

Time commenced - 6.00 pm
Time adjourned - 9.35 pm

COUNCIL MEETING 1 MARCH 2007

Present: The Mayor (Councillor Ahern)
Councillors Afzal, Allen, Banwait, Baxter, Berry, Bolton, Care, Carr, Chera, Dhamrait, Dhindsa, Gerrard, Ginns, Graves, Hickson, Higginbottom, Hird, Hussain, Ingall, Jackson, R Khan, S Khan, Latham, Leeming, Lowe, MacDonald, Marshall, Nath, Poulter, Rawson, Redfern, Richards, Roberts, Samra, Skelton, Smalley, Tittley, Travis, Troup, Turner, Webb, West, Williams, Williamson, Winter, Wynn.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Harbon, Jones and Mitchell.

Declarations of Interest

All Members declared personal interests in the matters referred to in Minute No. 74/06 Members Allowances – Recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel for 2007/08. Personal interests were also recorded for all members who were Governors of schools in the city in view of the reference to capital expenditure on schools in Council Cabinet Minute No. 214/06. Councillor Ginns declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Minute No. 75/06 as her husband was nominated to serve on the Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education.

Announcements from the Mayor

The Council stood in silence as a tribute to the memory of former Councillor and Mayor Alan Mullarkey; former Councillor John Ireland; former Mayoress Irene Matthews; and former Conservative Party Election Agent Hazel Love. Personal tributes were paid to Mr Mullarkey, Mr Ireland, Mrs Matthews and Mrs Love by Councillors Jackson, Roberts, Bolton and Webb respectively.

The Mayor said that this would be the last meeting of the Council attended by Councillors Travis and West, who were not standing for re-election at the forthcoming Council elections, and he thanked them for the service to the city and the Council.

65/06 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 24 January 2007 be approved as a correct record, confirmed and signed by the Mayor.

66/06 Statements by Members of the Council Cabinet

A Statement about schools performance was made by Councillor Bolton, Council Cabinet Member for Children and Young People.

67/06 Public Questions

Questions from members of the public were asked as follows:

1. From Mr Martin Sear, concerning carbon emissions, answered by Councillor Williamson, Leader of the Council and Council Cabinet Member for Corporate Policy.
2. From Mr P Bayliss, concerning a letter issued by Liberal Democrats in Alvaston, answered by Councillor Williamson, Leader of the Council and Council Cabinet Member for Corporate Policy.

68/06 Written Questions about the Business or Functions of Derbyshire Police Authority or Derbyshire Fire Authority

There were no written questions about the business or functions of the Derbyshire Police Authority or Derbyshire Fire Authority.

69/06 Written Questions from Non-Council Cabinet Members to Members of the Council Cabinet

Written questions from Non-Council Cabinet Members to Members of the Council Cabinet were asked as follows:

1. By Councillor Carr, concerning planning applications for large residential developments in South Derbyshire and their effect on the City of Derby, answered by Councillor Wynn, Council Cabinet Member for Planning and Transportation.
2. By Councillor Travis, concerning the condition of Darley Park, answered by Councillor Graves, Council Cabinet Member for Leisure and Direct Services.

70/06 Minutes and Recommendations of the Council Cabinet

The Council considered the minutes and recommendations of the Council Cabinet, requiring the approval of the Council, set out in Appendix A to these minutes.

The Mayor said that the budget related minutes of the Council Cabinet would be taken as one item for the purpose of debate, and that he proposed to allow Councillors Care, Smalley and Williamson to speak for more than five minutes in the Budget debate.

It was moved by Councillor Williamson, and seconded, to approve the minutes and recommendations of the Council Cabinet dated 16 January and 20 February 2007 and...

1. To note the final local government finance settlement for 2007/8 of £92.353m which is an increase of 4.4% over the 2006/7 adjusted figure.
2. To approve for 2007/08 the departmental revenue budget estimates and use of reserves summarised in Appendices 3, 4, 5 and 8 of the report.
3. To note the latest 2006/07 revenue budget monitoring position as set out in Appendix 9 of the report.
4. To approve the measures proposed to manage budget risks in 2007/8 and in future years, set out in Section 10.
5. To approve a budget requirement for Derby City Council for 2007/8 of £162,999,000.

