

CABINET**Tuesday, 21st June, 2022**

Present:-

Councillor P Gilby (Chair)

Councillors Blank
Holmes
J Innes
Ludlow

Councillors Mannion-Brunt
Sarvent
Serjeant

Non Voting P Innes
Members

*Matters dealt with under the Delegation Scheme

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

No declarations of interest were received.

9 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Collins.

10 **MINUTES**

RESOLVED –

That the minutes of the meeting of Cabinet held on 17 May, 2022 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

11 **FORWARD PLAN**

The Forward Plan for the four-month period 1 July to 31 October, 2022 was reported for information.

***RESOLVED –**

That the Forward Plan be noted.

12 DELEGATION REPORT

Decisions taken by Cabinet Members during April to June, 2022 were reported.

***RESOLVED –**

That the Delegation Report be noted.

13 COUNCIL PLAN - ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT 2021/22

The Service Director – Corporate presented the Annual Performance Report for the financial year 2021/22.

The Council Plan 2019 – 2023 identified the Council's key priorities, objectives, and commitments over a four-year period and the officer's report the Council's performance against the 2021/22 delivery plan.

Appendix 1 of the officer's report detailed the positive progress made against the 41 milestones which were tracked during 2021/22 and the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on the Council's ability to deliver on some elements of the delivery plan.

***RESOLVED –**

That the significant achievements made against the priority areas within the Council Plan Delivery Plan for 2021/22 be noted.

REASONS FOR DECISIONS

To progress delivery of the Council Plan 2019 - 2023 and maximise positive outputs and outcomes for our communities.

14 GENERAL FUND BUDGET OUTTURN 2021/22

The Service Director - Finance submitted a report detailing the General Fund Revenue and Capital Outturns for 2021/22.

The report provided details of variations from the revised estimates, documented the level of General Fund Revenue reserves and provisions

at year end and set out the rationale for a number of carry forward requests.

***RESOLVED –**

1. That the General Fund Revenue and Capital Outturn reports for 2021/22 be noted.
2. That the proposal to make a contribution to the Business Rates Reserve to meet the 2022/23 deficit on business rates income, as set out in paragraph 4.10 of the officer's report, be approved.
3. That whilst the 2021/22 distribution from the Business Rates Pool which was yet to be announced, it be agreed that any surplus over the assumed £300k be transferred to the Business Rates Reserve, as set out in paragraph 4.12 of the officer's report.
4. That the General Fund Revenue carry forward requests, as detailed in paragraph 4.13 of the officer's report, be approved.
5. That the implementation of the £9.90 per hour real living wage from 1 April 2022 be funded from the underspend in 2021/22 and included within the Medium-Term Financial Plan (MTFP) for future years, as detailed in paragraphs 4.14 to 4.17 of the officer's report.
6. That the use of the Budget Risk Reserve to fund the cost of Chesterfield Pride Sponsorship, as detailed in paragraph 4.18 of the officer's report, be approved.
7. That the level of and movement in the General Fund Revenue Reserves and Provisions, as outlined in paragraphs 4.19 to 4.24 and Appendix A of the officer's report, be approved.
8. That the proposal to transfer the General Fund Revenue surplus for the financial year 2021/22 to the Budget Risk Reserve, as outlined in paragraphs 4.25 to 4.26 and Table 4 of the officer's report, be approved.
9. That the General Fund Capital financing arrangements, as set out in Appendix B of the officer's report, be approved.
10. That it be recommended to Full Council that the report be noted.

REASONS FOR DECISIONS

1. This report forms a key part of formal revenue and capital monitoring against the 2021/22 budget. There will be a separate report for the Housing Revenue Account covering both the revenue and capital elements. The information in these reports will be incorporated into the published Statement of Accounts 2021/22.
2. The approval of the budget outturn, in-year movements, carry forward requests and reserves are required by corporate financial procedures.
3. To consider the reserves position given the challenges facing the Council over the period of the MTFP.

