

North East Derbyshire District Council – Decisions taken by the Cabinet on Thursday, 27 January 2022

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<p>Item 4</p>	<p>Council Plan Targets Performance Update July to September 2021 (Q2 - 2021/22)</p>	<p><u>RESOLVED</u> -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) That Cabinet noted the quarterly outturns against the Council Plan 2019-2023 targets. (2) That target ECO 04 be marked as achieved as a Council Plan target and monitored monthly as a Key Performance Indicator (KPI). (3) That targets ECO 09, ECO 16 and ECO 21 be marked as achieved as Council Plan targets and their respective strategy action plans be monitored more fully through a suite of Key Performance Indicators (KPI's) and service plan targets. <p><u>REASONS FOR DECISION</u> – To inform Cabinet of progress against the Council Plan targets and to bring to its attention specific achievements and areas of concern.</p> <p><u>OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED</u> - No other options were considered. The report provided information and an overview of performance against agreed targets.</p> <p>Please note that this was not a Key Decision and so can be implemented with immediate effect by officers.</p>
<p>Item 5</p>	<p>Medium Term Financial Plan 2021/22 to 2025/26</p>	<p><u>RESOLVED</u> -</p> <p>Council be recommended at its meeting on 31 January 2022:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) That the view of the Assistant Director – Finance & Resources, that the estimates included in the Medium Term Financial Plan 2021/22 to 2025/26 are robust and that the level of financial reserves are adequate at this time, be

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		<p>accepted.</p> <p>(2) That officers report back to Cabinet and the Audit and Corporate Governance Scrutiny Committee on a quarterly basis, regarding the overall position in respect of the Council’s budgets. These reports to include updates on achieving the savings and efficiencies necessary to secure a balanced budget over the life of the Medium Term Financial Plan.</p> <p>General Fund</p> <p>(3) A Council Tax increase of £4.99 be levied in respect of a notional Band D property (2.58%).</p> <p>(4) The Medium Term Financial Plan in respect of the General Fund, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report, be approved as the Current Budget 2021/22, as the Original Budget 2022/23, and as the financial projections in respect of 2023/24 to 2025/26.</p> <p>(5) That the General Fund Capital Programme, as set out in Appendix 5 to the report, be approved as the Current Budget in respect of 2021/22, and as the Approved Programme for 2022/23 to 2025/26.</p> <p>(6) That any under-spend in respect of 2021/22 be transferred to the Resilience Reserve to provide increased financial resilience for future years of the plan.</p> <p>Housing Revenue Account (HRA)</p> <p>(7) That Council sets its rent levels for 2022/23 in line with the Social Housing Rent Standard, increasing rents by 4.1% from 1st April 2022.</p>

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		<p>(8) That all other charges be implemented in line with the table shown at 1.43 in the report, with effect from 1 April 2022.</p> <p>(9) The Medium Term Financial Plan in respect of the Housing Revenue Account, as set out in Appendix 4 to the report, be approved as the Current Budget in respect of 2021/22, as the Original Budget in respect of 2022/23, and the financial projection in respect of 2023/24 to 2025/26.</p> <p>(10) That the HRA Capital Programme, as set out in Appendix 5 to the report, be approved as the Current Budget in respect of 2021/22, and as the Approved Programme for 2022/23 to 2025/26.</p> <p>(11) That the Management Fee for undertaking housing services at £9.751m and the Management Fee for undertaking capital works at £1.100m to Rykneld Homes in respect of 2022/23 be approved.</p> <p>(12) That Members endorse the section in the current Financial Protocol, which enables the Council to pay temporary cash advances to Rykneld Homes in excess of the Management Fee, in order to help meet the cash flow requirements of the company, should unforeseen circumstances arise in any particular month.</p> <p>(13) That Members note the requirement to provide Rykneld Homes with a 'letter of comfort' to the company's auditors and grant delegated authority to the Council's Assistant Director – Finance & Resources in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Finance, to agree the contents of that letter.</p> <p><u>REASONS FOR DECISION</u> - To recommend budgets to Council in respect of the General Fund, the Housing Revenue Account and the Capital Programme.</p>

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		<p><u>OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED</u> - No alternative options were considered. The Council is required to set a budget each year.</p> <p>This is a Key Decision. The call-in period for the decision will run until Monday 7 February 2022</p>
Item 8	Parking Strategy - TO FOLLOW	<p><u>RESOLVED</u> –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) That Cabined endorsed the proposed response to the Communities Scrutiny Committee review of Residential Parking, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report. (2) That Cabinet agreed the preferred options for the ‘Priority 1 sites’, as set out in Appendix 5 to the report. (3) That Cabinet endorsed the costs of the scheme, as set out in Appendix 4 to the report. (4) That a trial project to provide additional parking through the use of grass protection matting, be put in place at Adlington Avenue, Wingerworth and that other ‘Priority 2’ parking schemes be funded, if possible, on the terms and within the budget specified in the report. <p><u>REASONS FOR DECISION</u> - To provide value for money and ensure that highest priority locations for improved parking are dealt with first.</p> <p><u>OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED</u> - The option of not carrying out any works was considered but rejected, given the importance of parking issues, including safety and access, to the District.</p> <p>This is a Key Decision. The call-in period for the decision will run until Monday 7</p>

