

Time began: 6.00pm  
Time ended: 6.45pm

## **COUNCIL CABINET 22 JANUARY 2014**

Present                      Councillor Bayliss (Chair)  
                                    Councillors Afzal, Banwait, Rawson, Repton, Russell, Shanker  
                                    and Tittley

In attendance              Councillors Holmes, Jones and Pegg.

This record of decisions was published on 24 January 2014. 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.

### **134/13      Apologies**

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Hickson.

### **135/13      Late Items Introduced by the Chair**

The Chair agreed to accept an addendum to item 18 – Contract and Financial Procedure Matters.

### **136/13      Receipt of Petitions**

Councillor Rawson received a petition relating to the Leopald Street Centre requesting that service provision be maintained on the site.

### **137/13      Identification of Urgent Items to which Call In will not                     apply**

There were no items.

### **138/13      Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **139/13      Minutes of the meeting held on 11 December 2013**

The minutes of the meeting held on 11 December 2013 were agreed as correct record and signed by the Chair.

## Matters Referred

### 140/13 Homelessness Topic Review

The Council Cabinet considered two reports on the Homelessness Topic Review, one of the reports was from the Planning Housing and Leisure Board and the other report was from the Cabinet Member for Housing and Advice. The Chair of the Planning Housing and Leisure Board attended the meeting to present the report.

The report from the Planning Housing and Leisure Board stated that at the July 2012 meeting of the Board, Members expressed a desire to look in more detail at issues relating to homeless provision in the city.

Following an update to the Board on homelessness at its meeting held on 19 February 2013 and information presented to members on the available homeless provision in the city ahead of the Housing Related Support cuts to be implemented in April 2013, members of the Board decided it would be timely to progress with a topic review on homelessness in the city.

After reviewing a wide range of evidence at a special topic review meeting, the board produced draft recommendations with a view to mitigating some of the impacts of the Housing Related Support cuts and to suggest changes to the ways in which partners work together in the city to deliver services to the homeless and those at risk of becoming homeless.

The Board agreed a final version of the Homelessness Topic Review report and final recommendations at its meeting of 10 September 2013. The final report and recommendation could be found at Appendix 2 of the report.

The Board recommended Council Cabinet

1. To receive the report and consider the recommendations in the Planning, Housing and Leisure Board Homelessness Topic Review.
2. To report back to the board with a response to the topic review recommendation's and inform the board of the actions, if any, the Council Cabinet proposes to take in relation to the board's recommendations.

The Council Cabinet also considered a report of the Cabinet Member for Housing and Advice which stated that addressing homelessness was a key priority for the Council, while ensuring that 'Derby's homeless were treated with dignity and respect' was an explicit manifesto commitment of the administration.

Key housing policies of central government, such as the Bedroom Tax and wider welfare reform, were causing real hardship to local people who were finding it increasingly hard to afford the roof over their heads. These policies were directly increasing the pressure on homelessness services.

This pressure was happening at the same time as brutal cuts to local government which had forced a squeeze on discretionary areas of expenditure such as housing-related support services. The council was striving hard to help mitigate the impact of these changes on our most vulnerable citizens.

The Planning, Housing and Leisure Board had also taken a keen interest in this area. It organised a thorough review of service provision over the summer, and produced a detailed report on the review findings in the autumn. The report contained 14 recommendations regarding service delivery.

The report summarised current and future improvements to the provision of homelessness services. It set out how the Council intended to achieve the 'Gold Standard', which was the government's highest standard for service delivery. It also set out a detailed response to the recommendations of the Planning Housing and Leisure Board. As would be seen, many of these recommendations had synergy with Gold Standard requirements.

Building on our Gold Standard objectives, coupled with the input from the Planning Housing and Leisure Board, the paper concluded with a number of recommendations for how to continue to improve homelessness services in Derby. In so doing it provided a consolidated basis for further action.

