

Time began: 4.00pm  
Time ended: 5.35pm

## **COUNCIL CABINET**

### **13 April 2022**

Present	Councillor Poulter (Chair) Councillors Barker, Eyre, Hassall, McCristal, J Pearce, Smale Webb and Williams
In attendance	Councillors Prosser, Repton, Shanker and Skelton Paul Simpson – Chief Executive Rachel North – Strategic Director of Communities and Place Simon Riley – Strategic Director of Corporate Resources Emily Feenan – Director of Legal, Procurement and Democratic Services Gurmail Nizzer – Director of Children’s Integrated Commissioning Charlotte Ward Webster – Communications Officer

This record of decisions was published on 19 April 2022. 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.

### **185/21 Apologies**

There were no apologies for absence.

### **186/21 Late Items**

The Chair agreed to admit two additional recommendations from the Children and Young People Board so that they could be considered during the current Municipal Year.

### **187/21 Receipt of Petitions**

There were no petitions.

### **188/21 Identification of Urgent Items to which Call In will not apply**

There were no items.

### **189/21 Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Poulter declared an interest in item 13 – Riverboat Proposal for the River Derwent because he was a Trustee of the Derby and Sandiacre Canal Trust.

Councillor Williams declared an interest in item 17 because she had been an non executive director of one of the organisations listed in the report.

## **190/21 Minutes of the meeting held on 9 March 2022**

The minutes of the meeting held on 9 March 2022 were agreed as a correct record.

### **Matters Referred**

#### **191/21 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.

#### **192/21 Recommendation from the Children and Young People Board – Work of the Virtual School for Looked After Children (LAC) 2020/21**

The Council Cabinet considered a recommendation from the Children and Young People Board requesting Council Cabinet to ensure that appropriate systems were in place to track and monitor children and young people within the Virtual Schools remit, to help identify arising issues and inform future planning.

The Executive Scrutiny Board noted the minute extract.

#### **Decision**

To accept the recommendation from the Children and Young People Board to ensure that appropriate systems were in place to track and monitor children and young people within the Virtual Schools remit, to help identify arising issues and inform future planning.

#### **193/21 Recommendation from the Children and Young People Board – Early Help Annual Report 2020/21**

The Council Cabinet considered a recommendation from the Children and Young People Board urging Council Cabinet to be vigilant that the reduction in scope and

capacity of the Early Help Team does not lead to consequent budgetary pressures in the future. The Board also urged Council Cabinet to ensure the funding and sustainability of the Early Help Team.

The Executive Scrutiny Board endorsed the recommendation made to Council Cabinet by the Children and Young People Board.

### **Decision**

To accept the recommendation from the Children and Young People Board to be vigilant that the reduction in scope and capacity of the Early Help Team does not lead to consequent budgetary pressures in the future and to ensure the funding and sustainability of the Early Help Team.

## **194/21 Recommendation from the Children and Young People Board – Covid Remote Learning Update**

The Council Cabinet considered a recommendation from the Children and Young People Board requesting that Council Cabinet ensures that they are reaching and closing the digital divide for disadvantaged children and young people from low-income families who receive education other than at school, are home educated or go to school out of area.

### **Decision**

To accept the recommendation from the Children and Young People Board to ensure that they are reaching and closing the digital divide for disadvantaged children and young people from low-income families who receive education other than at school, are home educated or go to school out of area.

## **195/21 Recommendation from the Children and Young People Board – SEND Funding Capital Consultation Update**

The Council Cabinet considered a recommendation from the Children and Young People Board recommending that Council Cabinet extends the consultation period for a further six weeks.

### **Decision**

To reject the recommendation from the Children and Young People Board because extensive consultation had already taken place.

## Key Decisions

### 196/21 Children's Accommodation Strategy: Delivery of Small Children's Residential Homes

The Council Cabinet considered a report which stated that the Council Cabinet report of 10 March 2021 'Provision of Accommodation for use by Children's Services', detailed next steps for refurbishing and managing two domestic properties within Derby City, to accommodate Looked After children and young people where a larger residential care setting would be unsuitable due to their complex specialist needs (formerly referred to as Cluster Homes). This report provided an update and variation in terms of this project.

