

**CABINET****Tuesday, 5th April, 2022**

Present:-

Councillor P Gilby (Chair)

Councillors Blank  
D Collins  
Holmes  
Ludlow

Councillors Mannion-Brunt  
Sarvent  
Serjeant

\*Matters dealt with under the Delegation Scheme

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

No declarations of interest were received.

**110 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

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

**111 MINUTES****RESOLVED –**

That the minutes of the meeting of Cabinet held on 15 March, 2022 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

**112 FORWARD PLAN**

The Forward Plan for the four month period 1 May to 31 August, 2022 was reported for information.

**\*RESOLVED –**

That the Forward Plan be noted.

**113 ARMED FORCES COVENANT - CHESTERFIELD BOROUGH**

## **COUNCIL ACTION PLAN**

The Service Director – Corporate submitted a report describing the progress made in implementing the Armed Forces Covenant Action Plan for 2019 – 2023 and recommending for approval further actions for 2022/23.

The Armed Forces Covenant Action Plan for 2019 – 2023 had also been developed to reflect the council's commitment to continue to work collaboratively with Derbyshire County Council and all Derbyshire district / borough councils in support of the Derbyshire Armed Forces Covenant, which was first signed in April 2012 and revised in 2019.

The revised Armed Forces Covenant Action Plan for 2019 – 2023 was attached at Appendix 1 of the officer's report.

### **\*RESOLVED –**

1. That the progress made against the Chesterfield Borough Council Armed Forces Action Plan for the period 2019-2023 be noted.
2. That the updated Chesterfield Borough Council Armed Forces Action Plan be approved for delivery in 2022/23.

## **REASON FOR DECISIONS**

To demonstrate and reaffirm our commitment and support to the armed forces community.

## **114 REVIEW OF THE CODE OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND THE ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT**

The Internal Audit Consortium Manager submitted a report inviting Cabinet to consider and review Council compliance with the Code of Corporate Governance during 2021/22, and to approve the Annual Governance Statement for onward submission and sign off by the council's Standards and Audit Committee.

The report noted that the Code of Corporate Governance reflected the most recent guidance issued by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA).

The Internal Audit Consortium Manager confirmed that the report and various supporting appendices comprising the Annual Governance Statement would be presented for at the next meeting of the Standards and Audit Committee on 20 April, 2022.

**\*RESOLVED –**

1. That it be recommended to the Standards and Audit Committee that the supporting documents to the officer's report, attached at Appendices 1 and 2, be approved and the Annual Governance Statement for 2021/22 be signed by the Leader and Chief Executive.
2. That a further review of Council compliance with the Code of Corporate Governance be undertaken in 12 months' time.
3. That the Corporate Leadership Team monitor progress with regard to the actions recommended to address the issues and future challenges identified in the Annual Governance Statement.

**REASONS FOR DECISIONS**

1. To enable the Cabinet and the Standards and Audit Committee to monitor the Council's compliance with the Code of Corporate Governance.
2. To comply with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015.
3. To support the maintenance of sound risk management, governance and control arrangements within the Council.

**115     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 1 of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

**116     ABSENCE OF MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL**

The Senior Democratic and Scrutiny Officer submitted a report enabling the Cabinet to consider, for the purposes of Section 85(1) of the Local Government Act 1972, the reasons for the absence of a Member of the Council from meetings of the Authority.

Councillor Ian Callan had been prevented from attending meetings of the Authority since his last attendance on 25 October, 2021 due to illness.

**\*RESOLVED –**

That, for the purposes of Section 85(1) of the Local Government Act, 1972, the reason for the absence from meetings of Councillor Ian Callan since 25 October, 2021 be approved and that his continued absence from meetings be authorised through until 30 June, 2022.

**REASONS FOR DECISIONS**

To meet the requirements of Section 85(1) of the Local Government Act 1972.