

CABINET**Tuesday, 8th September, 2015**

Present:-

Councillor Burrows (Chair)

Councillors T Gilby
T Murphy
Blank
Huckle
Ludlow

Councillors Serjeant
A Diouf
Brown
Hollingworth

*Matters dealt with under the Delegation Scheme

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

No declarations of interest were received.

61 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bagley, J. Innes and Wall.

62 MINUTES**RESOLVED –**

That the minutes of the meeting of Cabinet held on 21 July 2015 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

63 FORWARD PLAN

The Forward Plan for the four month period October 2015 to January 2016 was reported for information.

*** RESOLVED –**

That the Forward Plan be noted.

64 **REVIEW OF MEMBERS ALLOWANCES- ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL**

The Committee and Scrutiny Co-ordinator submitted a report to enable the Cabinet to consider any issues that it wished to raise with the Independent Remuneration Panel (IR Panel) on the forthcoming review of members' allowances, in accordance with the protocol on arrangements for consulting members on the review.

It was noted that a meeting of the IR Panel had been arranged for Tuesday 15 September, 2015 and all members had been invited to submit written comments and/or indicate if they wished to make oral comments to the IR Panel.

The following preliminary issues had been raised with the IR Panel by the Monitoring Officer:

- (i) Payment of Special Responsibility Allowances
- (ii) Adequacy of and arrangements for the Mayoral allowance
- (iii) Telephone allowances

***RESOLVED –**

That the arrangements for consulting members on the review of the members' allowances scheme in line with the agreed Protocol be noted.

REASON FOR DECISION

To improve the quality and transparency of the Independent Remuneration Panel and its work.

65 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 - 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 – as they contained information relating to financial and business affairs.

66 CARELINE PARTNERSHIP – CURRENT POSITION

The Housing Services Manager – Customer Division submitted a report on the progress made regarding the establishment of joint working arrangements with Derbyshire County Council (DCC), Bolsover District Council and South Derbyshire District Council to provide Careline Services across Derbyshire.

Further to Cabinet Minute No. 118 (2014/15), further negotiations had taken place between the three District and Borough Councils and DCC on the terms of the partnership arrangements.

Due to a change in procurement rules and regulations, for the provision of the service to DCC funded customers, it was proposed that a Collaboration Agreement be approved in place of the original plan to create a Teckal company.

A procurement exercise had been completed and a successful tenderer had been identified for the provision of the ICT platform to enable the joint working. Following the signing of the Collaboration Agreement, the successful tenderer would be informed.

***RESOLVED –**

- 1) That the Heads of Terms and list of reserved matters governing the Partnership be approved and signed by the Council's Chief Executive.
- 2) That approval be given to proceed with the Collaboration Agreement and for the associated documentation to be signed by the Council's Chief Executive.
- 3) That further reports be brought to Cabinet at key stages of the development of the Careline Partnership.

REASON FOR DECISIONS

To enable the Council to continue to progress the joint working arrangements with Derbyshire County Council, Bolsover District Council and South Derbyshire District Council leading to the formation of the Derbyshire Careline Partnership.

67 APPROVAL TO DISPOSE OF MISCELLANEOUS HOUSING STOCK

The Housing Services Manager – Business Planning and Strategy submitted a report seeking approval to dispose of five miscellaneous residential properties that were deemed surplus to the Council's requirements.

The properties had been vacant for some years and Housing Services had not been able to let them due to their physical condition, locations and unsuitability as accommodation for families.

The options considered for dealing with these properties included disposal of the properties at auction or on the open market, leasing to another supported housing provider, refurbishment and re-letting, refurbishment and sale (to achieve a higher value), or demolition/redevelopment. It was proposed that the properties be disposed of at auction in order to expedite the sales to mitigate the Council's liabilities in continuing to secure and maintain the properties.

It was agreed that the Housing Services Manager – Business Planning and Strategy, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing and the Assistant Cabinet Member for Housing, would progress a further review of the costings and options appraisals that had been carried out regarding four of the properties and that a further report would be brought back to Cabinet to determine the final courses of action in respect of these properties.

***RESOLVED -**

- 1) That the Housing Services Manager – Business Planning and Strategy be authorised to reconfigure the rear boundaries of 203 Station Lane, Old Whittington, with small strips of land being disposed of to the owners of 205 and 207 Station Lane.
- 2) That the Housing Services Manager – Business Planning and Strategy be authorised to dispose of 203 Station Lane, Old Whittington, following the reconfiguration of the boundaries to the rear of 205 and 207 Station Lane.
- 3) That further consideration be given by the Housing Services Manager – Business Planning and Strategy, in consultation with the

Cabinet Member for Housing and the Assistant Cabinet Member for Housing, to the various options available for achieving a sustainable return to residential occupation of the Council-owned properties at 49 Compton Street, Chesterfield and 11, 13 and 15 King Street North, Old Whittington, Chesterfield.

REASONS FOR DECISIONS

To manage the Council's housing assets effectively and to support the Housing Capital Investment Programme.

To contribute to the delivery of the Council's priorities - 'to improve the quality of life for local people' and 'to provide value for money services'.