

**CABINET****Tuesday, 14th March, 2023**

Present:-

Councillor P Gilby (Chair)

Councillors Blank  
Holmes  
J InnesCouncillors P Innes  
Mannion-Brunt  
Sarvent

\*Matters dealt with under the Delegation Scheme

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

No declarations of interest were received.

**103 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D Collins, Ludlow and Serjeant.

**104 MINUTES****RESOLVED –**

That the minutes of the meetings of Cabinet held on 7 February and 21 February 2023 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

**105 FORWARD PLAN**

The Forward Plan for the four month period April, 2023 to July, 2023 was reported for information.

**\*RESOLVED –**

That the Forward Plan be noted.

**106**     **COUNCIL PLAN DELIVERY PLAN 2023/24**

The Service Director – Corporate presented a report to Cabinet seeking approval of the Council Plan Delivery Plan 2023/24, which set out the key milestones and measures for progressing year 1 of the Council Plan 2023 through 2027.

The Council Plan was approved at Full Council on 22 February 2023 and defined the Council’s key priorities, objectives and commitments over the next four-year period. The Council Plan Delivery Plan for 2023/24 was attached at Appendix 1 of the Director’s report.

**\*RESOLVED –**

1. That the Council Plan Delivery Plan for 2023/24 be approved.
2. That authority be delegated to the Service Director – Corporate, in consultation with the Deputy Leader, to make amendments to the Delivery Plan should risk assessments, legislation and guidance changes impact on planned activity and operational effectiveness.

**REASON FOR DECISIONS**

To provide a clear statement of the delivery milestones and measures required to maintain progress on our Council Plan 2023-2027.

**107**     **RISK MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 2023-2027**

The Service Director – Corporate presented a report to Cabinet seeking approval for the adoption and implementation of the Council’s Risk Management Strategy 2023 through 2027 and to note the latest version of the Strategic Risk Register summary.

The Risk Management Strategy for 2023 through 2027 was attached at Appendix 1 and was a framework for the effective and systematic management of risk by;

- Supporting the achievement of the Council’s vision and priorities
- Providing a consistent approach to managing risk

- Establishing and embedding effective risk management processes to inform good decision making and business planning
- Protecting the Council and our communities from known, foreseeable and anticipated risks

The Strategic Risk Register summary was attached at Appendix 2 of the Directors' report and gave an overview of the Council's key strategic risks. It was noted that the strategic risk register was a live document and would be regularly updated throughout the year.

#### **\*RESOLVED –**

1. That the Risk Management Strategy 2023-2027 be recommended by Cabinet to full Council for approval.
2. That the Strategic Risk Register summary be noted and that the Strategic Risk Register remains a 'live' document and is updated regularly via the Corporate Risk Management Group.

#### **REASON FOR DECISIONS**

To ensure the Council maintains an approved framework for the effective and systematic management of risk.

#### **108 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY STRATEGY 2023 – 2027**

The Service Director – Corporate presented a report seeking approval of the Council's Equality and Diversity Strategy 2023 through 2027.

The updated Equality and Diversity Strategy outlined our corporate equality objectives for the next four years, and how we planned to achieve them. The Strategy was attached at Appendix 1 of the Director's report.

The Chesterfield Equality and Diversity Forum members were involved in the development of the equality objectives contained within the strategy. Feedback was sought and the strategy was promoted via CBC social media, the CBC website and aspire, with background information and links to an online survey being made available. A copy of the feedback report was contained within Appendix 2 of the Director's report.

The draft strategy and survey report had also been shared with staff union representatives.

**\*RESOLVED –**

1. That the draft Equality and Diversity Strategy 2023-2027 be recommended by Cabinet to full Council for approval.
2. That authority be delegated to the Service Director – Corporate, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Governance, to make amendments to the Equality and Diversity Strategy and Action Plan between the formal review periods should legislation, guidance and partnership changes impact on planned activity and operational effectiveness.

**REASON FOR DECISIONS**

The current Equality and Diversity Strategy is now due to be updated. This update will ensure that the Strategy reflects our current understanding of the needs of our local communities. The new Strategy is proposed to cover the next four years, bringing it in line with the priorities within the Council Plan 2023-27.

**109 PARKS AND PLAY 5 YEAR DELIVERY PLAN**

The Service Director – Leisure, Culture and Community Wellbeing presented a report to Cabinet to seek approval of the Play, Parks and Open Space 5-year delivery plan, 2023/24 through 2027/28.

The cabinet paper recommending approval of both the parks and open space and play strategies included the recommendation that a 5-year costed delivery plan be developed. The key themes that set the delivery context for the strategy and which had informed the development of the delivery plan were;

- Using a clear approach for investment in parks and open spaces
- Using our resources effectively and sustainably
- Increasing the use of our parks and open spaces
- Engaging with our communities and partners

A review of all play and parks and open spaces, which was undertaken to inform prioritisation, was shown in Appendix 1 of the Director's report. To help inform the Borough wide impact of this delivery plan, a Borough map, reflecting areas of activity, had been developed to capture the spaces covered within this plan using the new ward boundaries. This was detailed in Appendix 2 of the Director's report.

The key infrastructure investment programme had theme areas, namely:

- Play space investment – direct investment in play spaces
- Open space quality investment – direct investment to enable the growth of Green Flag sites across the Borough
- Open space infrastructure – direct investment to enhance infrastructure within parks / open space

The key infrastructure investment programme would seek to deliver £1,328,000 of investment and the delivery plan was costed with each project having been fully scoped in terms of anticipated cost of delivery. A full breakdown of the anticipated funding envelope for the key infrastructure investment projects was detailed in Appendix 5 of the Director's report.