The report requested approval to proceed with a compliant procurement process to secure an external Service Provider to refurbish these two properties, in addition to manage and operate the two new children's residential homes on behalf of the Council. This was part of developing strategic partnerships with Service Provider(s), as outlined in the Council's Children's Accommodation Strategy.

Maintenance of the properties would form part of the lease agreements including a full repairing and insuring lease to the successful Service Provider, outlining responsibility for on-going repairs and maintenance liability would be the responsibility of the external Service Provider.

The report noted the variation to the original proposal within the Council Cabinet report of 10 March 2021 was to procure an external Service Provider to undertake this project rather than to continue to develop this project in house.

The Executive Scrutiny Board noted the report.

### Options Considered

1. Sell the properties or appropriate them into the Housing Revenue Account (HRA). Due to the demand for affordable homes within the city a sale to the open market would not be recommended.
2. If this project did not progress, it was unlikely savings on existing external placements could be made, and outcomes for young people would be impacted. This option had been discounted as it was not in line with our strategic aims to develop residential provision within Derby and the Council's Children's Accommodation Strategy.
3. Progress the refurbishment work within the Local Authority and procure an external Service Provider to operate the homes.

### Decision

1. To approve variation to the Council Cabinet report of 10 March 2021, and to therefore approve the commencement of a compliant procurement process

to appoint an external Service Provider for the operational management of two small Children's residential homes, including undertaking the refurbishment work and on-going maintenance, as a proof of concept.

2. To approve the proposal to incorporate within the tender procurement process, capacity expand to a maximum of four additional properties, increasing to a maximum of six for the identified purpose within the procurement tender once the concept was proved effective, as determined by the Strategic Directors as set out in paragraph 2.5 of the report.
3. To note, effectiveness would be determined through robust contract monitoring of key performance indicators and compliance with the contract terms and conditions, including specification.
4. To note the Council's ambition to work in partnership with an external Children in Care residential Service Provider to test and deliver the model of an external Service Provider operating Derby City Council owned or leased premises for the purposes of a children's residential home.
5. To delegate approval to authorise the extension on successful proof of concept, to the Strategic Director of People Services, Strategic Director of Resources, and Strategic Director of Communities and Place, following consultation with the relevant Cabinet Member, to approve entering into contracts and/or agreements associated with the procurement of an external Service Provider to refurbish and operate children's residential homes.

## **Reasons**

1. Following the March 2021 Council Cabinet Report, delivering this provision at these two properties in house had not been possible due to a number of factors, critically recruitment and staffing retention which had been a challenge within existing children's homes within the Council's Residential Service. For this reason, it was now proposed and recommended to deliver the service using a procured external Service Provider, as pressures within sufficiency of provision within Derby City were increasing. In addition, the Children's Accommodation Strategy contained recommendations to facilitate this approach as outlined within this report.
2. Increasing residential provision should increase our ability to meet our sufficiency duty.
3. A key aim outlined in our Children in Care (CiC) Placements Commissioning and Sufficiency Strategy 2020 – 2023 was for 75% of all CiC to be placed locally where appropriate. As of 31 March 2021, of all Children in Care, 60% were placed within 20 miles of Derby (384 out of 642).

## 197/21 Schools Capital Programme 2022/23

The Council Cabinet considered a report which stated that the Council had received notification from the Department for Education (DfE) of school condition maintenance allocations for 2022-23 for Community and Foundation schools.

In order to commence scheme development, and to complete essential work during the school summer holiday period, early approval of schemes is necessary. It was therefore proposed to seek scheme approval for schemes in line with the notified allocation of £3,163,425.

A breakdown of the indicative school maintenance Capital Programme funding for 2022/23 was set out within Appendix 1 of the report. The proposed phase 1 schools capital programme schemes for 2022/23, including proposed individual school condition maintenance projects, were outlined in Appendix 2 of the report.

The proposal was for funding to be prioritised to deal with essential school condition and maintenance issues across the school's estate for Council maintained schools. An on-going programme of work was required in school premises to deal with essential condition and health and safety issues to ensure that school buildings remained safe and open.

The report sought approval for the school's maintenance capital programme for 2022/23 as set out within Appendix 2 of the report.

