

ITEM 8

Set out below are:

8a - 116/10 Budget Strategy: Impact of Comprehensive Spending Review

8b - 117/10 Climate Change Update

8c - 118/10 Succession Strategy for Derwent New Deal for Communities Programme

MINUTE EXTRACTS

Time began	7.00pm
Time ended	8.55pm

COUNCIL CABINET 23 NOVEMBER 2010

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

In attendance Councillors Bayliss and Jones

This record of decisions was published on 25 November 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.

111/10 Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Jennings.

Matters Referred

116/10 Budget Strategy: Impact of Comprehensive Spending Review

The Council Cabinet considered a report from the Scrutiny Management Commission which stated that at its meeting on 9 November the Scrutiny Management Commission gave initial consideration to the Comprehensive Spending Review and Chancellor's Statement to the House of Commons on 20 October. The Commission were also provided with the report to Council

Cabinet on 26 October. The Commission made the following recommendations to Council Cabinet.

- To make an assessment of the consequential impact of Council cuts on the private sector locally.
- To seek to ensure that when responsibility for Public Health transfers from the NHS, sufficient funds will also be transferred to deliver the services.
- To note that the Commission had requested the Interim Strategic Director of Resources to provide a list of statutory and non statutory functions to each Commission.

Decision

To receive the report.

117/10 Climate Change Update

The Council Cabinet considered a report of the Scrutiny Management Commission which stated that as a result of the Council meeting on 7 July responsibility for scrutinising climate change issues transferred to the Scrutiny Management Commission. At its meeting on 9 November the Scrutiny Management Commission received an update on climate-related activity and initiatives. The following recommendations were agreed

- When constructing the budget, to consider whether the 'Warm and Well' energy advice and assistance project can be continued in some form after the current funding ceases
- To make representations to central government to mitigate the approximate ten-fold increase, from £50k to £500k per year, that will arise from the changes in the mandatory Carbon Reduction Commitment Energy Scheme.
- To note the Commission's great concerns about the potential risks to the achievement of the Longbridge Weir Hydro Scheme.

Decision

To receive the report.

118/10 Succession Strategy for Derwent New Deal for Communities Programme

The Council Cabinet considered two reports, one from the former Resources Commission and one from the Scrutiny Management Commission. The first report stated that the Resources Commission discussed the expiry of the Derwent New Deal for Communities programme at their September meeting and decided to lobby the Government for a six months extension to the

scheme. This was required due to the number of delays that the programme had experienced in delivering its key objectives. Subject to central government approval, the extension would have enabled Derwent NDC to carry out vital, and necessary, capital works to the Gateway and Revive Centres which had both been part-funded with NDC resources. Any remaining NDC funding was to be spent on developing a residential housing portfolio to meet local housing needs. Unfortunately the Government was unable to support the NDC's request for an extension. As a direct consequence of this decision there was now insufficient time left to deliver any of the capital projects. It was now therefore necessary for the NDC Board, Derwent Delivers and Revive Charity and Trading Company to decide what should happen to the buildings that they are legally and financially responsible for.

When the NDC programme comes to an end, any unallocated NDC funding would be returned to the national Department for Communities and Local Government (CLG)

In order to support the NDC Board the Resources Commission reviewed the options for the flagship projects at its meeting on 25 October 2010. During the review meeting the Commission received evidence from the Council's Service Director (who has been responsible for the programme since 2007), Councillors for the Derwent ward, NDC Board members as well as senior officers of the Council. Together with local residents, the Commission had considered all the options and wished to put forward the following recommendations in support of leaving positive legacy for the local community:

- The Council Cabinet should explore further options to secure funding for a gymnasium to be to be run from the Gateway Centre and negotiate with Derbyshire Cricket Club for a binding agreement to provide sustainable community facilities for local residents.
- The Council Cabinet should engage with NHS Derby City and find a solution for the future ownership and management of the Revive Health Living centre.
- Land on Wiltshire Road should be transferred to a mainstream agency.
- Two residential properties should be transferred to a mainstream agency.

The second report supplemented the first report, which was placed on the agenda by the Resources Commission following its final meeting on 25 October. The Resources Commission also resolved to hold a further meeting to examine this issue. That commission was dissolved by Council on 17 November, and its terms of reference transferred to Scrutiny Management Commission. As a result, this item was instead considered by Scrutiny Management Commission at a special meeting on 22 November 2010, giving rise to the following additional recommendations:

- To support recommendations 2.1 to 2.4 detailed in the report of the Resources Commission.
- To attempt to find an exit or succession strategy for the whole of the Derwent NDC programme.
- To request the Cabinet Member for Leisure and Culture to explore the incorporation of the Gateway Centre into the Council's developing Leisure Strategy.
- To request the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People to explore the wider use of the Gateway Centre for community purposes, particularly activities for younger residents.
- As a matter of great urgency, to seek meetings between the Chief Executives of the Council and NHS Derby City to achieve the exit or succession strategy.

Decision

To receive the reports.