

CABINET**Tuesday, 26th June, 2018**

Present:-

Councillor P Gilby (Chair)

Councillors	Bagley	Councillors	T Gilby
	Brunt		Huckle
	A Diouf		Ludlow

Non Voting Members
Dickinson

*Matters dealt with under the Delegation Scheme

12 **DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' AND OFFICERS' INTERESTS
RELATING TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

No declarations of interest were received.

13 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Blank, Catt, J Innes and Serjeant.

14 **MINUTES**

RESOLVED –

That the minutes of the meeting of Cabinet held on 15 May, 2018 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

15 **FORWARD PLAN**

The Forward Plan for the four month period 1 July to 31 October, 2018 was reported for information.

***RESOLVED –**

That the Forward Plan be noted.

16 **DELEGATION REPORT**

Decisions taken by Cabinet Members during April and May 2018 were reported.

***RESOLVED –**

That the Delegation Report be noted.

17 **MINUTES OF THE SHEFFIELD CITY REGION COMBINED AUTHORITY**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Sheffield City Region Combined Authority held on 9 March, 2018 were reported for information.

***RESOLVED –**

That the Minutes be noted.

18 **COMMUNICATIONS AND ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY 2018-2023**

The Communications and Marketing Manager submitted a report outlining the Council's proposed Communications and Engagement Strategy.

The proposed strategy, as attached at Appendix A to the officer's report, was a combination of the three previous independent strategies that covered external communications, internal communications and community engagement.

The Communications and Marketing Manager advised that the new, overarching strategy would aim to improve communication and engagement with residents, businesses and visitors to the borough.

An annual action plan had been introduced to ensure that the eight key strategy objectives would be delivered; the first year action plan was attached at Appendix B to the officer's report.

RESOLVED –

That it be recommended to full Council that the Communications and Engagement Strategy for 2018/19 through 2022/23 be approved and adopted with immediate effect.

REASON FOR DECISION

To communicate and engage effectively with residents, businesses, visitors and partner organisations.

19 BUSINESS RATES PILOT 2018/19

The Director of Finance and Resources submitted a report for Cabinet to consider the arrangements for the Derbyshire Business Rates Pilot scheme for 2018/19.

The report noted that Derbyshire County Council, Derby City Council, Derbyshire Fire and Rescue, as well as the district authorities in Derbyshire (including Chesterfield Borough Council) had agreed to pool their business rates to allow each authority to retain a greater percentage of growth within their respective local areas.

In autumn 2017, a bid was submitted to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) for this pool of Derbyshire authorities to take part in a Business Rates Pilot scheme in 2018/19, which would allow all business rates received above baseline funding to be retained during the year, compared to just 50 per cent under the previous arrangement.

In December 2017, it was confirmed by the MHCLG that the Derbyshire bid had been successful.

Detail on the projected financial gains for each participating authority was set out in Appendix A to the officer's report.

***RESOLVED –**

1. That the Derbyshire Business Rates Pilot Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for 2018/19 be approved, and that delegated authority be granted to the section 151 officer to sign the MoU.

2. That the estimated financial gains of the Derbyshire Business Rates Pilot for 2018/19, as set out in Appendix A of the officer's report, be noted.

REASON FOR DECISION

To meet statutory requirements relating to setting a Business Rates Pool.

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SKILLS ACTION PLAN

The Senior Economic Development Officer submitted a report and delivered a presentation to update members on the progress made in the delivery of the Skills Action Plan since its approval by Cabinet on 27 June, 2017.

The report and presentation provided detail on the work undertaken and achievements realised against the key objectives of the Skills Action Plan in its first year of operation.

***RESOLVED –**

That the update on progress made in the delivery of the Skills Action Plan be noted.

REASON FOR DECISION

To keep members informed of progress made in the delivery of the Skills Action Plan.

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EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED –

That under Regulation 21(1)(b) of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2000, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 1 of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

22 **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS - HEATH COURT, ST AUGUSTINE'S**

The Assistant Director – Housing submitted a report to advise Cabinet of proposed environmental improvement works to be made at Heath Court, St Augustine's.

A detailed plan of the proposed work was attached at Appendix A to the officer's report.

***RESOLVED –**

1. That the proposed scheme of work to be carried out, as contained in Appendix 1 to the officer's report, be noted.
2. That approval be given to demolish 12 purpose-built garages.

REASON FOR DECISIONS

To meet the Council's priority 'to improve the quality of life for local people'.