It was also necessary to update the capital programme with the addition of £7,084,154 following the completion of a s106 agreement for the provision of a new primary school to serve new housing as part of the Snelsmoor Grange, Boulton Moor, housing development, and seek scheme commencement approval. Approval was also sought to add a further £502,800 s106 to the capital programme from the Buttercup Leys housing development and seek scheme commencement for works at Noel-Baker Academy.

The report also updated the previously approved necessary delegated authority in relation to the property transactions required for the approved capital programme scheme to expand Landau Forte College Derby.

**The Executive Scrutiny Board recommended to Council Cabinet that it asks all schools governing bodies and Academy Trusts (as appropriate) to consider how their schools can become zero carbon by 2035, including developing plans for their buildings, travel and other activities.**

### **Options Considered**

The available capital funding had been prioritised in line with the School Asset Management Plan to deal with the most urgent condition and health and safety issues.

## Decision

1. To approve the Schools Capital Programme priority schemes for 2022/23 as outlined in Appendix 2 of the report.
2. To approve scheme commencement of schemes outlined in Appendix 2 of the report.
3. To approve the amendment of the approved 2022/2023-2023/24 capital programme with the revised budget projections detailed in Appendix 1 and the proposed scheme allocations detailed in Appendix 2 of the report.
4. To approve the addition to the capital programme of the £7,084,154 s106 funding contribution and approve scheme commencement, for the construction of the new primary school to serve the Snelsmoor Grange, Boulton Moor housing development, as set out in paragraph 4.7 to 4.9 and Appendix 2 of the report.
5. To approve the addition to the capital programme of the £502,800 Buttercup Leys Secondary education s106 funding contribution and approve scheme commencement and the award of a grant agreement of up to £502,800 to L.E.A.D. Academy Trust for the proposed scheme at Noel-Baker Academy, as set out in paragraph 4.10 to 4.11 and Appendix 2 of the report.
6. To delegate authority to the Strategic Director of Corporate Resources, following consultation with the Director of Children's Integrated Commissioning, to complete the site acquisitions and subsequent site disposals / transfers, in relation to the previously approved capital programme scheme to expand Landau Forte College Derby, including any necessary additional grant to Landau Forte Charitable Trust, as set out in paragraph 4.12 to 4.14 of the report which may be necessary to ensure successful delivery of the scheme.
- 7. To reject the recommendation from the Executive Scrutiny Board.**

## Reasons

1. An on-going programme of work was required in school premises to deal with essential condition and health and safety issues across the school's estate to ensure that school buildings remain safe and open. In order to complete as much work as possible during the school summer holiday period, early approval of schemes is necessary.
2. In accordance with Financial Procedure Rules, amendments to the Council's capital programme are required to be reported to Council Cabinet.

## 198/21 Developing the Derby City Tourism Offer

The Council Cabinet considered a report which set out the city council's response to the De Bois national review of the UK's Destination Management arrangements

and to explore how Derby's Tourism offer should develop to take advantage of these emerging opportunities including the delivery of the ambitions emerging in the Derby City Centre Ambition and the legacy from the UK City of Culture 2025 bid.

The Executive Scrutiny Board noted the report.

### **Options Considered**

1. Do nothing option. We continue to deliver a tourism service in the current arrangements, which was becoming increasingly uncompetitive in the face of investment by other destinations. We were unable to meet the demands created by our ambitions for Derby. This could inhibit the chances for Derby to be successful in a bid to be a future UK City of Culture or create reputational damage from being unable to deliver City of Culture well, should Derby be successful in the future. Bidding for other events and funding opportunities may also be impacted on.
2. Do nothing to develop Derby Tourism and be downgraded as a Tier 3 DMO with no funding or engagement opportunities at a regional and national level.

### **Decision**

To approve officers working in partnership to progress plans in line with the recommendations made at paragraph 4.1 of the report, subject to consultation with the Cabinet Member for Leisure, Culture and Tourism and to provide an update in a future report to Council Cabinet.

### **Reasons**

1. The wider context for Tourism in Derby was the national review of Destination Management Organisations (DMOs) commissioned in 2021 by the DCMS Secretary of State and Tourism Minister. (The De Bois Review).