## **Decision**

1. To note the achievements of the Housing Options service and partner agencies in tackling homelessness in Derby.
2. To note the response to the Planning, Housing and Leisure Scrutiny Board's recommendations.
3. To approve the recommendations set out in section 4.36 of the report.

## **Key Decisions**

### **141/13 Tackling Social Isolation and Loneliness Faced by Older People**

The Council Cabinet considered a report Tackling Social Isolation and Loneliness Faced by Older People. The majority of older people were not isolated and contribute significantly to life in Derby. National policy could unfairly portray older people as a burden on society, yet many of Derby's families and communities could not thrive without the active input of senior citizens.

Nevertheless, loneliness and social isolation was a significant risk. Isolation damaged quality of life and impacted on communities deprived of affected individuals' positive contributions. The consequence for the council and statutory partners was that some older people developed needs that the council had a legal duty to meet.

Isolation occurred for different reasons, such as changes in mental or physical health, social causes and economic factors. There was no single way to tackle loneliness and responsibility was shared across society. It was therefore important to develop a wide-ranging approach that involved a breadth of council services as well as statutory and community organisations. It was vital that older people were involved in articulating problems and defining solutions.

Due to the financial pressures imposed upon Derby City Council by the Coalition Government, the Council wished to hold a wide ranging review with older people, their carers, the NHS and local organisations, to consider how the council could respond to best support its residents and communities.

### **Options Considered**

Doing nothing would risk poor outcomes for some older people whose loneliness and risk of isolation could be tackled by building on current partnership work between the Council, other organisations and local communities.

### **Decision**

1. To launch a wide ranging review identifying factors contributing to social isolation for older people in Derby, strengths already in place and gaps that should be addressed.
2. To note the conclusions from the review in Summer 2014.
3. To agree to consider, as part of the review, the role of council services in alleviating loneliness and isolation by making best use of resources available within the Medium Term Financial Plan.

### **Reasons**

1. The need to alleviate loneliness and isolation for older people had received local and national attention. The council could not do this alone, especially in the current financial climate, but was well placed to lead and coordinate to benefit older people in all neighbourhoods across the city.
2. The review must be conducted over a significant period of time to engage with older people and other stakeholders in Derby, and to consider all factors that could cause isolation and measures to alleviate it.
3. The council had responded to the coalition government's swingeing and indiscriminate cuts programme for several years. The authority faced a perilous financial challenge with vast savings required to balance the budget for 2014/15 and beyond. Council had agreed a £336,000 saving from day support for older people in 2014-15. The review must explore a range of models to tackle social isolation while enabling the council to remain within the allocation of resources afforded to it by the government.

## 142/13 Commissioning of Two Year Old Free Early Education Entitlement Places Located at Breadsall Hill Top Infant School

The Council Cabinet considered a report on Commissioning of Two Year Old Free Early Education Entitlement Places Located at Breadsall Hill Top Infant School. The Local Authority had a statutory duty from September 2013 under section 7 of the Childcare Act 2006 and the Education Act 2011 (s1) to ensure there were sufficient Free Early Education Entitlement (FEEE) places available. This was for eligible 'less advantaged' two year olds to access 15 hours of provision each week for 38 weeks of the year.

Department for Education (DfE) indicative figures expect 750 two year olds in Derby City to be accessing an early education place by January 2014. Currently there were 607 two year olds accessing a place. This was expected to increase to 2,000 two year olds by January 2015. The significant increase in predicted numbers of eligible two year olds would place pressures on the availability of two year old funded provision, particularly in areas of economic disadvantage across the city. This was detailed further in the Childcare and Families Information Team (CFIT) Market Position Statement (MPS) July 2013.

The DfE had allocated the Council capital funding of £519,000 to create additional provision for two year olds. The DfE guidance issued to Councils confirmed this should be used for capital purposes to support the implementation of the statutory entitlement to allow all eligible two year olds to access their early education place.

