

North East Derbyshire District Council – Decisions taken by the Cabinet on Thursday, 13 February 2020

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<p>Item 4</p>	<p>Medium Term Financial Plan 2020/21 to 2023/24)</p>	<p><u>RESOLVED</u> –</p> <p>(1) That Cabinet endorsed the proposed budget for 2020/21 for the General Fund, Housing Revenue Account and Capital Programme as part of the Council’s Medium Term Financial Plan covering the years 2020/21 to 2023/24.</p> <p>(2) That Cabinet endorsed the specific recommendations set out in Sections 6.1 to 6.7 of the report;</p> <p>(3) That Cabinet endorsed a recommendation to Council that it sets its rent levels at an increase of 1.7% from 1 April 2020 and an increase of by CPI + 1% for the years 2021/22 to 2023/24;</p> <p>(4) That Cabinet endorsed the specific recommendations as set out in Sections 6.9 to 6.14 of the report.</p> <p>(3) That the agreed recommendations be submitted to Council on 17 February 2020 and recommended for approval.</p> <p><u>REASON FOR DECISION</u> – To enable Cabinet to consider and endorse a budget for the 2020/21 financial year and to recommend this to Council for approval.</p> <p><u>OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED & REJECTED</u> – The Council has a statutory duty to set a balanced budget for the 2020/21 financial year.</p>
<p>Item 5</p>	<p>Bonfire and Fireworks Display Safety Campaign 2020</p>	<p><u>RESOLVED</u> –</p> <p>(1) That Cabinet supported the introduction of a Firework and Bonfire Registration Scheme and Code of Conduct for the District.</p>

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		<p>(2) That officers be authorised to meet the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (RSPCA) to consider their call for additional controls and measures over fireworks and bonfires, including a reduction in the maximum noise levels of fireworks sold to the public, ensuring that fireworks are labelled accurately and a requirement that all public firework displays be licensed.</p> <p>(3) That public consultation takes place on what action could be taken to mitigate the noise and other impact of the use of fireworks on local communities.</p> <p><u>REASON FOR DECISION</u> – To help raise awareness of the principle safety concerns and risks associated with fireworks, bonfires and uncontrolled displays, through the introduction of a voluntary registration scheme and code of conduct for public displays.</p> <p><u>OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED & REJECTED</u> – The service considered other options, which were rejected for the reasons specified in the report.</p>
Item 6	Publication of Brownfield Land Register - Update	<p><u>RESOLVED</u> –</p> <p>(1) That Cabinet approved the content of the North East Derbyshire Brownfield Land Register.</p> <p>(2) That the North East Derbyshire Brownfield Land Register be published on the Council’s website.</p> <p><u>REASON FOR DECISION:</u> The Council has a statutory duty to prepare, maintain and publish on its website a Brownfield Land Register for the District.</p> <p><u>OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED & REJECTED</u> – No other options were considered at this time</p>

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Item 7	Corporate Plan Targets Performance Update - October to December 2019 (Q3 - 2019-20)	<p><u>RESOLVED</u> – That Cabinet noted the progress made against the Corporate Plan 2019-20 targets.</p> <p><u>REASON FOR DECISION:</u> To inform Cabinet of progress against the Corporate Plan targets and to bring to its attention specific achievements and areas of concern.</p> <p><u>OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED & REJECTED</u> – No other options were considered. The report provided information and overview of performance. It did not set out any options which required decision by Cabinet.</p>
Item 8	Digital Strategy	<p><u>RESOLVED</u></p> <p>(1) That Cabinet endorsed and adopted the Digital Strategy.</p> <p>(2) That Cabinet agreed that the Digital Strategy be utilised to shape future service delivery.</p> <p><u>REASON FOR DECISION:</u> The Strategy will help to drive forward digital transformation, which is fundamental to the Council’s business activities.</p> <p><u>OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED & REJECTED</u> – Not adopting the Strategy was considered but rejected as this would not provide a clear direction to officers on the Council’s aims for digital transformation.</p>
Item 9	Housing Strategy	<p><u>RESOLVED</u> –</p> <p>(1) That Cabinet approved the Housing Strategy 2020-23, with the Director of Place in consultation with the Leader and Portfolio of the Council, Portfolio Holder and Managing Director of Rykneld Homes to make any minor changes required to the strategy.</p>