The purpose of this review was to rationalise the DMO landscape across the United Kingdom to improve national and international tourism and to reduce current duplication and inefficiency in our national tourism arrangements which had become fragmented and complex.

Critically however the recommendations from the report would include the development of a national tiered structure where only the first two tiers of DMOs were recognised by central government for support including inclusion in national campaigns and access to any potential national funding.

Given the city's ambitions to utilise its many assets to reinvent and regenerate Derby in line with the emerging City Centre Ambition and the recent UK City of Culture 2025 bid it was important that the city can meet the criteria of a Tier 1 or Tier 2 review and to avoid the risk of being downgraded to a tier 3, with no influence or opportunity within an East Midlands DMO Structure.



While the intentions of DCMS to follow the recommendations in the De Bois Review are not yet clear, it was important that DMOs begin to respond to the opportunities and challenges in preparation.

To be successful in attracting more visitors the city needs an appropriate tourism infrastructure in place to:

- Develop products that meet visitor demands.
  - Work with the industry to raise standards, identify gaps and meet expectations.
  - Engage with campaigns being developed by the national tourist board.
  - Create bookable experiences and promote these to potential visitors.
  - Look after the needs of visitors when they are in the destination.
2. At present the city council's tourism team operated as the DMO for Derby (VisitDerby) but in response to the national review this arrangement needed to develop to effectively respond to the opportunities and meet the challenges including:
- Being competitive with other destinations. Tourism was a hugely competitive industry and other destinations were investing and building their infrastructure.
  - Supporting businesses to post Covid recovery and culture led regeneration.
  - Responding to the opportunities created by upcoming developments including Moorways Sports Village, Becketwell Performance Venue, Derby Market Hall and The Derby City Centre Plan.

## 199/21 South Derby Growth Zone and Infinity Garden Village – Next Steps

The Council Cabinet considered a report which gave an update on progress in relation to this important growth area and sought approval to enter into relevant collaboration agreements to facilitate delivery of the required infrastructure.

**The Executive Scrutiny Board recognised the Council's success in obtaining £50M from the Levelling UP Fund for the A50 works and resolved to recommend to Council Cabinet that in the next round the Council submits an application in the category of "Culture".**

### Options Considered

1. Do Nothing

This was not an option, as without the highways infrastructure – a new A50 junction and link road – only 280 new homes would be built, resulting in the loss of the remaining 4,220 homes, 3.4m sq. ft. of new employment floorspace and 5,000 jobs that would otherwise have been created.

2. Do the minimum

This was not an option, as there was no middle ground. The impact of any additional new houses above the 280 identified, plus the additional commercial development, must be mitigated by a new A50 junction and link road. (Note – refer to the Local Plan).

## **Decision**

1. To support Derbyshire County Council (DCoC) in the submission of a Business Case to secure Levelling Up Funding (LUF), to fund the highways infrastructure required, namely a new A50 junction and link road.
2. If the Business Case is successful, approval to support DCoC in the procurement and delivery of the above highways infrastructure, principally through officer time from the Strategic Housing Division.
3. To delegate approval to entering into collaboration agreements, in order to facilitate the above, with DCoC, South Derbyshire District Council (SDDC), Hallam Land Management and Infinity Park Derby LLP, delegating approval to the Strategic Director of Communities and Place, following consultation with the Strategic Director of Corporate Resources, Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Decarbonisation, Strategic Planning & Transport, and the Cabinet Member for Adults, Health and Housing.
4. To delegate authority to the Strategic Director of Communities and Place to finalise the submission documents and any work required towards them, following consultation with the Strategic Director of Corporate Resources, Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Decarbonisation, Strategic Planning & Transport, and the Cabinet Member for Adults, Health and Housing.
- 5. To note the recommendations from the Executive Scrutiny Board.**

## **Reasons**

1. DCC was a partner in an LUF bid, led by DCoC, which had been successful at the first stage, however, in order to secure the funding, DCoC would need to finalise the LUF Business Case, which would require additional work. DCoC would be the accountable body for the LUF funding. Costs to finalise the Business Case was fully funded by Levelling Up Funding (see paragraph 7.1 of the report). There was no risk of clawback of this money and no funding required from DCC other than the £100k previously allocated - £62.5k of Levelling Up Fund capacity funding and £37.5k that had previously been agreed at 6 October 2021 Council Cabinet (minute reference 82/21).

