

# ITEM 11

## **COUNCIL CABINET 28 SEPTEMBER 2010**

Present: Councillor Jennings (Chair) Councillors Grimadell, Holmes, Ingall, Marshall, Poulter, Webb and Williams

In attendance Councillor Banwait and Jones

This record of decisions was published on 30 September 2010. 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.

### **69/10 Apologies for Absence**

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Bayliss.

### **70/10 Late Items Introduced by the Chair**

In accordance with Section 100(B) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the Chair agreed to admit the following late items:

- Derwent New Deal for Communities.
- 12 Month Contract Extension for Derby Community Legal Advice Centre

### **71/10 Identification of Urgent Items to which Call-In will not apply**

There were no urgent items.

### **72/10 Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Williams declared a personal interest in item 11 because she was a non executive director of Derby City PCT. Councillor Jennings and Holmes declared a personal interest in item 10 because they were governors at Shelton Junior School.

### **74/10 Derwent New Deal for Communities**

The Council Cabinet considered a report of the Resources Commission which stated that that Commission had received an update on the Derwent New Deal for Communities - NDC - programme at their 15 September 2010 meeting. Members were informed that there was approximately £3.75m of the Derwent NDC's final year's grant for 2010/11 yet to be released by the Communities and Local Government Department - CLG. The NDC had submitted a delivery plan to the CLG for the release of the grant which identified three priorities for the remaining funding. These included:

1. Upgrading the community gym at the Gateway Centre
2. Repair and restructure of the Revive Healthy Living Centre
3. Purchase and refurbishment of affordable residential properties to rent.

In preparation for the end of the NDC programme on 31 March 2011, a revised delivery and recovery plan was submitted to Government Office East Midlands and CLG on the 9 April 2010. The plan gave details on how the remaining funding £3.75m would be spent.

All NDC programmes were scheduled to close on 31 March 2011, including Derby. However Derby NDC had been subject to a number of external delays. The situation was such that, even if the money was to be released now, there was insufficient time to carry out the necessary capital works before the scheme comes to an end. The NDC therefore required access to all remaining funding and a six month extension to the programme until September 2011. The funding and extension would enable the team responsible for the NDC to leave a sustainable legacy in place.

The Resources Commission requested that Council Cabinet help and support the Derwent New Deal for Communities to lobby the Government for release of the Grant and provide an extension to the programme until 30 September 2011. The Commission sought an early decision from CLG, preferably by 30 September 2010, so that work could start on the final schemes as soon as possible.

It was reported that since the report was prepared the CLG had given the final decision not to release the funding.

#### **Decision**

1. To note that the Department for Communities and Local Government had given a final decision not to release any further funding.
2. To support the drawing up of an exit strategy from the programme.