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Item 9	Sharley Park Development	<p><u>RESOLVED</u> –</p> <p>(1) Cabinet agreed that the proposed redevelopment scheme be delivered at or better than the projected cost and financial forecast, as specified in the report.</p> <p>(2) That the redevelopment be progressed to completion, subject to the budget business case net cost forecast remaining less than £0.338m (2019/20 Sharley Park net cost).</p> <p>(3) That the Director of Transformation be authorised to take such action as is necessary to progress the scheme through to completion, providing that these decisions do not increase the Council’s contribution of up to £13.5m towards the project and subject to the forecast net cost remaining below £0.338m (2019/20 Sharley Park net cost).</p> <p>(4) That the Director of Transformation be authorised, in consultation with Portfolio Holder for Leisure, Transformation and Climate Change, to enter into all necessary associated agreements in order to deliver the project.</p> <p>(5) That Council be recommended to fund through borrowing a contribution of £15.6m towards the project, subject to the forecast net cost remaining below £0.338m (2019/20 Sharley Park net cost)</p> <p><u>REASONS FOR DECISION</u> - To continue to make progress towards delivering a multi-million pound flagship community facility in Clay Cross Town Centre.</p> <p><u>OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED</u> - Alternative options were</p>

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		<p>considered but rejected for the reasons set out in the report.</p> <p>This is a Key Decision. The call-in period for the decision will run until Monday 7 February 2022</p>
<p>Item 10</p>	<p>Dronfield Sports Centre – De-carbonisation Bid</p>	<p><u>RESOLVED</u> -</p> <p>(1) That Cabinet approved the proposed de-carbonisation and other works at Dronfield Sports, on the terms set out in the report.</p> <p>(2) That Cabinet the Director of Transformation be authorised, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Transformation and Climate Change, to enter the relevant agreements/contracts associated with the effective delivery of the project.</p> <p><u>REASONS FOR DECISION</u> - To help extend the operational life and improve the financial performance of the Sports Centre. The works will help to reduce substantially the Sports Centre’s carbon emissions, making it one of the least heat/carbon intensive leisure facilities within the Council’s stock.</p> <p><u>OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED</u> - The option of not entering into an agreement to secure Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme funding to carry out the works was considered but rejected, as this would be likely delay unnecessarily works to ‘de-carbonise’ Dronfield Sports Centre and increase costs to the Council.</p> <p>This is a Key Decision. The call-in period for the decision will run until Monday 7 February 2022</p>
<p>Item 11</p>	<p>East Midlands Housing (EMH) Group Holmewood Update</p>	<p><u>RESOLVED</u> –</p>

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		<p>That Cabinet endorsed Delegated Decision DD-087-21-KA - EMH Group Holmewood on the provision of financial support to East Midlands Housing Group (EMH) for a mixed tenure housing development at Holmewood, including specialist accommodation for people with learning difficulties.</p> <p><u>REASONS FOR DECISION</u> – The financial support will help increase accommodation to meet a recognised housing need in the District and also support the Council Plan ambition to promote greater home ownership.</p> <p><u>OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED</u> - The option of not financially supporting the development was considered but rejected.</p> <p>This is a Key Decision. The call-in period for the decision will run until Monday 7 February 2022</p>
Item 12	Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) to support the Clay Cross Town Deal	<p><u>RESOLVED</u> –</p> <p>(1) That Cabinet approved in principle the use of Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) powers to support the delivery of the Clay Cross Town Deal.</p> <p>(2) That the Managing Director and Director of Growth be authorised, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Economic Growth, the Portfolio Holder for Finance, the Section 151 Officer and the Monitoring Officer, to progress negotiations and acquire any of the properties detailed in the report and subject to approval of the Towns Fund business case by Government – Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC)</p> <p><u>REASONS FOR DECISION</u> - To help prevent unnecessary delays if negotiated sales of properties could not be achieved and Compulsory Purchase Orders had to be made.</p>

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		<p><u>OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED</u> - The option not to investigating the option of using CPO powers was considered but rejected, for the reasons specified in the report.</p> <p>Please note that this was not a Key Decision and so can be implemented with immediate effect by officers.</p>
Item 13	Staffing Arrangements - Property & Estates	<p><u>RESOLVED</u> –</p> <p>That the interim management arrangements for the post of interim Assistant Director – Property be extended on the terms specified in the report.</p> <p><u>REASONS FOR DECISION</u> - To provide continuity of service delivery and handover following recruitment to the post permanently.</p> <p><u>OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED</u> - The option of allowing the role to become vacant was considered but rejected, due the amount of disruption this would cause and the work that needs to be managed.</p> <p>This is a Key Decision. The call-in period for the decision will run until Monday 7 February 2022</p>