

CABINET**Tuesday, 4th April, 2017**

Present:-

Councillor Burrows (Chair)

Councillors T Gilby
Bagley
Blank
A Diouf

Councillors Huckle
Ludlow
Serjeant

Non Voting Catt
Members

Dickinson

*Matters dealt with under the Delegation Scheme

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

No declarations of interest were received.

162 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors P Gilby and J Innes.

163 **MINUTES**

RESOLVED –

That the Minutes of the meetings of Cabinet held on 21 February and 7 March, 2017 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

164 **FORWARD PLAN**

The Forward Plan for the four month period 1 April to 31 July, 2017 was reported for information.

***RESOLVED –**

That the Forward Plan be noted.

165 DELEGATION REPORT

Decisions taken by Cabinet Members during March, 2017 were reported.

***RESOLVED –**

That the Delegation Report be noted.

**166 FUNDING TO VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS
2017/18: SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENTS**

The Health and Wellbeing Manager submitted a report on the achievements of the voluntary and community organisations currently funded via Service Level Agreements (SLA's) and to seek approval for the funding levels for these organisations to be maintained at 2016/17 levels in 2017/18.

The organisations holding SLAs with the Council for 2016/17 (Citizens' Advice Bureau, Chesterfield Law Centre, Chesterfield Shopmobility, Derbyshire Unemployed Workers Centre, and LINKS) had attended annual review meetings in early 2017 to discuss their progress, achievements and any issues that they had experienced in the delivery of the SLA.

The Health and Wellbeing Manager advised that on-going discussions with Clinical Commissioning Group and Derbyshire County Council colleagues had identified an opportunity to review the total funding provided across Chesterfield for voluntary and community organisations. This review would enable the council to further consider and evaluate the potential for the co-commissioning of services from voluntary and community organisations to ensure that health, wellbeing and inequalities needs were addressed effectively across the borough. Members commended the excellent and valuable work carried out by voluntary and community organisations in Chesterfield and noted the importance of continuing to work closely with them in the future in order to deliver quality services to the people of Chesterfield.

***RESOLVED –**

1. That the levels of funding provided for Voluntary and Community Organisations via Service Level Agreements remains at £239,544 for 2017/18.
2. That the SLA Schedule 1 tables for each organisation, as set out at Appendix 2 of the officer's report, be approved for inclusion within the Service Level Agreements for 2017/18.
3. That a review of the funding provided to voluntary and community organisations by Chesterfield Borough, the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and Derbyshire County Council, as outlined in the Council Plan, is undertaken in 2017/18 to ensure that the funding is prioritised towards existing and emerging community needs and Council priorities, and also contributes towards achieving a balanced budget for the Council in future years.

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 within a realistic and sustainable budget.

167 REVIEW OF SURVEILLANCE POLICY

The Local Government and Regulatory Law Manager submitted a report setting out the obligations placed on the council by the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 and detailing the actions needing to be taken following an inspection by the Office of Surveillance Commissioners in 2016. The report also sought approval for a revised Surveillance Policy to be adopted and implemented by the council.

The report noted that the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 (RIPA) was to regulate the use of different types of surveillance and to ensure that any surveillance that was carried out by the council was done in a way that conformed with the requirements of the Human Rights Act (the right to privacy and the right to a fair trial). The Local Government and Regulatory Law Manager advised that the council very rarely used the types of surveillance regulated by the Act, and that any surveillance carried out by the council tended to be overt surveillance, with nothing

secretive or hidden about it. It was further noted that the council had not needed to obtain any authorisations since February 2010.

The report also included details of the inspection visit made by the Office of Surveillance Commissioners, which had been carried out in 2016. The inspector's report had recommended that the council should do more to keep itself ready for carrying out covert surveillance, in case the need arose. The officer's report also included details of the other key recommendations made as a result of the inspection visit.

The council's Surveillance Policy had been updated and amended to take account of the 2016 inspection report, and the proposed revised policy was attached as an appendix to the officer's report.

***RESOLVED -**

1. That the officer's report on the impact on the council of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000, the response actions carried out following an inspection in 2016 and current best practice guidelines, be noted.
2. That the changes to the Council's RIPA policies and procedures as detailed in the officer's report be adopted and implemented.
3. That the Cabinet Member for Finance and Governance be delegated authority to make decisions on specified matters relating to the council's use of RIPA powers.
4. That the Standards and Audit Committee receive annual reports on the council's use of RIPA policies and procedures..
5. That the Local Government and Regulatory Law Manager be delegated authority to make any necessary and consequential constitutional amendments relating to RIPA policies and procedures.

REASON FOR DECISIONS

To enable the Council to operate the RIPA system effectively and as required by law and guidance.