As part of the two year old capital programme funding, the proposal was for a 32 place two year old unit to be created at Breadsall Hill Top Infant School. The school fully supported this proposal. In consultation with the school, the proposal was to commission these additional places through a tendering exercise to appoint a high, quality childcare provider to deliver the funded two year old places. The successful childcare provider would not receive additional funding from the Council, as part of this contract, but would be able to apply for one off set up costs through pump prime funding as outlined in this report and would receive government funding to deliver the funded two year old places.

As the commercial value of this contract would exceed £75,000 per year, in accordance with contract procedures, Cabinet approval was required to proceed with the process of tendering for this contract for a childcare provider.

### **Options Considered**

1. Given the increasing demand for two year funded places as the eligibility criteria changes to allow the 40% 'less advantaged' two year olds to access a place from September 2014, it was essential that action was taken to create new places, prioritising capital funding to those areas in the MPS for 2, 3 and 4 years olds identified as having a significant shortfall of places.

2. If plans were not put in place now to provide additional provision, it was inevitable that there would be a shortfall of two year old FEEE places in September 2014. This would result in the Local Authority not meeting the statutory duties.
3. In order to reduce inequalities and narrow the achievement gap between children at age 5 and Key Stages 1 and 2, it was essential all eligible 'less advantaged' two year olds were given an opportunity to high quality early years provision.

## **Decision**

1. To approve the proposal to create a two year old unit for 32 places at Breadsall Hill Top Infant School.
2. To approve the proposal to commission and contract with a third party childcare provider to deliver high, quality two year old funded places at Breadsall Hill Top Infant School.
3. To delegate responsibility to the Strategic Director for Children and Young People, following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People or the Leader of the Council, to appoint the successful childcare provider following the tendering process.
4. To approve the capital proposals detailed in Appendix, 3 and for the Council's capital programme to be updated.

## **Reasons**

1. Local Authorities had a legal responsibility to ensure there were sufficient FEEE places for eligible two year olds to access to meet local demand and were required to undertake proactive market management activities to achieve this. Local Authorities also had a duty to increase the scope for parental choice and flexibility when choosing the FEEE place for their two year old to access.
2. A two year old capital programme was required to increase the number of free early education places available, which would primarily be delivered by the private, voluntary and independent (PVI) sector. This was to ensure all eligible 'less advantaged' two year olds could access the new early year's education entitlement from September 2014.
3. The proposed significant capital investment at Breadsall Hill Top Infant school would provide the necessary accommodation required for a two year old Early Years Unit, which would be operated and managed by the childcare provider. A legal contract would be agreed between the Council and the childcare provider.
4. The proposals to create sufficient levels of high quality FEEE places for two year olds supports the Council's vision to reduce inequalities and narrow the

achievement gap between children at age 5 and Key Stages 1 and 2. Evidence proved access to high quality early education would improve children's cognitive, social, behavioural and development skills, and ultimately school readiness.

## Budget and Policy Framework

### 143/13 Council Tax Base 2014/15

The Council Cabinet considered a report on Council Tax Base 2014/15. The Council had to calculate its council tax base for 2014/15 as a means of raising council tax income for the 2014/15 financial year from Derby council tax payers.

The tax base was an estimated figure of the number of domestic properties in terms of 'band D' in the Council's area during the financial year concerned. It was used to determine a headline charge for band D properties in the city. Charges for other bands were calculated as defined fractions of the headline charge.

Changes arising from the Government's Welfare Reform programme (specifically the replacing of council tax benefit with local council tax support) and the decision to give local authorities greater discretion over the reliefs from council tax available in respect of second homes and some empty properties would continue to have a significant impact on the Council's tax base.

The proposed council tax base for 2014/15 is 62,419.06 band D equivalent properties compared with the 2013/14 council tax base of 61,622.88. This represented an increase of 796.18 band D equivalent properties.

