

**CABINET****Tuesday, 17th July, 2018**

Present:-

Councillor P Gilby (Chair)

Councillors	Bagley	Councillors	T Gilby
	Blank		Huckle
	Brunt		Ludlow
	A Diouf		Serjeant
Non Voting	Catt		J Innes
Members	Dickinson		

\*Matters dealt with under the Delegation Scheme

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

No declarations of interest were received.

**24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

No apologies for absence were received.

**25 MINUTES****RESOLVED –**

That the Minutes of the meeting of Cabinet held on 26 June, 2018 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

**26 FORWARD PLAN**

The Forward Plan for the four month period 1 August to 30 November 2018 was reported for information.

**\*RESOLVED –**

That the Forward Plan be noted.

**27**      **DELEGATION REPORT**

Decisions taken by Cabinet Members in June 2018 were reported.

**\*RESOLVED –**

That the Delegation Report be noted.

**28**      **MONTH 2 BUDGET MONITORING 2018/19 & MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN**

The Director of Finance and Resources submitted a report to update members on the Council's budget position for 2018/19, covering the General Fund Revenue Budget, General Fund Capital Programme and Housing Revenue Account.

An updated General Fund Revenue budget forecast as at the end of month two of the financial year 2018/19 was included within section 4 of the officer's report. This showed that the surplus outturn forecast for 2018/19 had already risen from £56k to £298k as a consequence of positive in-year variances to cost and income estimates.

Detailed information on the Council's reserves and the medium term outlook was provided in sections 5 and 6 of the officer's report, respectively.

**RESOLVED –**

That Cabinet recommend to full Council that:

1. The Council's financial performance in the first two months of the financial year 2018/19, as set out in section 4 of the officer's report, be noted.
2. The new medium term forecast, as detailed in section 8 of the officer's report, be noted.
3. The proposed changes to the medium term forecast, as outlined in section 4 of the officer's report, be approved.

4. The proposed use of reserves and the new applications for funding, as set out in section 5 and paragraph 5.2 of the officer's report respectively, be approved.
5. The updated capital programme, as set out in section 7 of the officer's report, be noted.
6. The additions to the capital programme detailed in paragraph 7.2 of the officer's report, be approved.
7. The proposed financing arrangements for the capital programme, as outlined in paragraph 7.3 of the officer's report, be approved.
8. The position on Housing Revenue Account budgets, included in section 8 of the officer's report, be noted.

## **REASON FOR DECISIONS**

To actively manage the Council's finances in the current financial year 2018/19, and forecast forward the emerging budget position to future financial years.

## **29 COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL) EXPENDITURE STRATEGY**

The Infrastructure Planning Officer presented a report recommending for approval the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Expenditure Strategy, which sets out the process by which collected CIL receipts would be allocated to infrastructure projects in future.

The report provided detail on permissible CIL expenditure including that on administrative expenses, strategic infrastructure and local neighbourhoods.

The draft CIL Expenditure Strategy was attached at Appendix 5 to the officer's report.

### **\*RESOLVED –**

1. That the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Expenditure Strategy be approved.

2. That the Council's Constitution be amended to include the delegation references relating to expenditure of CIL as referred to in the CIL Expenditure Strategy.
3. That delegated authority be granted to the Strategic Planning and Key Sites Manager and Infrastructure Planning Officer, in consultation with the Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Economic Growth, to make non-material changes to the CIL Expenditure Strategy as required.

## **REASON FOR DECISIONS**

To help to facilitate sustainable development and growth and continued vitality in Chesterfield through CIL investment.

### **30 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ANNUAL REPORT 2017/18**

The Policy Officer submitted a report to present to members the Equality and Diversity Annual Report 2017/18.

Members were advised that local authorities are required, under the Equality Act 2010, to publish an annual report that demonstrates compliance with the Public Sector Equality Duty.

The Equality and Diversity Annual Report 2017/18 was attached at Appendix A to the officer's report and included information on;

- progress made against the Council's Equality and Diversity Strategy Action Plan;
- the success of the Chesterfield Equality and Diversity Forum;
- the different events and activities carried out to promote equality and diversity through the Council's services and across the borough; and
- what had been planned for 2018/19.

The Leader of the Council asked for a message of thanks from the Council to be passed on to the Chesterfield Equality and Diversity Forum, its Chair and members, for their excellent work during the last year.

