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Dear Councillor,

Record of Decision taken by Cabinet - 19 September, 2023

At a meeting of the Cabinet held on 19 September, 2023, the following decisions were reached on the items listed in the attached schedule.

The implementation of these Cabinet decisions is suspended until the call-in period has expired without a call-in being validly invoked. Any Member of the Council shall be entitled to call for a decision to be suspended by giving notice to the Monitoring Officer *either by telephone, fax, email or in writing not later than 5.00 pm on the day following the date of the Cabinet meeting.*

Any decision so suspended shall not be capable of implementation for a period of five calendar days from the date of the Cabinet meeting which will expire on, 24 September 2023.

(DURING THE CALL-IN PERIOD A REQUEST MAY BE MADE IN RESPECT OF ANY DECISION SO SUSPENDED BY NOT LESS THAN ONE QUARTER OF THE TOTAL MEMBERSHIP OF THE OVERVIEW AND PERFORMANCE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE. TO DO THIS YOU WILL NEED TO NOTIFY THE MONITORING OFFICER IN WRITING, BY FAX OR BY EMAIL BY 5.00 PM ON 24 SEPTEMBER 2023 BEING FIVE DAYS FOLLOWING THE DAY OF THE CABINET MEETING.)

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## Public Information

### 5. Strategic partnership agreement between University of Derby and Chesterfield Borough Council

#### **\*RESOLVED –**

1. That the work that has been carried out with the University of Derby and other key partners is set out in Appendix A, to establish a closer working relationship between the two organisations be noted.
2. That the signing of a Strategic Partnership Agreement between the University of Derby and Chesterfield Borough Council, as set out in Appendix B, which sets out an overarching commitment, a number of joint strategic ambitions and outcomes to embed a culture of working together to deliver change, be approved.
3. That the work underway by officers of both organisations to develop and implement a coherent and resourced delivery plan, in order to realise the outcomes set out in the Strategic Partnership Agreement, be endorsed.

#### **REASON FOR DECISIONS**

The University of Derby and Chesterfield Borough Council are two anchor institutions within the borough, with existing complementary ambitions to improve outcomes for communities in Chesterfield. The strategic partnership agreement seeks to strengthen the working relationships between the two organisations, and to maximise the resources and assets of each organisation to deliver enhanced benefits to the borough.

### 6. Review of members' allowances: arrangements for the independent remuneration panel

#### **\*RESOLVED –**

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

2. That the Council's Monitoring Officer be tasked with referring the issues raised by Cabinet members on the review of the members' allowances scheme to the Independent Remuneration Panel.

## **REASON FOR DECISIONS**

To ensure Chesterfield Borough Council has a fair and transparent members allowance scheme.

### **7. Budget Monitoring Report - Quarter 1**

#### **\*RESOLVED –**

1. That the forecast position of the General Fund Revenue Account at the close of period 3 for the financial year 2023/24 be noted.
2. To support the strategy for achieving a balanced budget outturn position for the financial year 2023/24.
3. That the General Fund Capital Programme expenditure forecast at the close of period 3, for the financial year 2023/24 be noted.

## **REASONS FOR DECISIONS**

1. This periodic monitoring report summarises the current assessment of the Council's forecast outturn and sets out the active management mitigations to be progressed to balance the 2023/24 budget. It also provides a robust basis for medium term financial planning.
2. This is the first formal monitoring report for the 2023/24 financial year and comes at a time when the Council is experiencing financial pressures due to the current economic situation, cost and pay inflation and the ongoing impact of the Covid-19 pandemic.

### **8. Car Parking – Review of fees and charges**

#### **\*RESOLVED –**

1. That new fees and charges for the Council's car parks, as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report, be approved for implementation from Wednesday 1 November 2023.

2. That the thirty-minute car parking charge be removed so that all charges reflect hourly rates.
3. That all residents of the Borough should continue to benefit from free parking in the 2023-24 financial year before 10am and after 3pm Monday to Saturday and all-day Sunday, and Bank Holidays, at selected surface car parks using the Resident Parking Scheme.
4. That the Service Director for Leisure, Culture and Community Wellbeing, be delegated authority, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Town Centres and Visitor Economy, to apply appropriate negotiated fees for new activities and opportunities that are introduced during the period covered by this report.

## **REASON FOR DECISIONS**

1. The Council continues to face significant financial challenges. The sustained period of austerity since 2010, the ongoing risks and uncertainties over future funding arrangements, the budgetary impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic and a sustained period of exceptionally high inflation, have all impacted on the Council's financial position.
2. The Council's budget strategy is to deliver a balanced and sustainable budget. Given the forecast budget deficits it is important that all potential increases to income streams be implemented as soon as possible to help mitigate these pressures.
3. It is therefore prudent to implement an in-year uplift now, to assist the Council in achieving a balanced budget for 2023-24 and to recover ground on the increasing costs associated with car park operations since the previous fees and charges increase on 4 April 2022.

Yours sincerely,



Head of Regulatory Law and Monitoring Officer