As well as taking into account the changes mentioned in paragraph 1.3 of the report, the tax base also included a prudent estimate of the number of newly built homes between 1 December 2013 and 31 March 2015 that would add to the tax base.

#### **Decision**

1. To approve the council tax base for the year 2014/15 as 62,419.06 band D equivalent properties in accordance with The Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (England) Regulations 2012 (SI 2012/2914).
2. To recommend Council to approve the calculation in accordance with the methodology and estimates shown at Appendix 2 of the report.

### 144/13 Capital Budget 2014/15

The Council Cabinet considered a report Capital Budget 2014/15.

The report set out the 2014/15 to 2016/17 capital programme for recommendation to Council on 29 January 2014. The main areas of the £318,568,000 programme over the next three years were ...

- £33,777,000 to deliver the Council's Leisure strategy which would include a new 50 metre swimming pool together with the delivery of the Multisports Arena and new athletics track.
- 25,000,000 to deliver the jointly funded waste disposal plant in partnership with Derbyshire County Council.
- £52,949,000 Children and Young People's Directorate programme including the Primary Capital programme; and repairs, maintenance and improvements to the fabric of school buildings.
- £60,469,000 Housing programme, including refurbishment to Council-owned houses in the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) along with further Housing General Fund schemes to deliver decent homes and assistance to vulnerable householders, disabled facilities grants, other repairs and assistance in the private sector and support for affordable housing.
- £23,674,000 for highways and transport - to improve the highway network and deliver major schemes such as London Road Bridge replacement.
- £12,193,000 for property maintenance of the Council's buildings and infrastructure.
- £3,024,000 for the Extracare programme for Derby Senior Citizens in our Adults Social Care Service.
- £59,966,000 for regeneration of the city centre and key regeneration areas.
- £30,828,000 for the Environmental Agency flood defence project Our City Our River.

A number of measures to balance the capital budget had been applied including over programming and additional borrowing, as detailed in Section 6 of the report.

A review of the capital programme by Cabinet had resulted in a reduction in the amount of borrowing from 59% to 44% over three years, with the 2014/15 programme only reliant upon 27% borrowing.

The report also outlined assumptions made on future year's government allocations which were still to be confirmed, as detailed in Paragraph 5.2 of the report.

The capital programme was categorised by asset group. For example, all council owned (non- schools) property enhancements were categorised under property rather than against the Directorates which operated from those buildings. A summary of the overall capital programme for 2014/15 to 2016/17 was shown at Appendix 2 of the report.

Results of the capital consultation and responses were included at Appendix 5 of the report.

## Decision

1. To approve the capital programme for 2014/15 and the indicative capital programme for 2015/16 and 2016/17 as set out in the report. A summary was shown in Appendix 2 to the report.
2. To approve the commencement of the capital schemes presented in the 2014/15 capital programme detailed in Appendix 2 of the report.
3. To approve the allocation of S106 funding as detailed in paragraph 5.5 table 2 of the report.
4. To note assumptions made for government funding allocations, detailed in paragraph 5.2 of the report.
5. To note the process of review undertaken on the current capital programme and the process for assessing new bids described in section 4 of the report.
6. To note the revenue budget implications of the proposed programme described in sections 6 and 8 of the report.
7. To approve the continued principle of over-programming to a level of 10%.
8. To recommend that Council approve the additional borrowing required to fund the 2014/15 -2016/17 capital programme.
9. To note the results of the consultation process and approve the Cabinet responses shown at Appendix 5 of the report.

## 145/13 Report on the Robustness of Estimates and on the Adequacy of Reserves 2014/15

The Council Cabinet considered a report on the Robustness of Estimates and on the Adequacy of Reserves 2014/15. The Council's Medium Term Financial Plan – MTFP – had been prepared with consideration to the resources available to the Council and to the demands and priorities included within the Council Plan. Consideration had been given to opportunities to make efficiencies in how the Council organises its service delivery, in order to spend less while maintaining the high level of services delivered to customers. The Council had also reviewed how it procured services, identified alternative service delivery models and consolidated core spending areas in order to identify where additional budgetary savings could be made.