**\*RESOLVED –**

1. That the Equality and Diversity Annual Report 2017/18 be noted and supported.
2. That the Equality and Diversity Annual Report 2017/18 be published on the Council's website and circulated to partners.
3. That the excellent work of the Chesterfield Equality and Diversity Forum is recognised and a message of thanks be relayed from the Council to the Chair and Members of the Forum.

## **REASON FOR DECISIONS**

To provide the community and relevant organisations with an update of the Council's progress in delivering positive equality and diversity outcomes.

### **31 FUNDING TO VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS 2018/19 AND 2019/20**

The Assistant Director – Health and Wellbeing presented a report seeking approval to retain existing funding arrangements for voluntary sector organisations during 2018/19 and 2019/20.

The report affirmed, despite the current challenging financial climate, the Council's commitment to supporting local voluntary organisations and the residents they help and support.

The report proposed that a detailed review of the Council's current financial allocations to the voluntary sector be undertaken, to ensure that the Council can continue to provide financial support to voluntary sector organisations in a way that is sustainable, efficient and effective, and cognisant of the need to demonstrate value for money.

#### **\*RESOLVED –**

1. That approval be given to retain the same level of funding and allocations to each voluntary sector organisation for a period of two years from 1 April, 2018 to 31 March, 2020. This allocation, despite severe financial challenges in the public sector, demonstrates the level of commitment the Council has to the voluntary sector and provides the organisations with continued unchanged funding and certainty in planning their resources until 2020.

2. That a detailed review of the Council's financial allocation to the voluntary sector, including funding from the Housing Revenue Account and any other sources within the Council, be undertaken. This will include the impacts and outcomes delivered, together with a comparison of the costs and outcomes from alternative delivery models to ensure best value for money and the most effective methods of supporting Chesterfield residents.
3. That the findings of the review be presented at a future Cabinet meeting, with any potential changes to delivery or funding being implemented from 1 April, 2020 following appropriate consultation.
4. That a contribution of £80k per annum be made from the Housing Revenue Account to reflect the support provided by the voluntary sector to Council tenants.
5. That delegated authority be granted to the Cabinet Member for Governance to approve the final Service Level Agreements for each voluntary sector organisation.

## **REASON FOR DECISIONS**

To ensure that the future delivery of funding to voluntary and community groups meets the priorities of the Council and the needs of the residents of Chesterfield, and is delivered to a high standard in a sustainable way.

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## **REVIEW OF NEW ALLOCATIONS POLICY**

The Assistant Director – Housing and Housing Options Manager submitted a report seeking approval to make changes to the current Choice Based Lettings and Allocations Policy.

The report provided a summary of the Council's current policy and position, and set out the reasons why the new proposed Home Options Policy had been developed, with further detail set out in Appendices A and D of the officer's report.

The draft Home Options Policy was attached at Appendix B to the officer's report. Members were advised that, subject to approval of the draft Policy, a six week consultation would be carried out with Council tenants and other stakeholders, and appropriate revisions made before a

final version of the Policy would be brought to Cabinet for formal approval and adoption.

**\*RESOLVED –**

1. That the Council's position with regards the current Choice Based Lettings and Allocations Policy, be noted; and that the proposed Home Options Allocations Policy be approved in principle pending Cabinet consideration of a further report on the findings from the upcoming public consultation.
2. That the Assistant Director – Housing be authorised to carry out a six week consultation process on the proposed Home Options Allocations Policy with current applicants and stakeholders.
3. That the results and findings of the public consultation be presented in a report to Cabinet in October 2018, including making a final recommendation to formally adopt the proposed Home Options Allocations Policy including any alterations made and agreed following the public consultation.

**REASON FOR DECISIONS**

To enable the Council, through the Housing Options Team, to be in the best possible position to allocate Council Housing stock to applicants most in need, and to provide a customer-focused and user-friendly service.

**33 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 3 of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

**34 BARROW HILL ENGINE SHED BRIDGE REPAIRS FUNDING**

Kier Asset Management submitted a report seeking approval for a package of funding for the required repair works to the Barrow Hill Engine Shed Bridge.

The report provided background on the Barrow Hill Engine Shed site, detail on the required pieces of work, as well as expected costs for the design and delivery of the works.

**RESOLVED –**

1. That Cabinet recommends to full Council that the funding package for the repairs required to Barrow Hill Engine Shed Bridge be approved.
  
- \*2. That delegated authority be granted to the Director of Finance and Resources to increase spend above that which is projected within the officer's report and in line with the approval limits.

**REASON FOR DECISIONS**

To ensure that the Barrow Hill Engine Shed Bridge is fit for purpose.