#### **\*RESOLVED –**

1. That the new Play, Parks and Open Space 5-year delivery plan, 2023/24 – 2027/28 be approved and adopted.
2. That authority be delegated to the Service Director – Leisure, Culture and Community Wellbeing, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing and the Service Director - Finance, to approve project business cases to enable the timely delivery of the projects set out within the 5-year delivery plan.

#### **REASONS FOR DECISIONS**

1. It is a priority for the Council to have modern and relevant play, parks and open spaces that reflect needs assessments, the latest evidence base and national, regional and local initiatives. This delivery plan will enable the Council to strategically plan and prioritise resources across the Borough, and to work appropriately

with developers and other stakeholders in accordance with both the Parks and Open Space Strategy and the Play Strategy.

2. The delivery plan will enable the effective management of our play, parks and open spaces and will continue to support the Borough in being a great destination, and a healthy and active place to live and work.

## **110 SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS POLICY**

The Service Director – Corporate presented a report to Cabinet seeking the approval of the council’s updated safeguarding policy and procedures.

Since 2019/20 the Derbyshire districts safeguarding group had undertaken a range of joint activities to improve standards and response to safeguarding issues and provide a stronger, united voice for districts on the two boards.

The new policy was attached at Appendix 1 of the Director’s report and outlined the responsibilities of the Council and sought to ensure that an overarching approach to safeguarding was embedded within all our services. The policy and procedures provided clear definitions and principles for safeguarding activity and considered important issues such as confidentiality, information sharing, the legislative framework and employment issues.

### **\*RESOLVED –**

1. That the revised safeguarding policy and procedures be approved.
2. That authority be delegated to the Service Director - Corporate, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing, to approve essential amendments between review periods.

### **REASONS FOR DECISIONS**

1. To effectively safeguard and promote the welfare of children and vulnerable adults within our borough and meet our legislative and partnership responsibilities.

2. To enable the policy and procedures to be regularly updated to take account of learning from serious case reviews, enquiries and legislative changes in between formal review periods.

## 111 **MODERN SLAVERY STATEMENT**

The Service Director – Corporate presented a report to Cabinet seeking the approval of the council’s modern slavery statement for 2023/24.

The Modern Slavery Act 2015 consolidated various offences relating to human trafficking and slavery. Section 52 of the Act imposed a duty on public authorities, including district councils, to notify the Secretary of State (via the National Crime Agency) of suspected victims of slavery or human trafficking. Section 54 of the Act imposed a legal duty on organisations, which supply goods and/or services from or to the UK and have a global turnover above £36 million, to publish a slavery and human trafficking statement each financial year.

The modern slavery statement for 2023/24 was attached at Appendix 1 of the Director’s report and would be reviewed annually and published on the council’s website.

### **\*RESOLVED –**

That the Chesterfield Borough Council modern slavery statement be approved for 2023/24.

### **REASON FOR DECISION**

To demonstrate and strengthen our commitment to prevent and reduce the impact of modern slavery.

## 112 **COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL) EXPENDITURE**

The Strategic Planning and Key Sites Manager presented a report to Cabinet seeking approval of the funding awards for the strategic element of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) expenditure, from bids received in 2022, as detailed in Appendix 2 of the officer’s report.

The CIL Regulations set out the overall breakdown for how monies collected from the CIL were to be distributed. This was illustrated in the table in the officer's report.

The infrastructure list (shown in Appendix 1 of the officer's report) set out the types of infrastructure which CIL could be spent on. The Infrastructure List was published annually in the Infrastructure Funding Statement (IFS).

Bids for funding for the 2022 CIL expenditure round were invited in Autumn 2022 from stakeholders who were identified as being in a position to submit projects which would qualify for strategic expenditure. Five bids were received and had been assessed in accordance with the procedure set out in the CIL Expenditure Strategy. A summary of the assessment and officer recommendations was provided in Appendix 2 of the officer's report.

To support progress in year one of this delivery programme the report recommended confirming funding four projects to be undertaken during 2023/24 totalling £62,000K from the next round of CIL funding, subject to delegated authority to assess detailed bids.

Approval by cabinet of funding awards for the 2022 round of CIL expenditure would enable the process to commence for the 2023 round, with a view that funding awards were made this calendar year. The intended annual funding cycle, for 2024 and future years, was set out in the table in the officer's report.

**\*RESOLVED –**

1. That the progress report on the council's approach to managing the Chesterfield Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) be noted.
2. That the awards for strategic CIL funding from the 2022 bidding round, is set out and recommended within Appendix 2 of the officer's report be approved.
3. That an indicative allocation of CIL funding from the 2023 bidding round be approved in principle, to support the Year 1 play, parks and open spaces delivery plan, and that authority be delegated to the Service Director - Economic Growth, in consultation with the



Cabinet Member for Economic Growth, to approve the advanced addition plays, parks and open spaces projects within the 2023 CIL programme, subject to the projects meeting the CIL assessment criteria.

### **REASON FOR DECISION**

To ensure that CIL expenditure takes place in accordance with the CIL Expenditure Strategy to ensure that CIL investment supports planned growth and sustainable development and Chesterfield's continued vitality.