A key part of the Council MTFP process was the review of current levels of reserves and contingency budgets to ensure there was adequate cover for future planned needs and unforeseen eventualities and to identify any reserves or contingencies which could be released to support the delivery of a balanced budget.

The purpose of the report was to provide an opinion under Section 25 (1) of the Local Government Act 2003 which required the Strategic Director of Resources as Chief

Finance Officer to report to Council on the robustness of the estimates made for the purposes of the budget calculations and the adequacy of Council reserves.

The report was split into three main sections; Section 4 detailing the MTFP process and budgetary controls, Section 5 covering the robustness of estimates, and Section 6 covering the adequacy of reserves.

### **Decision**

1. To note the Strategic Director of Resources' opinion that the estimates used in the production of the budget proposal for 2014/15 were adequately robust.
2. To note the Strategic Director of Resources' opinion that, based on the assessment of the Council's reserves and contingencies, the key financial risks identified, and the thorough process used for developing the Medium Term Financial Plan, the level of reserves and balances for 2014/15 was adequate.
3. To approve the transfers between reserves as detailed in section 7 of the report.

## **146 /13 General Fund Revenue Budget**

The Council Cabinet considered a report on the General Fund Revenue Budget. The report set out proposals resulting from the Coalition Government grant budget settlement to recommend to Council a net budget requirement of £217,929,416 in 2014/15.

The report also set out budget proposals for 2015/16 and 2016/17 as part of the Council's Medium Term Financial Plan - MTFP.

The Council had outlined permanent cuts requirements of £78.9m over three years to meet rising costs, maintain priority services and invest for the future. These cuts total £28.0m in 2014/15, £30.0m in 2015/16 and £20.9m in 2016/17. These cuts would be delivered from a combination of efficiencies, income generation, staff post reductions and changes to services.

Each section of the report deals with the various elements that required consideration before a final decision was reached. These key areas were:

- the budget process leading up to these proposals (Section 4) of the report
- the resources available to the Council, including council tax and the local government finance settlement (Section 5) of the report
- the budget proposals for 2014/15, how they have changed since proposals were released for consultation and details of the key changes by Directorate (Section 6) of the report
- the budget forecasts for 2015/16 and 2016/17 (Section 7) of the report

- details of the impact assessments carried out on the Council's budget proposals (Section 8) of the report
- an explanation of the links between the budget proposals and the Council's corporate outcomes (Section 9) of the report
- the Council's reserves position (Section 10) of the report
- the communication and consultation process including feedback (Section 11) of the report
- the management of budget risks (Section 12) of the report.

A separate report providing details of the latest estimated outturn position for 2013/14 as at Quarter 2, and the treatment of variances, was presented to Council Cabinet on 6 November 2013. The 2013/14 budgets used in this report had been restated to reflect all movements of budgets between Directorates approved during 2013/14 to date and to reflect the changes in the Local Government finance arrangements to enable more meaningful comparison.

The Council's provisional grant settlement from central government for 2014/15 was expected to be £113.486m, including revenue support grant of £62.080m, and £12.913m in top-up grant under the Business Rates Retention funding scheme for Local Government, to supplement anticipated retained business rates of £38.493m. A number of other corporate grants were also expected in 2014/15 including a Public Health Grant of £15.784m; an Education Services Grant of £4.076m; and grant of £5.264m for Social Care and Benefit Health Reforms. New Homes Bonus funding of £3.486m was also anticipated. Further details of all grants anticipated to be received by the Council were provided in Appendix 3 of the report.

Included in the appendices was summarised budget information that, together with the text of the report, constitutes the full budget proposal. In considering the report Council Cabinet took due regard to the equality impact assessments already completed and confirmed they would have due regard to those yet to be completed before the proposals were implemented.