2. Some of the highways infrastructure would be required within Derby City; however, the majority of the works falls within South Derbyshire, therefore it was more appropriate for DCoC to lead on delivery, supported by DCC.
3. It was anticipated that DCC would enter into a collaboration agreement with the other project partners, as this was anticipated to be one of the criteria for a successful LUF bid.

Having declared an interest in the next item Councillor Poulter left the meeting and Councillor Barker took the Chair.

## 200/21 Riverboat Proposals for the River Derwent

The Council Cabinet considered a report which stated that to enable a first key step in leveraging the true regeneration potential of the River Derwent as a key natural asset in the context of a vibrant, attractive and repurposed city centre.

The report sought approval to progress support to the delivery of Derby and Sandiacre Canal Trust's (DSCT) proposed riverboat service between Darley Abbey and its proposed mooring at Phoenix Green ("Project").

**The Executive Scrutiny Board recommended that Council Cabinet ensured that all planning requirements were approved and all licenses were issued before further expenditure, in order to protect the Council, the Trust and the public.**

### Options Considered

An alternative of DSCT delivering their service without Council resources both financial and resources was not felt appropriate as the proposals support the Council's wider aims for the city and would add further risk to successful delivery.

### Decision

1. To approve progressing with the Project and the funding sources as detailed in section 7 of the report.
2. To delegate approval to the Strategic Director of Corporate Resources to update the capital programme as required to incorporate the recommendations of the report.
3. To approve the Council entering into a licence agreement with DSCT to allow access for DSCT to the mooring on Phoenix Green and the River Derwent on the stretch between the weir at Darley Abbey and Exeter Bridge.
4. To delegate authority to the Strategic Director of Corporate Resources following consultation with the Strategic Director of Communities and Place to submit, on behalf of the Council, such other funding bids and enter into

funding agreements, subject to acceptable grant conditions being met to support the Project when opportunities arise.

## **5. To reject the recommendation from the Executive Scrutiny Board.**

### **Reasons**

To support the first step of realising the regeneration potential of the River Derwent in the context of our wider city centre vision, by enabling the operation of the Riverboat service by the DSCT.

At this point Councillor Poulter returned to the meeting and retook the Chair.

## **Budget and Policy Framework**

### **201/21 Writing off Uncollectable Sundry Debts and Housing Benefits Overpayments**

The Council Cabinet considered a report which recommended Sundry Debts and Housing Benefit Overpayments, deemed uncollectable, to Council Cabinet for write-off in accordance with the Council's current Financial Procedure Rules.

Each financial year the Council was tasked with collecting very large sums of money from residents and businesses across the city. For the financial year 2021/22 the current estimates were £70million for Sundry Debts and £1.5million for Housing Benefit Overpayments. Whilst overall collection rates were high it was inevitable that some debts could not be collected. Although not an exhaustive list, some of the main reasons a debt could not be collected were listed below.

- The debtor dies,
- The debtor is declared bankrupt or is subject to other insolvency proceedings,
- A business is wound up or liquidated or is subject to other insolvency proceedings,
- The debtor absconds,
- A court remits the debt.

The Council recognised that not all debts could be collected and therefore, as part of having sound and prudential financial management arrangements in place, makes a provision for debts classed as bad or doubtful.

Regularly reviewing the Council's debt profile and referring those debts judged uncollectable for write-off was also deemed to be sound financial management. Doing so reduced the respective level of arrears and bad debt provisions whilst

ensuring that a more realistic position of collectable debt was presented within the Council's accounts.

Potted histories, setting out the rationale for recommending the debts for write-off, were included in a confidential report elsewhere on the Council Cabinet agenda.

The Executive Scrutiny Board noted the report.

## **Decision**

To approve writing off Sundry Debts of £801,368.07 and Housing Benefit Overpayment debt of £36,784.15 as set out in appendices 1 and 2 of the report respectively.

## **Contract and Financial Procedure Matters**

### **202/21 Compliance with Contract and Financial Procedure Rules**

The Council Cabinet considered a report which dealt with the following items which required reporting to and approval by Council Cabinet under the Contract and Financial Procedure Rules.

