

**CABINET****Tuesday, 1st October, 2019**

Present:-

Councillor P Gilby (Chair)

Councillors Serjeant  
Blank  
T GilbyCouncillors Holmes  
J Innes  
Mannion-Brunt

\*Matters dealt with under the Delegation Scheme

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

No declarations of interest were received.

**36 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ludlow and Sarvent.

**37 MINUTES****RESOLVED –**

That the minutes of the meeting of Cabinet held on 10 September, 2019 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

**38 FORWARD PLAN**

The Forward Plan for the four month period October, 2019 to January, 2020 was reported for information.

**\*RESOLVED –**

That the Forward Plan be noted.

**39 REVIEW OF MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES: ARRANGEMENTS FOR**

## **THE INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL**

The Senior Democratic and Scrutiny Officer 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 Monday 21 October, 2019 and all members had been invited to submit written comments and/or indicate if they wished to make oral comments to the IR Panel by Monday 14 October, 2019.

### **\*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.

## **40 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.

## **41 OUTSTANDING DEBT FOR WRITE OFF**

The Operational Revenues Manager submitted a report seeking approval for the writing off of a business rates debt due to insolvency.

As formal insolvency proceedings had commenced, the Council could not take any action against the debtor to recover the debt therefore the

Cabinet were asked to write off the debt as recommended by the Council's external auditors.

**\*RESOLVED –**

That the debt, as detailed in paragraph 4.2 of the officer's report, be written off.

**REASON FOR DECISION**

Payment of this debt is unlikely to be forthcoming and early write off has been recommended by the Council's external auditors.

**42 COMMERCIAL BUSINESS UNITS**

The Economic Development Manager submitted a report recommending for approval the development of two new industrial units on land owned by the Council at Calow Lane Industrial Estate.

The Council's existing commercial property portfolio includes 269 industrial units which were at 97% occupancy, providing the Council with a substantial income stream that contributed to the costs of the delivery of its services. The Economic Development service promotes both Council and privately-owned industrial units to potential businesses; an analysis of the number of enquiries received by the service for different sizes of industrial premises had demonstrated a need for units of less than 5000 sq. ft.

A site for the proposed development had been identified at Calow Lane Industrial Estate. Initial surveys had been undertaken at the site and no issues had been highlighted, however the coal mining assessment had suggested carrying out a more detailed coal mining study due to the coal seams in the vicinity. This study had been commissioned.

Indicative costs for the development of the units were included in paragraph 3.16 of the officer's report and further details on the funding for the project were included in section 6 of the officer's report, along with the profiled revenue income to be generated by the units.

**\*RESOLVED –**

1. That the proposals to develop two new industrial units (subject to planning) on the site at Calow Lane Industrial Estate, Calow Brook Drive, Chesterfield, be approved subject to the outcome of a detailed coal mining assessment.
2. That the funding to develop the two new industrial units, as detailed in paragraph 3.16 of the officer's report, be approved to enable the delivery of the project.
3. That the scheme be included in the updated Capital Programme for approval by Full Council.

### **REASON FOR DECISIONS**

The Council has the opportunity to invest in its industrial portfolio to create new industrial units on a site in its ownership. This will allow the creation of much needed employment space and allow the Council to generate a revenue income. In addition, by speculatively developing new industrial units, the Council is demonstrating to the local economy that the climate is right for investment and acting as a market maker for future developments.