6.	To approve within this total:	£
	Net service estimates of:	
	Children and Young People	34,032,000
	Environmental Services	20,202,000
	Regeneration and Community	18,664,000
	Resources and Housing	9,554,000
	Corporate and Adult Social Services	57,421,000
	Corporate Budgets	22,570,000
	Other unallocated budgets	3,250,000
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		165,693,000

Appropriations to/from reserves:

Pump Priming Fund	
Corporate reserves	126,000
Service reserves	2,615,000
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	162,999,000

7. To note that, at its meeting on 24 January 2007, the Council calculated the amount of 69,560 as the Council's Tax Base for the year 2007/8 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 2007/8 in accordance with Sections 32 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (the Act).

a	£531,692,000	Being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32(2)(a) to (e) net of Section 32(3)(c) of the Act.
b	£368,693,000	Being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32(3)(a) and (b) of the Act.
c	£162,999,000	As its budget requirement 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	£92,436,594	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, reduced by the amount of the sums which the Council estimates will be transferred in the year to its Collection Fund from its General Fund in accordance with Section 97(3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 (Council Tax) and the sum which the Council estimates will be transferred from its Collection Fund to its General Fund pursuant to the Collection Fund (Community Charges) Directions under Section 2 98(4) of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 (Community Charge).
e	£1014.41	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 7 above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 33 of the Act.

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For the following Valuation Bands:

	£		£
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B	788.99	F	1,465.26
C	901.70	G	1,690.68
D	1,014.41	H	2,028.82

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 2007/8, Derbyshire Police Authority, as a precepting 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	94.61	E	173.45
B	110.37	F	204.98
C	126.14	G	236.52
D	141.91	H	283.82

10. To note that for the year 2007/8, Derbyshire Fire Authority, as a precepting 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	40.35	E	73.97
B	47.07	F	87.42
C	53.80	G	100.87
D	60.52	H	121.04

11. Having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amount in 8, 9 and 10 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 2007/8 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

All dwellings in Valuation Band:

	£		£
A	811.23	E	1,487.25
B	946.43	F	1,757.66
C	1,081.64	G	2,028.07
D	1,216.84	H	2,433.68

12. To note the revenue budget plans for 2008/9 and 2009/10 set out in section 5 of this 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.

Amendment 1 – lost

It was moved by Councillor Care, and seconded, that paragraph 2 of the motion be amended to read as follows:

- “2. To approve for 2007/08 the departmental revenue budget estimates and use of reserves summarised in Appendices 3,4,5 and 8 of the report subject to diverting the equivalent of a 1% increase in council tax to create an ongoing fund to combat climate change of £670,000 per annum, by reducing the public realm investment revenue budget by £670,000. The fund will be used to ...
- employ two additional energy officers, at a cost of £80,000 per annum to focus on reducing the Council's own energy bills.
 - open a dedicated Climate Change Advice Centre in the vacant shop in Albert St/Morledge, with refurbishment costs estimated at £120,000 and ongoing revenue costs estimated at £100,000 per annum.
 - employ a full-time travel plan officer at a cost of £45,000 to provide advice and support to companies and organisations to reduce people's dependence on private cars and to promote alternatives.
 - create a budget of £325,000 in 2007/8 and £445,000 ongoing to be split between investment in energy saving initiatives within the council and public grants for measures such as the installation of solar water heating.”
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The amendment was put to the meeting and lost.

Amendment 2 – lost

It was moved by Councillor Carr, and seconded, that paragraph 2 of the motion be amended to read as follows:

“2. To approve for 2007/08 the departmental revenue budget estimates and use of reserves summarised in Appendices 3,4,5 and 8 of the report subject to re-instating the Council contribution to the Lea Green activity centre of £15,000 per annum to be funded by reducing the public realm budget by £15,000.”

The amendment was put to the meeting and lost.

Amendment 3 – lost

It was moved by Councillor Winter, and seconded, that paragraph 2 of the motion be amended to read as follows:

“2. To approve for 2007/08 the departmental revenue budget estimates and use of reserves summarised in Appendices 3,4,5 and 8 of the report subject to removing the proposal to reduce Environment Health and Trading Standards staffing at a cost of £80,000 per annum, to be funded by reducing the public realm budget by £80,000.”

