

CABINET

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 9 SEPTEMBER 2021

Present:

Councillor Alex Dale (Chair)
Councillor Charlotte Cupit (Vice-Chair)

Councillor Jeremy Kenyon

Councillor Carolyn Renwick

Also Present:

G Callingham	Director of Growth
L Hickin	Director of Operations and Head of Paid Service
S Sternberg	Assistant Director of Governance and Monitoring Officer
T Frost Morris	Chief Accountant
N Calver	Governance Manager
A Bond	Governance Officer
A Maher	Senior Governance Officer

CAB/ Apologies for Absence **45/2**

1-22 Apologies were received from Councillor M Foster and Cllr P Parkin. With the agreement of the Chair, Councillor A Powell contributed to the meeting virtually, through the electronic Conference Call system. He did not participate in the decisions taken by Cabinet at the meeting.

CAB/ Declarations of Interest **46/2**

1-22 There were no Declarations of Interest.

CAB/ Minutes of Last Meeting **47/2**

1-22 RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 29 July 2021 were approved as a true record.

CAB/ Council Plan Targets Performance Update April to June 2021 (Q1 - 2021/22) **48/2**

1-22 Cabinet considered performance against the Council Plan targets, for the first quarter of the 2021-22 financial year. Cabinet heard that nearly half of the Plan targets had been on track to be achieved. Members also heard that fewer targets had been affected by the Coronavirus (Covid-19) outbreak than in the previous quarter.

Cabinet noted that on Target ENV 08, a draft Climate Change Communications Strategy had been developed, which was now nearing completion. Cabinet was informed that Target ECO 20, ensuring that tourism was a focus for the Economic Development Team, was expected to be achieved in the next quarter. Members welcomed this. Cabinet was also informed that Target RES 11, to increase Social Media posts to at least 180 per quarter, was now well embedded. Consequently,

the report recommended that it now be monitored at a Service Plan level. Members endorsed the approach.

RESOLVED –

- (1) That Cabinet noted the quarterly outturns against the Council Plan 2019-2023 targets.
- (2) That the Target RES 11 - *Increase social media posts to at least 180 per quarter* – be now monitored at a Service Plan level.

REASONS FOR DECISION – To inform Cabinet of progress against the Council Plan targets and to bring to its attention specific achievements and areas of concern.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED - No other options were considered. The report provided information and an overview of performance against agreed targets.

CAB/ 49/2 1-22 Funding to Voluntary and Community Organisations - Summary of Outcomes for 2020/21

The report to Cabinet summarised the Outcomes achieved by Voluntary and Community Organisations funded by the Council during the 2020-21. Members were reminded that these organisations were required to provide information on how their activities had helped to deliver the Council Plan 2019/23 goals and priorities and in particular, RES 21 - *Invest in voluntary and community organisations to assist over 20,000 vulnerable and disadvantaged households per year.*

Cabinet was informed that the Council had provided £136k of grant aid to these organisations during the year. Although opportunities to assist vulnerable people had been impacted by the Coronavirus (Covid-19) restrictions, they had still been able to use this grant aid to help nearly 18,000 vulnerable and disadvantaged households.

Cabinet discussed the report. There was a consensus that the Voluntary and Community Organisations supported by the Council had made an important contribution to helping vulnerable people in the District, in what had been very difficult circumstances. Members thanked them for their efforts and the important role which they had played in assisting North East Derbyshire's communities during the Coronavirus outbreak.

RESOLVED - That Cabinet noted the Outcomes achieved by those Voluntary and Community Organisations funded by the Council in the 2020-21 financial year.

REASONS FOR DECISION – To monitor efficiencies and outcomes achieved by Voluntary and Community Organisations, commissioned to help achieve the Council's priorities.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED - No other options were considered.

CAB/ Urgent Items (Public)

50/2

1-22 None.

CAB/ Exclusion of Public

51/2

1-22 RESOLVED – That the public be excluded from the meeting during the discussion of the following item(s) of business to avoid the disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006. [The category of exempt information is stated after each item].

CAB/ Derbyshire Homelessness Out of Hours Service

52/2

1-22 Cabinet was asked to support a Delegated Decision to commission a new Homeless Out of Hours Service in conjunction with eight other Derbyshire local authorities. The reasons for the Decision were explained to Members. Cabinet discussed the Delegated Decision and agreed to support it.

RESOLVED - That Cabinet endorsed Delegated Decision DD/047/21/LP to commission a new Homeless Out of Hours service, in conjunction with 8 other local authorities in Derbyshire.

REASONS FOR DECISION - To ensure that a Homeless Out of Hours Service is in place to protect vulnerable people when the Council offices are closed.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED - The option to provide the service in-house was considered but rejected, for the reasons specified in the report.

(Paragraph 3)

CAB/ Coronavirus (Covid-19) - Contingency Planning Update

53/2

1-22 Cabinet received an update on the contingency planning arrangements that were now ongoing at a regional and national level to help combat the outbreak of the Coronavirus (Covid-19).

(Paragraph 4)

CAB/ Urgent Items (Private)

54/2

1-22 None.