## **Decision**

To recommend to Council the following:

1. To approve a budget requirement for Derby City Council for 2014/15 of £217,929,416 subject to confirmation of the final Local Government Settlement expected in February 2014 and finalisation of the Council's Council Tax for 2014/15 which will be presented to Council in March 2014 for approval.

2. To approve for 2014/15 the directorate revenue budget estimates and the net use of reserves of £1.835m (0.84% of the budget) in 2014/15 summarised in Appendix 4a of the report.
3. To approve the measures proposed to manage budget risks in 2014/15 and in future years, including the deliverability of identified cuts, levels of service and inflation forecasts as set out in Section 12 of the report.
4. To approve the commencement of appropriate procurement procedures to support the specific budget proposals listed in appendices 5 and 6 of the report.
5. To approve the immediate implementation of detailed cuts proposals for 2014/15 and 2015/16 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.
6. To note the changes made to the budget cuts proposals as a result of feedback from the consultation process, detailed in paragraph 11.4 of the report.
7. To approve within this total of £217,929,416:

Net service estimates of:

Adults, Health and Housing	73,285,000
Chief Executives	3,199,000
Children and Young People	38,199,000
Neighbourhoods	48,926,000
Resources	23,006,000
Corporate and Contingency Budgets	32,149,416
Net adjustment for one-off Corporate redundancy costs	1,000,000

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**219,764,416**

Appropriations to/from reserves (figures in brackets are appropriations from reserves):

Service reserves	(155,000)
Corporate reserves	(1,680,000)
	<hr/> <b>217,929,416</b>

8. To note the calculation of the Council's Tax Base for the year 2014/15 as 62,419.06 equivalent band D properties, subject to approval as a separate agenda item to this meeting, in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2003 (SI 2003/3012).
9. To note the calculation of the following amounts for the year 2014/15 in accordance with Sections 33 (1) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as revised under Schedule 5 of the Localism Act 2011, and for these figures to be taken forward and confirmed at Council in March 2014 as part of the Council Tax setting report.

- a. £570,138,519 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32(2)(a) to (e).
- b. (£352,209,103) being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32(3)(a) and (c) of the Act.
- c. £217,929,416 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. £145,159,403 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, business rates top-up grant, revenue support grant, and additional corporate government grants
- e. £1,165.83 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 2.8 above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 33 of the Act.

f. for the following Valuation Bands:

	£		£
A	777.22	E	1,424.90
B	906.76	F	1,683.98
C	1,036.29	G	1,943.05
D	1,165.83	H	2,331.66

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, was applicable to all dwellings listed in each particular valuation band divided by the number which in that proportion was applicable to dwellings listed in Valuation Band D, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 36(1) of the Act.

10. To note that details of the precepts to the Council for Derbyshire Police Authority and Derbyshire Fire Authority, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, would be presented to Council in March 2014.
11. To note that the Council Tax to be set for 2014/15, being the aggregate of the amount calculated by the Council at Appendix 2 and the precepts issued by the Council's major precepting authorities, in accordance with Section 30 of the Act, will be presented to Council in March 2014.
12. To note the revenue budget plans for 2015/16 and 2016/17 set out in section 7 of the report.
13. To note the feedback from the budget consultation detailed in appendices 7 to 11 and approve the Council Cabinet responses to consultation recommendations.
14. To note that the Council would hold a Schools Forum meeting on 23 January 2014, this would directly inform the draft 2014/15 Schools Budget. A report would therefore be presented to Council Cabinet in February 2014 for review and comment.

## 147/13 Treasury Management Strategy

The Council Cabinet considered a report on Treasury Management Strategy. The report outlined and sought approval of the Council's Treasury Management Strategy for the financial year 2014/15 and the Prudential Indicators derived from this strategy. The report included:

- Economic and Interest Rate Forecast
- Banking Services Update
- Capital Financing Requirement
- The Annual Borrowing Strategy
- The Annual Investment Strategy
- Prudential Code Indicators and limits.