The amendment was put to the meeting and lost.

Amendment 4 – lost

It was moved by Councillor Travis, and seconded, that paragraph 2 of the motion be amended to read as follows:

- “2. To approve for 2007/08 the departmental revenue budget estimates and use of reserves summarised in Appendices 3,4,5 and 8 of the report subject to:
- (a) increasing the Darley Park operating budget by £50,000 per annum so that the park can be managed to a higher standard commensurate with its position within the World Heritage site. This would be funded by an equivalent reduction of £50,000 in the public realm revenue budget
 - (b) committing up to £250,000 of the public realm capital budget towards a capital scheme to restore damaged walls and improve the roofing in the stable yard.”

The amendment was put to the meeting and lost.

Amendment 5 – lost

It was moved by Councillor Hird, and seconded, that paragraph 2 of the motion be amended to read as follows:

“2. To approve for 2007/08 the departmental revenue budget estimates and use of reserves summarised in Appendices 3, 4, 5 and 8 of the report subject to 15% of the public realm capital budget being available for district and neighbourhood centre improvements to enhance their vitality and viability and thus ensure everyone has easy access to a full range of local shops and facilities.”

The amendment was put to the meeting and lost.

Amendment 6 – lost

It was moved by Councillor Webb, and seconded, that paragraph 1 of the resolution in Council Cabinet Minute No. 209/06 be amended to read:

- “1. To approve the Corporate Plan subject to the words “no further work to be undertaken on the Kedleston Road Bus Corridor until a full impact assessment of the proposed improvements at the Five Lamps (Connecting Derby) has been undertaken, completed, consulted on and agreed” being added to the end of paragraph 2.2 (b) (iii) of the Action Plan.”

The amendment was put to the meeting and lost.

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71/06 Notice of Motion – Relocation of HM Revenue and Customs Derby Office to Nottingham

Resolved, on the motion of Councillor Roberts, that this Council views with concern the proposal by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs to relocate their Derby Office workforce of 400 posts to Nottingham.

Council believes that the move would have a negative economic impact on the retail and hospitality businesses located on the north side of the city centre.

Council notes that the main corridors of transport between Derby and Nottingham already suffer significant congestion at peak times and this proposal would exacerbate this problem.

Council therefore calls on HMR&C to urgently reconsider its stance on this matter.

Council also calls on Derby's members of parliament to intercede with the appropriate ministers to seek a reversal of this decision.

72/06 Local Government (Early Termination of Employment) (Discretionary Payments) Regulations 2006

The Council considered a report of the Director of Corporate and Adult Social Services on the Local Government (Early Termination of Employment) (Discretionary Payments) Regulations 2006.

Resolved, on the motion of Councillor Roberts:

- 1. To apply the Council's current policy as set out in paragraph 16 under the 2000 regulations to employees who were in employment with the Council commenced before 1 October 2006 and whose termination date is after 30 September 2006 but before 1 April 2007.**
- 2. Subject to the provisions of the new regulations on added years, to adopt a general policy of 'no change' in respect of the 2006 regulations.**
- 3. To review the policy every two years with any changes being published in a statement of the amended policy, which shall not come into effect until at least one month after its publication.**
- 4. To calculate the statutory redundancy payment on the employee's actual week's pay in accordance with regulation 5 of the 2006 regulations.**
- 5. Not to exercise any discretion to award compensation under regulation 6 of the 2006 regulations.**

6. **Where an employee's employment is terminated on the cessation of a joint appointment, to calculate the statutory redundancy payment (if applicable) on the employee's actual week's pay.**
7. **Not to exercise the power the Council has under Redundancy Payments Pension Regulations 1965 to offset the statutory redundancy payment against pensions or lump sums which are paid from the Local Government Pension Scheme immediately on redundancy, or within a short time thereafter.**
8. **To adopt the draft policy statement for implementing the Local Government (Early Termination of Employment) (Discretionary Compensation) Regulations 2006 as set out in Appendix 3 from 1 April 2007.**

73/06 Urgent Non-Executive Decisions of the Chief Executive

The Council considered a report of the Director of Corporate and Adult Social Services concerning Urgent Non-Executive Decisions made by the Chief Executive.

Resolved, on the motion of Councillor Williamson, to note the report.