- Addition to Capital Programme - approval to add to the capital programme works at Imari Park Traveller Site funded from identified revenue budget in the financial year 2021/22 and 2022/23 to the value of £0.070m (£0.044m and £0.026m respectively).
- Public Health Substance Misuse - acceptance of new investment of up to £5m for three years to rebuild local authority commissioned substance misuse treatment services as outlined in the new drug strategy 'From Harm to Hope'.
- Public Health Substance Misuse - to delegate authority to enter into all necessary contracts and agreements associated with the substance misuse ring-fenced funding.
- Domestic Abuse Safe Accommodation - acceptance of grant of £0.603m and approval of a procurement exercise up to a maximum of £2m equating to £0.500m a year, for a maximum of four years, subject to funding, to contract providers for survivors of domestic abuse and their families in refuge and other safe accommodation.
- The FTZ programme (Future Transport Zone – formerly Future Mobility Zones) - addition to the capital programme with confirmed profiling
- Carry Forward request of £0.050m of revenue to support the development of a devolution business case.
- Use of Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) reserve funds up to a maximum of £0.930m to complete the High Needs Transformation Programme.
- Award a further contract to Inpower for up to £0.290m from the balance of the previously agreed fund of £0.930m from DSG reserves.

- Household Support Fund - acceptance of funding of £2.224m (subject to final confirmation) and allocation as appropriate.

The Executive Scrutiny Board noted the report.

## **Decision**

To Approve:

- a) the addition of the Imari Park capital scheme at the value of £0.070m to the 2022/23 Capital Programme, as outlined in section 4.1 of the report.
- b) the use of £0.044m and £0.026m Housing General Fund revenue funding from 2021/22 and 2022/23 respectively for the Imari Park scheme. The 2021/22 element of the funding was a carry forward of funding, as outlined in section 4.1 of the report.
- c) acceptance of additional ring-fenced Public Health substance misuse funding for Derby City of up to an estimated £5m in the next 3 financial years, as outlined in section 4.2 of the report.
- d) delegated authority to the Strategic Director of Peoples Services following consultation with the Strategic Director of Corporate Resources and the Cabinet Member for Adults, Health & Housing to enter into all necessary contracts and agreements associated with Public Health (PH) ring-fenced substance misuse funding, as outlined in section 4.2 of the report.
- e) acceptance of £0.603m grant for 2022/23 to commission support to survivors of domestic abuse and their children in safe accommodation and to meet the administrative new burdens cost of delivering the functions under the duty, as outlined in section 4.3 of the report.
- f) procurement of services up to a maximum of £2m equating to £0.500m a year, for a maximum of four years, subject to funding, to contract providers for survivors of domestic abuse and their children in safe accommodation, as outlined in section 4.3 of the report.
- g) delegated authority to the Strategic Director of Peoples Services following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Adults, Health & Housing, The Cabinet Member for Children, Young People & Skills and the Strategic Director of Corporate Resources to authorise entering into a contract for the provision of services to survivors of domestic abuse and their children in safe accommodation, as outlined in section 4.3 of the report.
- h) acceptance of Derby City Council's share of the FTZ funding as set out in the report and approval for Derby City Council to enter into the associated grant agreement with NCC, as outlined in section 4.4 of the report.
- i) the carry forward of £0.050m of revenue budget into 2022/23 to support the development of a devolution business case, as outlined in section 4.5 of the report.

- j) the award of a further contract to Impower for up to £0.290m (to be funded from DSG reserves previously approved by Council Cabinet on 10th Nov 2021) as part of the necessary engagement of external specialists to support the delivery of High Needs Transformation Programme, as outlined in section 4.6 of the report.
- k) the acceptance of the 2022/23 award for the Household Support Fund of circa £2.224m and delegated authority of the final details of the scheme to the Strategic Director of People Services and the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Skills, as outlined in section 4.7 of the report.

## 203/21 Exclusion of 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 items on the grounds that they 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.**

## 204/21 Writing off Uncollectable Business Rate, Housing Benefit Overpayment and Sundry Debts

The Council Cabinet considered exempt information in relation to the writing off of uncontrollable business rate, housing benefit overpayment and sundry debts.

The Executive Scrutiny Board noted the report.

**MINUTES END**