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Present:

Councillor G Baxter MBE Leader (in the Chair)

Councillor N Barker

" M Gordon

" E A Hill

Councillor P R Kerry

" J Lilley

" R Smith

Also Present:

D Swaine - Joint Chief Executive Officer
L Hickin - Joint Strategic Director – People
K Hanson - Joint Strategic Director – Place
D Clarke - Joint Head of Finance & Resources and Section 151 Officer
S Sternberg - Joint Head of Corporate Governance and Monitoring Officer
D Cairns - Senior Governance Officer

406 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

407 Declarations of Interests

Members were requested to declare the existence and nature of any disclosable pecuniary interests and/or other interests, not already on their register of interests, in any item on the agenda and withdraw from the meeting at the appropriate time.

There were no declarations declared at this meeting of Cabinet.

408 Minutes of Last Meeting

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the meeting of Cabinet held on 31 October 2018 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Leader.

Non Key Decisions

409 Corporate Plan Targets Performance Update – July to September 2018 (Qtr 2 2018/19)

Cabinet considered a report of Councillor G Baxter MBE, Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Corporate Strategy and Transformation, which reported the Quarter 2 outturns for the Corporate Plan 2015-2019 targets.

Out of the 56 targets, 36 were on track, 16 had been achieved previously, two had been flagged as “alert” and two had been withdrawn previously.

The report provided information on the progress against each Corporate Plan target, noting the achievements and any areas of concern.

The two targets that were flagged as “alert” were G15 and C13. Each were under review and would be revised in the Corporate Plan refresh for 2019/2020.

RESOLVED – That the progress against the Corporate Plan 2015-2019 targets be noted.

REASON FOR DECISION – To inform Cabinet of the progress against the Corporate Plan targets and to note the achievements and areas of concern.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED – There were no alternative options proposed.

(Information, Engagement and Performance Manager)

410 HS2 Phase 2b; Crewe to Manchester and West Midlands to Leeds – Working Draft Environmental Statement Consultation

Cabinet considered a report of Councillor G Baxter MBE, Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Corporate Strategy and Transformation, which set out details of the HS2 Phase 2b; Crewe to Manchester and West Midlands to Leeds and sought authorisation for the Joint Chief Executive Officer, in consultation with the Leader, to provide the Council’s response to the consultation.

The Joint Chief Executive Officer outlined the route of the HS2 mainline and spur and details of the impact of the location of the route and the construction zones from the information provided in the HS2 community area reports.

It was noted that detailed reports and maps were not available for part of HS2 and the spur line within North East Derbyshire District and that HS2 were still working to provide this information.

The Council’s consultation response would consider the wider impact on North East Derbyshire District businesses and residents from the infrastructure and construction works located in neighbouring areas, in particular in relation to the M1 and affected junctions.

Members discussed the economic impact of HS2, the construction work and consequent disruption. There were concerns that the Council would have a loss of income from reduced Council Tax and Business Rates. This may through the demolition of residential and commercial properties and as a result of the disruption to local infrastructure and access to highways which was likely to have a particular impact on local logistics companies.

Cabinet discussed that the Council would call on HS2 to carry out further consultation on the route from Clay Cross to Sheffield as very limited information on the impact of this section had been released.

In light of the economic impact of HS2, it was suggested that financial support and growth funding should be available for businesses affected surrounding the M1/HS2 route as mitigation. The Joint Chief Executive Officer informed Cabinet that he had requested that the Chair of the D2N2 Local Enterprise Partnership raise the matter with the Secretary of State for Transport.

RESOLVED – That Cabinet notes the report and the extent of the HS2 Phase 2b consultation and authorises the Chief Executive Officer, in consultation with the Leader, to provide a response.

REASON FOR DECISION – To enable the Council to provide a response to the HS2 Phase 2b consultation in line with the consultation deadline.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED – The option not to respond to the consultation was rejected as this would have weakened the Council's position to argue that the HS2 impact on the district's communities and businesses would be properly managed and mitigated. It would also have prevented the Council from identifying where HS2 needed to add further mitigation or modifications to the route to reduce significant detrimental impacts.

(Chief Executive Officer)

Key Decisions

411 Medium Term Financial Plan – Revised Budgets 2018/19

Cabinet considered a report of Councillor P R Kerry, Portfolio Holder for Finance, which sought approval of the 2018/19 revised budget for the General Fund, Housing Revenue Account and Capital Programme which will assist in improving the Council's financial position in both 2018/19 and future financial years.

The revised budget process had been completed and the proposed 2018/19 revised budget for the General Fund was attached as an Appendix to the report. The original savings of £0.434m had been met in full as part of the revised budget, the report included details of how this had been achieved. The revised budget now showed a surplus of £1.516m for the 2018/19 financial year. Key variances within the revised budget were summarised in the report.

The revised budget for the Housing Revenue Account for 2018/19 was attached to the report as an Appendix. It was noted that the rental income was £0.018m higher than the current budget and that income from charges for services was also higher by £0.226m. In relation to expenditure on the HRA the Rykneld Homes Management Fee was agreed for 2018/19 at £9.902m. The remainder of the HRA expenditure, managed by the Council, showed an increase against the current budget of £0.278m. This was as a result of an increase in depreciation which was off-set by a reduction in the contribution to the major repairs reserve so the net impact was nil.

The HRA Capital Programme had been reduced by £0.510m to reflect the timings of the work on the Pine View refurbishment project and other capital works.

RESOLVED – That Cabinet:-

- (1) Approves the revised General Fund budget for 2018/19 as set out in Appendices 1 and 2 to the report.
- (2) Approves the revised HRA budget for 2018/19 as set out in Appendix 3 to the report.
- (3) Approves the revised Capital Programme for 2018/19 as set out in Appendix 4 to the report.

REASON FOR DECISION – To set out the revised budget for the HRA and General Fund and the revised Capital Programme for 2018/19 as early as possible within the financial year.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED – Options for the use of the forecast surplus would be considered in the budget setting process for 2019/20. There were no alternative options considered in respect of the Capital Programme.

(Head of Finance & Resources)

412 Urgent Business (Public Session)

There was no urgent business to be considered in the public session at this meeting of Cabinet.
