

**North East Derbyshire District Council – Decisions taken by the Cabinet on Thursday, 18 July 2024**

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Item 4	Stonebroom Regeneration Update	<p><b><u>RESOLVED</u></b> –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That Cabinet agreed to progress with the development of the replacement community facility at Cleveland Road Stonebroom subject to Council approval of funding.</li> <li>2. That Cabinet recommended to Council the approval of additional borrowing of £0.650m for the development of the community facility at Stonebroom.</li> <li>3. That Cabinet recommended to Council the inclusion of the changes to the scheme in the HRA Capital Programme.</li> </ol> <p><b><u>REASONS FOR DECISION</u></b> – The regeneration scheme at Stonebroom supports the Council’s commitment in its Council Plan to build, acquire and facilitate the delivery of more high-quality social housing for rent in the district.</p> <p><b><u>OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED</u></b> - Not to build the community facility. This was rejected due to strong community support for the facility and the regeneration benefits to the wider scheme.</p> <p><b>Please note that this was not a Key Decision and so can be implemented with immediate effect by officers.</b></p>
Item 5	Pre-Application Planning Advisory Service	<p><b><u>RESOLVED</u></b> – That Cabinet approved the implementation of a chargeable pre-application advice service, in accordance with the charging schedule attached at appendix 1 to the report and the draft service standards at appendix 2 to the report</p> <p><b><u>REASONS FOR DECISION</u></b> – The charge will provide an income stream to support proposals for additional resources within the Planning Service and will reduce reliance on the general fund to subsidise the cost of delivering pre-application advice. This will</p>

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		<p>give customers greater clarity about the depth of advice they will receive and the timeframes that their items will be responded to.</p> <p><u>OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED</u> - The option of not charging for advice and/or not to introduce a more structured service with clear expectations on and for customers was considered but rejected. The charge represents an opportunity for the Service to become more financially resilient and facilitate the shift in time and resources to the pre-application stage, in conjunction with a much shorter turn around time for formal applications.</p> <p><b>Please note that this was not a Key Decision and so can be implemented with immediate effect by officers.</b></p>
<b>Item 6</b>	Productivity Plan	<p><u>RESOLVED</u> - That Cabinet adopted the proposed Productivity Plan as set out in the report and publish in line with Government expectations.</p> <p><u>REASONS FOR DECISION</u> – Whilst the timing of the Productivity Plan has been dictated by government, the intent of the plan aligns with the Council’s own improvement plans identified through the Council Plan and the Emerging Engagement and Improvement Strategy.</p> <p><u>OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED</u> - The option of not publishing the Productivity Plan was considered but rejected as this would be ignoring the request of the government department and given that the Plan has been produced there would be little or no value in this approach.</p> <p><b>Please note that this was not a Key Decision and so can be implemented with immediate effect by officers.</b></p>

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<b>Item 7</b>	Treasury Management Financial Outturn 2023-24	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> - That Cabinet noted the outturn position in respect of the 2023-24 financial year.</p> <p><b>REASONS FOR DECISION</b> – The Council operated in line with its agreed Treasury Management Strategy during the 2023/24 financial year. This ensures that lending and borrowing arrangements were prudent and sustainable, minimising the risk of financial loss to the Council. Effective management of these arrangements ensured that interest costs during the year were minimised to assist the Council’s revenue position whilst interest receivable increased slightly above budget due to increased interest rates.</p> <p><b>OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED</b> - This report is primarily a factual report detailing the actual position against the Council’s previously approved treasury management strategy. Accordingly, the report does not set out any options where a decision is required by Members.</p> <p><b>Please note that this was not a Key Decision and so can be implemented with immediate effect by officers.</b></p>
<b>Item 8</b>	Medium Term Financial Plan Financial Outturn 2023-24	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That Cabinet noted the for the outturn position in respect of the 2023-24 financial year.</li> <li>2. That Cabinet approve the proposed carry forward of capital budgets detailed in <b>Appendix 4</b> totalling £17.193m.</li> </ol> <p><b>REASONS FOR DECISION</b> – During 2023/24 the Council managed its budget effectively securing a favourable financial position on net cost of services of £0.525m underspend despite a continuing challenging financial backdrop. This underspend has meant that rather than having to call on reserves it has been possible to make a</p>

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		<p>contribution of £0.244m to the Resilience reserve at outturn from efficiencies identified during the year.</p> <p><u>OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED</u> - The financial outturn report for 2023/24 is primarily a factual report detailing the actual position compared to previously approved budgets therefore there are no alternative options that need to be considered.</p> <p><b>Please note that this was not a Key Decision and so can be implemented with immediate effect by officers.</b></p>