budget Risk Reserve now had a future years' forecast balance of £1.755m after taking account the current forecast overspend of £6.415m. Although the reallocation of reserves had improved the future years balance on the Budget Risk Reserve, careful consideration and scrutiny needed to be given for the further need to drawdown from reserves to ensure there was adequate cover for current and future planned needs, unforeseen eventualities and ensure financial resilience was upheld in relation to our reserves balances. The planned use of reserves to support the budget alongside the in-year call on reserves to fund the overspend had significantly reduced the level of reserves available to support the future years MTFP or fund any unforeseen pressures or expenditure.
- d) **Treasury Management:** Total debt was £447.716m and total investments were £77.689m compared to £448.008m and £76.873m as at 31 March 2020. No new long term borrowing had been made or was anticipated to be made in the year. A large PWLB loan of £20.000m was due to be repaid in March 2021.
- e) **Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG):** The total grant of £253.189m had been allocated to schools and retained educational services. There was an overspend forecast on the High Needs Block of the DSG of £1.35m. DSG Reserve Balances were reported at £2.582m at the start of the financial year and was estimated to be significantly reduced by the end of the financial year.
- f) **Collection Fund:** Council Tax billed for the 2020/21 financial year was £124.33m of which £98.85m or 79.07% had been collected. Business Rates billed for the 2020/21 financial year was £53.70m of which £41.91m or 77.72% has been collected.
- g) **Housing Revenue Account (HRA):** The full year forecast projected a planned use of the HRA reserve of £4.592m.
- h) **Performance on sundry debt collection:** As at 31 December we had billed £53.19m in Sundry Debts and we had collected 90.63%.
- i) **Covid forecast:** The current full year potential forecast pressure for both revenue and capital was £29.6m. To date we had received £23.5m in Government funding of which £0.527m was used to fund pressures in 2019/20 leaving a balance of £23m (this included the funding allocation for the 4th tranche of covid pressures funding recently announced), we were forecasting to receive £5.5m from the income support scheme but these allocations had not

yet been confirmed. Based on current forecasts and planned use of the Housing Revenue Account reserve to fund associated HRA pressures, the support from Government was forecast to meet the additional costs and impact on Council income arising from the pandemic. However, if expenditure continued to increase there was a risk that any further shortfall would need to be funded from reserves if no more Government funding was available.

Further analysis and explanations of key variances were provided in section 4 of the report.

A summary of the net revenue forecast by directorate was set out in table 1 of the report

The Executive Scrutiny Board noted the report.

Decision

1. To note:

- a) The revenue projected outturn and key budget variances set out in the report in section 4.2 and the savings to be delivered in the year in section 4.3 of the report.
- b) The current forecast Covid spend and funding as set out section 4.10 and in appendix 2 of the report.
- c) The capital programme forecast, and actual capital expenditure incurred during the Quarter summarised in section 4.4 of the report.
- d) The changes already approved under scheme of delegation to the capital programme detailed in Appendix 3 of the report.
- e) The direct revenue financing as detailed in section 4.4.42 to 4.4.46 of the report.
- f) The Council's reserves position, as set out in section 4.5 and Appendix 1 of the report.
- g) The Council's treasury position and performance in the quarter, as set out in section 4.6 of the report.
- h) The forecast Dedicated Schools Grant position summarised in section 4.7 of the report.
- i) The Council Tax and Business Rates Collection performance as set out in section 4.8 of the report.
- j) The Housing Revenue Account performance and projected outturn as set out in section 4.9 of the report.

2. To approve:

- a) To approve changes to the 2020/21 - 2022/23 capital programme outlined in section 4.4 and detailed in Appendix 4 of the report.

- b) To approve the creation of a Collection Fund Smoothing Reserve and to approve the yearend transfer to this reserve as a result of the 75% Income Scheme for 2019/20. Furthermore, that delegated approval be given to the Strategic Director of Corporate Resources and S151 Officer to use this reserve in line with its intended use as appropriate, as set out in section 4.8.6 of the report.
- c) To approve carry forward of any unspent reserve funding relating to the Market Place projects which was approved in November 2020, as set out in section 4.2.29 to 4.2.31 of the report.
- d) To approve the transfer to reserves of £0.050m for works relating to City Vision that had been delayed during 2020/21, as set out in 4.2.38 of the report.

122/20 Derby Recovery Plan 2021/22

The Council Cabinet considered a report which stated that on 16 December 2020, Council Cabinet considered the draft Derby Recovery Plan, alongside the Medium-Term Financial Plan 2021/22 - 2023/24 – Update Report. Both reports presented a plan for future priorities and council spending that would allow the city and council to continue to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, alongside supporting our long-term recovery.

The contents of the draft Derby Recovery Plan were subject to consultation from 17 December 2020 until the end of January 2021. This allowed partners, residents, businesses and other stakeholders the opportunity to provide feedback on the proposals.

The consultation was open to anybody who lives, works or studies in Derby and wanted to take part. A summary of all consultation activity, the feedback received, and actions taken in response to this was presented in paragraph 4.4, with more details of the consultation survey responses in Appendix 1 of the report.

The report presented Council Cabinet with an updated Derby Recovery Plan (Appendix 2 of the report), for approval, which should be read alongside our Medium-Term Financial Plan 2021/22 - 2023/24.

The Executive Scrutiny Board recommended to Council Cabinet that in light of the public comments, the existing action plan in the 'Our Place' section be updated to include an adopted Net Zero Carbon Strategy with a dedicated action plan, to minimise the City's impact on the environment.

Decision

1. To note the outcomes of the Derby Recovery Plan consultation that were set out in paragraph 4.4, with further supporting information presented in Appendix 1 of the report.

2. To approve the Derby Recovery Plan (Appendix 2), noting that there had been no changes to the Equality Impact Assessment that was presented in December 2020 (Appendix 3 of the report).
3. To delegate authority to the Chief Executive to make any final amendments to the Derby Recovery Plan, following consultation with the Leader of the Council, before publication at the end of March 2021.
4. To note that the Derby Recovery Plan would be reviewed every three months, and that changes would be requested through the Quarterly Cabinet Performance Monitoring Reports; the first of which would be presented in August 2021.
5. To accept the recommendation from the Executive Scrutiny Board that in light of the public comments, the existing action plan in the 'Our Place' section be updated to include an adopted Net Zero Carbon Strategy with a dedicated action plan, to minimise the City's impact on the environment.

Contract and Financial Procedure Matters

123/20 Our City Our River (OCOR) Environment Agency – Flood Defence Grant in Aid (FDGiA) - Acceptance of Grant Funding

The Council Cabinet considered a report which sought approval to accept additional grant funding of £10m of Flood Defence Grant in Aid (FDGiA) funding from The Environment Agency as a contribution towards the remaining OCOR works.

The Executive Scrutiny Board noted the report.

Decision

To approve the acceptance of additional grant funding of £10m of Capital Flood Defence Grant in Aid (FDGiA) funding from The Environment Agency (EA).

124/20 Exclusion of the Press and Public

Resolved 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 item on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 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 Decision

125/20 Future High Street Fund Revised Programme

The Council Cabinet considered exempt information in relation to the Future High Street Fund revised programme.

The Executive Scrutiny Board noted the report.

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