### **Decision**

1. To approve and recommend to Council the Treasury Management Strategy for 2014/15.
2. To approve and recommend to Council the Prudential Indicators and limits for 2014/15 to 2016/17.

## 148/13 Changes to Derby's Formula for Funding Schools

The Council Cabinet considered a report on Changes to Derby's Formula for Funding Schools. The Department for Education - DfE - published on the 4 June 2013 minor changes to the Formula for Funding Schools in light of the national reform of schools funding. The DfE required all local authorities to consult with schools and academies on any proposed changes to their formula.

Schools Funding would continue to be distributed to local authorities through a ring-fenced grant, the Dedicated Schools Grant, and would continue to be split into three funding blocks; Early Years Block, High Needs Block and Schools Block.

The DfE had issued further guidance on changes to any factors allowable for the forthcoming financial year. Their continued focus was to move towards a national funding formula with an emphasis of a greater proportion of schools funding allocation on a per-pupil basis.

The proposed changes being considered were:

- changes to the prior attainment factor
- consideration of levels of funding for children with English as an additional language - EAL
- mobility of pupils, transient cohorts of children
- lump sum allocations to schools
- notional special educational needs funding

A full consultation exercise had been carried out with schools and other stakeholders over the period 7 September to 18 October 2013. The Local Authority consulted with Schools Forum at their meeting of 10 October 2013.

The report detailed the proposed changes to the local funding formula for Derby with effect from 1 April 2014. This formula would apply to all schools and academies.

## **Decision**

1. To make changes to the fair funding formula as detailed in the report.
2. To delegate the decision to cap any gains to individual schools necessary for setting a balanced budget to the Strategic Director of Resources.

## **149/13 Council Plan 2014/15**

The Council Cabinet considered a report on Council Plan 2014/15. The report presented the latest draft of the Council Plan 2014/15 for review and approval by Council Cabinet.

The Council Plan was central to the performance planning framework as it was the main document that sets out what we, as an organisation, would do to deliver priorities for both the city and the Council. The contents of the plan should reflect national, regional and local priorities.

Council Cabinet received an early draft of the Plan for review in November 2013, following which the content had been subject to further review and challenge.

### **Decision**

1. To review the current contents of the draft plan, set out in Appendix 3 of the report.
2. To note the comments from the Plain English Panel and Corporate Scrutiny and Climate Change Overview and Scrutiny Board, set out in appendix 2 of the report.
3. To approve the designed draft of the Plan.
4. To recommend Council to approve the Plan.
5. To delegate authority to the Chief Executive to make any final amendments to the Council Plan 2014/15, following consultation with the Leader of the Council.

## **150/13 Advertising and Sponsorship Policy**

The Council Cabinet considered a report on Advertising and Sponsorship Policy. As the Council faced unprecedented financial challenges a review of current advertising channels had identified new opportunities. The report set out a new Advertising and Sponsorship Policy for the Council which aimed to make sure any advertising/sponsorship taken on by the Council follows strict guidelines.

The policy aimed to:-

- set out the terms upon which advertising and sponsorship may be sought and accepted by Derby City Council
- provide helpful advice to Council employees and prospective advertisers and sponsors on what is, and is not, acceptable form of advertising for the Council.

### **Decision**

1. To support the principle of one corporate approach and policy to generating income through advertising and sponsorship.
2. To approve the new Advertising and Sponsorship Policy outlined in Appendix 2 of the report.

## **Contract and Financial Procedure Matters**

### **151/13 Contract and Financial Procedure Matters Report**

The Council Cabinet considered a report on Contract and Financial Procedure Matters. An addendum to the report was also circulated. The report dealt with the following item that required reporting to and approval by Council Cabinet under Contract and Financial Procedure rules:

- changes to the current 2013/14-2015/16 capital programme.

