

**North East Derbyshire District Council**

**Cabinet**

**28 October 2015**

**Recommendation from Disabled People's Consultative Group**

**Report of the Governance Manager**

This report is public

**Purpose of the Report**

- To advise Cabinet of a recommendation from the Disabled People's Joint Consultative Group.

**1 Report Details**

1.1 The Disabled People's Joint Consultative Group is a working group of the Council comprising members, officers and representatives of local disabled people's groups in the District. Its purpose is to advise the Council on matters affecting disabled people in the District.

1.2 On 11 March 2015 the Group put forward the following recommendation to Cabinet:

*Ensure that we continue to have a permanent presence in Chesterfield Town Centre to ensure the most vulnerable people in North East Derbyshire can pay bills and seek advice in a central position in the area.*

1.3 This was considered at Cabinet on 15 April 2015 which resolved:

*That whenever there is a proven need for the District Council to have a presence in Chesterfield Town Centre in the future, Cabinet will give the matter careful consideration.*

1.4 Cabinet's resolution was reported back to the Group on 1 July 2015. The minutes from that meeting, attached at **Appendix 1**, show that the Group wished to refer the recommendation back to Cabinet for further consideration.

A slightly modified recommendation from the Group was as follows:

*To keep a presence permanently in Chesterfield to ensure the most vulnerable in North East Derbyshire can pay benefits/council tax in a central position.*

## **2 Conclusions and Reasons for Recommendation**

- 2.1 Officers have noted the Group's reiterated request for a permanent office in Chesterfield town centre although no evidence of proven need has yet been put forward. It should be recognised that this issue relates to a wider issue relating to the future of the Saltergate site and will be considered at the appropriate time. Any decision to retain a presence in Chesterfield would need to be taken having regard to evidence of existing and likely future level of demand.

## **3 Consultation and Equality Impact**

- 3.1 None directly arising from this report.

## **4 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection**

- 4.1 To enable Cabinet to debate the recommendation from the Disabled People's Joint Consultative Group.

## **5 Implications**

### **5.1 Finance and Risk Implications**

- 5.1.1 None directly arising from this report.

### **5.2 Legal Implications including Data Protection**

- 5.2.1 None.

### **5.3 Human Resources Implications**

- 5.3.1 None directly arising from this report.

## **6 Recommendations**

- 6.1 To consider the recommendation put forward by the Disabled People's Joint Consultative Group.

## **7 Decision Information**

<b>Is the decision a Key Decision?</b> (A Key Decision is one which results in income or expenditure to the Council of £50,000 or more or which has a significant impact on two or more District wards)	No
<b>District Wards Affected</b>	All
<b>Links to Corporate Plan priorities or Policy Framework</b>	

**8 Document Information**

Appendix No	Title
1	Minute extract from DPCG, 1 July 2015
<b>Background Papers</b> (These are unpublished works which have been relied on to a material extent when preparing the report. They must be listed in the section below. If the report is going to Cabinet (NEDDC) or Executive (BDC) you must provide copies of the background papers)	
None.	
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**13/15 Matters arising from Previous Notes**

6/15 – AB informed the group that the motion to keep a presence at Saltergate was taken to Cabinet. AB read the following response to the motion:

*“That whenever there is a proven need for the District Council to have a presence in Chesterfield Town Centre in the future, Cabinet will give the matter careful consideration”.*

Cllr Smith and Cllr Skinner expressed their concerns to the response from Cabinet and that the group shouldn't accept it and insists that the Disabled Peoples' Joint Consultative Group refers the motion back to Cabinet.

Cllr Skinner moves the following motion and Gordon Elvidge seconds the motion:

**The motion is – to keep a presence permanently in Chesterfield to ensure the most vulnerable in North East Derbyshire can pay benefits/council tax in a central position.**

7/15 – Hate Crime – Janette Ashworth reported that there is a safe place in Ripley to report Hate Crime. AB said that he is updating the Hate Crime policy and will bring it back to the next group.

**ACTION:**

1. AB to send the motion again to Cabinet.
2. AB to bring the Hate Crime policy to the next group.

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**Bashir**