74/06 Members' Allowances – Recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel for 2007/08

The Council considered a report of the Director of Corporate and Adult Social Services concerning Members' Allowances – Recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel for 2007/08.

Resolved, on the motion of Councillor Williamson:

1. **To accept the report and recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel at Appendix 2.**
2. **To continue with the current level of the Basic Allowance.**
3. **To continue with the current levels of Special Responsibility Allowances, with the exception of the allowance paid to ordinary members of the General Licensing and Taxi Licensing and Appeals Committees which should be reduced from 4% to 3% to reflect the reduced workload on liquor licensing, and to note that the Panel will keep this allowance under review.**

4. To note that the Panel will review the Special Responsibility Allowances for the Mayor and Vice Chairs of Scrutiny Commissions at its November 2007 meeting.
5. To continue to index-link increases in the Basic and Special Responsibility Allowances to the average salary award for local authority employees.
6. To harmonise travelling allowances paid to councillors and employees and to agree that, when the current negotiations over the allowances to be paid to employees are concluded, the agreed rates are applied also to councillors.
7. To harmonise subsistence allowances paid to councillors and employees and to agree that, with effect from 1 April 2007, the rates paid to councillors be the prevailing rates paid to employees.
8. To amend the Members' Allowances Scheme accordingly.

75/06 Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education – SACRE – New Representatives

The Council considered a report of the Director of Corporate and Adult Social Services concerning new representatives appointed to the Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education – SACRE.

Resolved, on the motion of Councillor Williamson, to approve the appointment of David Ginns as the Buddhist Faith representative and Debra Perry as the Bahai Faith representative for a four year term.

Having declared a personal and prejudicial interest, Councillor Ginns withdrew from the meeting during consideration of the above item.

76/06 Postal and Proxy Voting Procedures

The Council considered a report of the Director of Corporate and Adult Social Services concerning Postal and Proxy Voting Procedures.

Resolved, on the motion of Councillor Williamson:

1. To note the procedures for managing postal and proxy votes.

2. **To ask political group leaders, independent councillors and election agents to sign a protocol on postal and proxy voting based on the Electoral Commission Code of Conduct and the Birmingham local protocol.**
3. **To agree that the request to sign the protocol be made annually to political parties and independents represented on the Council, and to election agents for candidates at Council elections, at the time for the appointment of election agents**

77/06 Paul Dransfield, Director of Resources and Housing

Tributes were paid to Paul Dransfield, Director of Resources and Housing, who was due to leave the Council at the end of March to take up an appointment as Director of Resources with Birmingham City Council. Members expressed their deep appreciation of Paul's work for the Council and extended best wishes to him for the future.

MAYOR

MINUTES OF COUNCIL CABINET REQUIRING THE APPROVAL OF COUNCIL

COUNCIL CABINET 16 JANUARY 2007

Present: Councillor Williamson (Chair)
Councillors Bolton, Graves, Hickson, Hussain, Nath, Roberts,
Smalley and Wynn

In Attendance Councillors Jones and Marshall

This record of decisions was published on 18 January 2007. 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.

Budget and Policy Framework

180/06 Housing Rents and Service Charges 2007/08

The Council Cabinet considered a report on Housing Rents and Service Charges 2007/08. The Government had set a policy to restructure social housing rents over the 10 year period 2002/03 to 2011/12. This involved moving rents incrementally towards a target so that at the end of the tenth year, council housing rents would have converged with those of other Registered Social Landlords – RSLs. 2007/08 was the sixth year of rent restructuring and included some revisions to Government policy on the process. These changes were introduced last year and required a change to the policy used by the Council in determining the rent increase for its tenants. In 2006/07 Cabinet approved a variation to the policy of setting rents to a capped 5% increase for the two years 2006/07 and 2007/08, in line with Government policy. The Government had also set a policy that Service Charges should increase by no more than RPI plus 0.5% in 2006/07 and subsequently. In November 2005 Cabinet approved a new policy for setting pitch fees at the Shelton Lock Mobile Homes Park, which would have meant phased real terms increases in the fees. However, new regulations came into effect on 1 October 2006 and effectively mean that pitch fees could only be increased or decreased in accordance with the Retail Price Index, RPI, unless there were capital investments at the site.