### **Decision**

1. To approve changes and additions to the capital programme as set out in Appendix 2 and highlighted in section 4 of the report.
2. To note the revised programme for 2013/14 in table 1 (paragraph 4.1) and the revised indicative programme for 2013/14-2015/16 as shown in table 2 (paragraph 4.9) of the report.
3. To approve the £2.3m payment in advance of works being completed on site in line with the standard Scape Connect framework to minimise interest payments.
4. To approve obtaining a Parent Company guarantee from Willmott Dixon and the £2m Advanced Payment Bond to provide additional security.
5. To approve the acceptance of £216,000 funding from the European Regional Development Fund for the Friargate Studios scheme as detailed in paragraph 4.4 of the report.
6. To recommend Council to approve entering into contracts for the delivery of Victory Road scheme detailed in paragraph 4.8 of the report.

## **Performance**

### **152/13 Adult Social Care Peer Challenge**

The Council Cabinet considered a report on Adult Social Care Peer Challenge. The Adult Social Care Peer Challenge was part of a new sector led improvement programme (SLI) which replaced the Annual Performance Assessment (APA) by the Care Quality Commission which ended in 2010. Along with Local Accounts, peer challenges were now one of the main elements of the new approach in which councils were expected to self-assess their performance and share this information as well as their priorities and achievements in adult social care.

Derby's peer challenge took place between 8 and 10 October 2013 when a regional team of four Directors reviewed evidence provided in our self-assessment against the three key lines of enquiry of personalisation, safeguarding and mental health partnerships (as well as leadership and use of resources). Managers and staff from different levels of the Council, its partners, providers, customers and carers gave their views and comments on how the council was doing in these key areas.

The report presented a summary of findings of the Adult Peer Challenge as detailed in a letter to the Strategic Director of Adults Health and Housing (Appendix 2). The peer challenge team identified key strengths as being strong and effective leadership, our focus on transformation and improvements around safeguarding governance. The team also highlighted challenges for Derby although recognised the authority's self-awareness in relation to the progress it was making in adult social care services.

A high-level improvement plan had been compiled as shown in Appendix 3 of the report which reflected findings from the peer challenge and the wider self-assessment. Progress on actions would be monitored in a more detailed plan during 2014-15 and inform our strategic planning. The findings letter would be published on the Council's website.

### **Decision**

To note the findings of the Adult Peer Challenge and approve the Improvement Plan attached at Appendix 3 of the report.

## **Other**

### **153/13 Annual Report for Adult Social Care 2012 – 13**

The Council Cabinet considered a report on Annual Report for Adult Social Care 2012 – 13. The Annual Report for Adult Social Care was Derby's Local Account of Adult Social Care Services Local Accounts were now the main element of the Sector Led Improvement (SLI) approach and an important way in which councils could publish information about priorities and achievements in adult social care.

Derby's approach uses the four outcome domains of the Adult Social Care Outcomes Framework (ASCOF) to illustrate our achievements, performance results (including comparative data) and case studies. The audience for the Annual Report was Derby residents and customers.

The report presented the draft Annual Report for 2012/13 for Cabinet consideration (as attached at Appendix 2) to the report.

### **Decision**

To approve the Annual Adult Social Care Report 2012/13 for publication.

## 154/13 Proposed Response to HS2 Consultation

The Council Cabinet considered a report on Proposed Response to HS2 Consultation which outlined the current position on High Speed Rail (HS2) in relation to Derby and to agree a response to the Government's HS2 Phase 2 route consultation based on the draft response attached as appendix 2 to the report.

### **Decision**

1. To approve the response to the Government's HS2 Phase 2 consultation as set out in the report.
2. To delegate authority to the Chief Executive, following consultation with the Leader of the Council, to make amendments to the consultation response prior to submission to take account of comments received from partners.

MINUTES END