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		<p>(2) That officers be authorised to promote the approved Housing Strategy 2020-23 to all stakeholders, partners and to the local media.</p> <p><u>REASONS FOR DECISION</u> – To enable the Council to clearly set out how it will provide and enable the development of housing in the District.</p> <p><u>OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED & REJECTED</u> – No other options were considered as the Council needs a clear strategic approach to housing in the District.</p>
Item 10	Rent Collection Cycle and Rent Standard	<p><u>RESOLVED</u> –</p> <p>(1) That Cabinet approved the change to a standard 52 week per annum rent collection cycle, from April 2020.</p> <p>(2) That Cabinet agreed a review be undertaken of the Council's rent policy to ensure compliance with the Regulator for Social Housing's Policy Statement on Rents for Social Housing, issued in February 2019.</p> <p><u>REASONS FOR DECISION</u> – The operational change in the rent cycle from 48 to 52 weeks would assist those Council tenants who receive the Universal Credit form of benefits, which would result in all tenants paying a slightly lower amount per week than at the moment.</p> <p><u>OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED & REJECTED</u> – The option of doing nothing was considered but rejected. The proposal to move to a 52 week collection pattern would enable a more transparent service for customers and more efficient processes for the Council and Rykneld Homes Limited (RHL) as managers of its housing stock.</p>
Item 13	CCTV in Taxis	<p><u>RESOLVED</u> –</p>

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		<p>(1) Cabinet recommended that a policy of CCTV in taxis is progressed, but includes consultation and consideration of further government guidance when it becomes available and the current court cases and ICO actions have been concluded;</p> <p>(2) That following on from the publication of the imminently expected government guidance, consultation with the taxi drivers forum and other interested groups takes place to determine their views on the benefits of CCTV in licensed taxi vehicles;</p> <p>(3) That Licensing Committee be informed of the Cabinet’s conclusions and recommendations.</p> <p><u>REASON FOR DECISION</u> – To ensure that the Council can properly assess the introduction of a policy on the use of CCTV in taxis, pending once the legal and other issues at a national level.</p> <p><u>OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED & REJECTED</u> – The option of moving forward immediately with the establishment of a policy on the use of CCTV in taxis was considered, but rejected for the reasons specified in the report.</p>
Item 14	Environmental Health & Enforcement Update	<p><u>RESOLVED</u> –</p> <p>(1) That Cabinet noted the progress made on the Environmental Health and Enforcement Review.</p> <p>(2) That Cabinet should receive a further report proposing a final draft service structure and improvement plan, including the financial implications.</p> <p>(3) That Cabinet requested the Joint Strategic Director – Place, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to finalise the report to be presented to Council recommending changes to the management arrangements for the service, as specified in the report.</p> <p><u>REASON FOR DECISION</u> –</p>

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		<p>To support the provision of additional capacity to enhance and strengthen delivery of the Council's strategic and services based objectives, including those impacting on the visible environment, public health and business.</p> <p><u>OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED & REJECTED -</u></p> <p>The option of doing nothing was considered but rejected for the reasons specified in the report.</p>
Item 15	Structure Proposals for the Economic Growth & Regeneration Directorate	<p><u>RESOLVED –</u></p> <p>That consideration by Cabinet of the report be deferred.</p>
Item 16	Human Resources and Organisation Development (HR & OD) Review of Service	<p><u>RESOLVED –</u></p> <p>(1) That Cabinet supported the additional capacity for the Joint HR & OD Service as specified in the report.</p> <p>(2) That Cabinet requested the Chief Executive to use his delegated powers to vary the establishment of the Joint HR & OD Service, as specified in the report.</p> <p><u>REASONS FOR DECISION –</u> To enable the Joint HR & OD Service to meet the operational challenges facing it.</p> <p><u>OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED & REJECTED –</u> The option of doing nothing was considered but rejected, as this would not enable the service to meet the challenges facing it.</p>