Decision

1. To recommend that Council on 1 March approve the revision of rent and service charges from 2 April 2007 on the basis set out in the report including:
 - an average weekly rental increase of £2.53 or 5% calculated over 52 weeks
 - an average weekly increase of 4.1% on Service Charges, including furniture packs
 - an average weekly increase of 5% on Garage Rents.
2. To approve the proposed increase of 4.1% in pitch fees at Shelton Lock Mobile Homes Park, representing RPI for 15 months from the last increase in January 2006 from April 2007, or an equivalent increase from an anniversary date where the occupier does not agree to a fixed April date for increases:
 - small plot £11.24 - increase of £0.44 a week for 9 plots (previously £10.80 a week)
 - medium plot £14.05 - increase of £0.55 a week for 24 plots (previously £13.50 a week)
 - large plot £16.24 - increase of £0.64 a week for 5 plots (previously £15.60 a week).

COUNCIL CABINET 20 FEBRUARY 2007

Present: Councillor Williamson (Chair)
Councillors Bolton, Graves, Hickson, Hussain, Latham, Nath,
Roberts, Smalley and Wynn

In Attendance Councillor Jones

This record of decisions was published on 22 February 2007. 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.

Budget and Policy Framework

209/06 Approval of the Corporate Plan 2007-10

The Council Cabinet considered a report on Approval of the Corporate Plan 2007-10. On 16 January 2007 the Council Cabinet recommended Council to adopt a revised set of priorities for 2007-2010, these were shown at Appendix 2 to the report. The Council Cabinet also received a draft copy of the Corporate Plan 2007-2010 and supporting action plan for review. The final draft of the Corporate Plan 2007-2010 would be submitted to Council on 1 March 2007 for approval. Hard copies of this draft would be sent to Members one week before.

Decision

1. To note the contents of the draft Corporate Plan and supporting action plan and note the comments of the Scrutiny Management Commission.
2. To recommend Council adopt the Plan on 1 March 2007.
3. To recommend that Council delegate authority to make amendments to reflect up-to date information, final actions and intended outcomes to the Chief Executive and Director of Resources and Housing, and to finalise the Plan in consultation with the Leader of the Council.

210/06 Local Area Agreement 2007 – 08 Refresh

The Council Cabinet considered a report which stated that Derby was chosen as one of just 21 areas to pilot the Government's new concept of Local Area Agreements - LAAs - in 2005-06. The Council had worked closely with other partners through Derby City

Partnership, DCP, in establishing and developing the agreement for which the Community Strategy and DCP's '2020 Vision' provide the context and priorities. The agreement lasts for three years 2005-08. However we were required to review and refresh the agreement every year in line with guidance issued by the Department for Communities and Local Government, DCLG. The Refresh Guidance for the 2007-08 LAA stated that a number of new mandatory outcomes and indicators needed to be included in the LAA for 2007-08 and that these should initially be submitted on Refresh Template provided, to Government Office for the East Midlands, GOEM ahead of submission and sign off by DCLG. As priorities had been confirmed in previous years and 2007-08 was the final year of the first LAA agreement, the decision was made to keep changes to the LAA, over and above the inclusion of mandatory components, to a minimum. The refresh process for Derby's LAA started in November 2006 and for the first time involved the DCP cities, which in 2007-08 would be taking responsibility for monitoring the LAA, replacing the LAA block arrangement of previous years.

Decision

1. To note the changes and additions to the outcome, indicators and funding streams for inclusion in the 2007-08 LAA.
2. To approve the 2007-08 LAA Refresh document.
3. To recommend that Council Delegate authority to make amendments to reflect up to date information to the Directors of Resources and Housing and Regeneration and Communities.

211/06 Revenue Budget and Council Tax 2007/08

The Council Cabinet considered a report which set out the 2007/8 budget which represented a budget for the future of Derby as a City. The budget provided funding for the first £20 million of a five year, £100 million programme of improvements to public spaces and buildings in the city centre. The Council were also continuing to invest in the city and continuing to provide excellent services across the Council as a whole. In particular, the Council would continue to invest in its priority neighbourhoods. The Council would continue to support good quality concessionary travel for our older and disabled citizens and would continue to provide free home care services. The Council had identified over £7m of savings to help meet rising costs, particularly in home care and for children looked after by the Council. A council tax increase of 4.9% was proposed for Derby City Council services. This represented an increase of around 61p per week for most tax payers. Council tax levels in Derby were currently the lowest in the East Midlands and were much lower than the average for England.

