

**CABINET****Tuesday, 18th December, 2018**

Present:-

Councillor P Gilby (Chair)

Councillors	Bagley	Councillors	T Gilby
	Blank		Huckle
	Brunt		Ludlow
Non Voting Members	Catt		Dickinson

\*Matters dealt with under the Delegation Scheme

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

No declarations of interest were received.

**77 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A Diouf, J Innes and Serjeant.

**78 MINUTES****RESOLVED –**

That the minutes of the meeting of Cabinet held on 4 December, 2018 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

**79 FORWARD PLAN**

The Forward Plan for the four month period 1 December, 2018 to 31 March, 2019 was reported for information.

**\*RESOLVED –**

That the Forward Plan be noted.

80 **CHESTERFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL'S RESPONSE TO THE HS2 WORKING DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT (WDES), AND THE WORKING DRAFT EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT (WDEIA)**

The HS2 Project Manager presented a report seeking approval for the Council's proposed responses to HS2 Limited's consultation on two working draft documents: the Environmental Statement (WDES) and the Equality Impact Assessment (WDEIA).

The purpose of the consultation was to identify possible conflicts between the design, construction and operation of the line, and the areas and communities that the proposed HS2 railway line will come into contact with.

The responses to the consultation were largely supportive of the proposed HS2 project and focussed on three main areas: strategically important considerations, design and environmental considerations and issues which require further information from HS2 Ltd.

The Council's responses to the WDES and WDEIA were attached as Appendices A and B of the officer's report and would need to be submitted to HS2 Ltd by 21 December, 2018.

**\*RESOLVED –**

1. That the draft responses to the HS2 Working Draft Environmental Statement and Working Draft Equality Impact Assessment, attached as Appendices A and B of the officer's report, be approved and submitted to HS2 Limited by 21 December, 2018.

**REASON FOR DECISIONS**

To progress the HS2 Growth Strategy and safeguard the widest level of community interest.

81 **GENERAL FUND REVENUE BUDGET SUMMARY**

The Director of Finance and Resources submitted a report to update members on the development of the General Fund Revenue Budget Summary for 2019/20 and future years.

The latest revised budget for 2018/19 showed a projected breakeven position. The report attributed this to successfully applying for VAT exemption on sporting activities, increased interest on investments, and procurement savings with regards to gas and electricity suppliers and the refuse collection contract.

The report provided an update on the Medium Term Financial Forecast. The latest projected deficit for 2019/20 was £280k, increasing to £1.3m by 2023/24. The deficit position for 2019/20 assumed savings from the ICT Transformation Programme of £250k; if these savings were not achieved this would have an adverse impact on the deficit.

The Director of Finance and Resources advised that, in advance of the final budget for 2019/20 being agreed by full Council on 27 February, 2019, work would be undertaken between Cabinet Members and the Corporate Management Team to continue to identify further savings and income generation proposals.

#### **\*RESOLVED –**

1. That the updated budget projections for 2018/19 and future years, as detailed in Appendix A of the officer's report, be noted.
2. That work to refine the draft estimates and to identify further budget saving proposals be continued.

#### **REASON FOR DECISIONS**

To keep Members informed on the development of the budget proposals for 2019/20 and to provide an update on the medium term financial forecasts.