15 DRIIVE (DERBYSHIRE RAIL INDUSTRY INNOVATION VEHICLE)

The Skills Delivery Officer submitted a report detailing the DRIIVe (Derbyshire Rail Industry Innovation Vehicle) project and seeking approval to accept the Government's Towns Fund funding and proceed with the delivery of the project.

On the 22 February, 2022 Cabinet granted approval for DRIIVe as one of three council led projects featured in the Staveley Town Deal Town Investment Plan (TIP), to be added to the council's Capital Programme.

The DRIIVe project focussed on the delivery of a number of key objectives against 4no. project themes:

- Commercial Space for SMEs
- Training Provision
- Research and Development
- Community Outreach

On the 18 March, 2022 the full business case had been submitted to the Staveley Town Deal Board and funding of £3,735,000 for DRIIVe had been approved.

***RESOLVED –**

1. That the Council's ongoing role in the delivery of the DRIIVe project, accepting the Towns Fund Grant and giving authority to move to delivery, be approved.
2. That the grant contribution from the Council, via the business rate retention scheme, to provide up to £790,000 match funding for the project, be approved.
3. That it be recommended to Full Council that match funding be included in the Capital Programme update which was due to be considered in July 2022.
4. That, in line with grant funding conditions, it be agreed that the Council would cover any cost overruns associated with the physical delivery of the project.
5. That the Service Director for Economic Growth, in consultation with the Deputy Leader, Cabinet Member for Economic Growth and the Council's Property, Procurement and Contracts Manager, be granted delegated authority to finalise legal arrangements in relation to the existing lease and management agreement in respect of the commercial structure, management and operation of DRIIVe.

REASONS FOR DECISIONS

1. The successful delivery of the DRIIVe project will support the growth of the rail sector and contribute to the future regeneration of the Borough through the development of specialist skills, research and development provision.
2. The recommendations are made to ensure that Cabinet is provided with clarity regarding the role the council will undertake in the delivery of the DRIIVe project and to enable delivery to commence.

16 COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL) EXPENDITURE 2020/21

The Strategic Planning and Key Sites Manager presented a report recommending a number of projects for Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) investment from receipts received in 2020/21.

The CIL allowed local planning authorities to raise funds from new development in order to contribute to the cost of infrastructure that is, or will be, needed to support future development.

Bids for funding were invited in Autumn 2021 and were assessed in line with the CIL Expenditure Strategy. A summary of the assessment and recommendations of funding awards was attached at Appendix 2 of the officer's report.

***RESOLVED –**

1. That the progress report on receipts achieved from the CIL be noted.
2. That the recommendations made in relation to proposed awards of strategic CIL funding for 2021, be approved.

REASONS FOR DECISIONS

1. To ensure that CIL expenditure takes place in accordance with the Community Infrastructure Regulations 2010 (as amended) and the council's CIL Expenditure Strategy.
2. To ensure that CIL expenditure supports planned growth and sustainable development and Chesterfield's continued vitality.

17 HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT (HRA) FINAL ACCOUNTS 2021/22

The Service Director - Finance submitted a report on the Housing Revenue Account Final Accounts for 2021/22.

The report provided details of variations from the revised estimates and set out the rationale for a number of revenue and capital carry forward request.

***RESOLVED –**

1. That the report be noted.
2. That the revenue carry forward request, as detailed in paragraph 4.7 of the officer's report, and the capital carry forward requests in

respect of schemes which were not finalised during 2021/22, as detailed in paragraph 4.9 of the officer's report, be approved.

REASONS FOR DECISIONS

This report forms a key part of the formal revenue and capital monitoring arrangements against the original 2021/22 HRA revenue and capital budget estimates. The information in this report will be incorporated into the published Statement of Accounts for 2021/22.

18 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.

19 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 continued absence of Councillor Ian Callan from meetings of the authority be authorised through until 30 September, 2022.

REASON FOR DECISIONS

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