Decision

To recommend to Council the following ...

1. To note the final local government finance settlement for 2007/8 of £92.353m which is an increase of 4.4% over the 2006/7 adjusted figure.
2. To approve for 2007/08 the departmental revenue budget estimates and use of reserves summarised in Appendices 2,3, 4 and 7 of the report.
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6. To approve within this total:	£	
Net service estimates of:		
Children and Young People		34,032,000
Environmental Services		20,202,000
Regeneration and Community		18,664,000
Resources and Housing		9,554,000
Corporate and Adult Social Services		57,421,000
Corporate Budgets		22,570,000
Other unallocated budgets		3,250,000
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		165,693,000

Appropriations to/from reserves:

Pump Priming Fund	126,000
Corporate reserves	-2,615,000
Service reserves	-205,000
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	162,999,000

7. To note that, at its meeting on 24 January 2007, the Council calculated the amount of 69,560 as the Council's Tax Base for the year 2007/8 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 2007/8 in accordance with Sections 32 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (the Act).
 - a. £531,692,000 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32(2)(a) to (e) net of Section 32(3)(c) of the Act.

- b £368,693,000 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32(3)(a) and (b) of the Act.
- c £162,999,000 as its budget requirement 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 £92,436,594 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, reduced by the amount of the sums which the Council estimates will be transferred in the year to its Collection Fund from its General Fund in accordance with Section 97(3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 (Council Tax) and the sum which the Council estimates will be transferred from its Collection Fund to its General Fund pursuant to the Collection Fund (Community Charges) Directions under Section 2 98(4) of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 (Community Charge).
- e £1014.41 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 676.27	E 1,239.83
B 788.99	F 1,465.26
C 901.70	G 1,690.68
D 1,014.41	H 2,028.82

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 2007/8, Derbyshire Police Authority, as a precepting 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 2007/8, Derbyshire Fire Authority, as a precepting 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 8, 9 and 10 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 2007/8 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

All dwellings in Valuation Band:

£	£
A	E
B	F
C	G
D	H

12. To note the revenue budget plans for 2008/9 and 2009/10 set out in section 5 of this 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.

213/06 Treasury Management Strategy and Prudential Code indicators 2007/08

The Council Cabinet considered a report which set out the required Prudential Indicators as required by the Prudential Code for Capital Finance. It demonstrated that the Council's Capital expenditure plans were prudent and affordable. The report also set out in Appendix 3, the proposed Treasury Management and Annual Investment Strategy for 2007/08, taking into account the prudential indicators proposed for future years. Appendix 3 also identified that both borrowing and investment decisions taken during 2006/07 to date had had a positive impact on the Council's finances, with investments to date outperforming the average Bank of England base rate.

Decision

1. To recommend that Council approves the planned prudential indicators set out in Appendix 2 and summarised in Appendix 4.
2. To recommend that Council adopts the Treasury Management Strategy for 2007/08, including the Annual Investment Strategy, as set out in Appendix 3 to this report.

214/06 Capital Programme

The Council Cabinet considered a report which set out the 2007/8 to 2009/10 capital programme for recommendation to Council. The main areas of the programme were:

- £44m Children and Young Peoples programme consisting of repairs, maintenance and improvements to the fabric of school buildings, devolved funding to schools and £15m for the rebuild of Sinfin school
- £22m Housing programme made up of £11m Housing Revenue Account and £11m Housing General Fund
- £6m Regeneration and Community Local Transport Plan (LTP) to help deliver the Connecting Derby and other transport Initiatives
- £8m Regeneration and Community programme (excluding LTP) which includes the QUAD development
- £20m Public Realm/Asset management.

In addition an indicative programme for future years totalling £106m was presented for all service areas. Approval was sought for full scheme commencement for the QUAD building and the education schemes listed at Appendix 5 under Financial Procedure Rules.

Decision

1. To recommend to Council the capital programme for 2007/8 and the indicative capital programme for 2008/9 and 2009/10 set out in the report.
2. To approve the full commencement of the capital schemes listed in Appendix 5.

