

CABINET

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 8 JULY 2021

Present:

Councillor Charlotte Cupit (Vice-Chair in the Chair)

Councillor Jeremy Kenyon
Councillor Carolyn Renwick

Councillor Alan Powell

In attendance: Cllr K Tait (Item 4) Councillor A Hutchinson (Item 5) Councillor A Foster (Item 8)

Also Present:

K Apps	Head of Economic Growth, Regeneration & Housing Delivery
J Dethick	Head of Finance and Resources, Section 151 Officer
K Hanson	Joint Director of Environment and Enforcement
L Hickin	Joint Director of Corporate Resources and Head of Paid Service
S Sternberg	Joint Head Of Service - Corporate Governance & Monitoring Officer
S Veerman	Overview and Scrutiny Manager
A Maher	Senior Governance Officer

CAB/ Apologies for Absence

20/2

1-22 With the agreement of the Chair, Councillor A Dale, Councillor M Foster and Councillor P Parkin contributed to the meeting virtually, through the electronic Conference Call system. They did not participate in the decisions taken by Cabinet at the meeting.

CAB/ Declarations of Interest

21/2

1-22 There were no Declarations of Interest.

CAB/ Minutes of Last Meeting

22/2

1-22 RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the meeting held on 10 June 2021 were approved as a true record.

CAB/ Obesity in Younger Residents Scrutiny Review

23/2

1-22 Cabinet considered a report of the Chair of the Communities Scrutiny Committee, Councillor K Tait, on its review of obesity among younger people in North East Derbyshire. Members heard about the scope and purpose of the review. In particular, the Committee had sought to find out just how prevalent childhood obesity was in the District, what the Council and its partners were doing to address the problem and suggest other possible actions that could be taken.

The review identified those measures which the Council had successfully put in place, as well as highlighting those areas where there was room for improvement. In this context, the report set out a number of recommendations on how the

District's network of parks might be improved and used to promote healthy lifestyles among young people.

Cabinet thanked all those who had been involved in the review for their valuable work. Members highlighted the important role which parks can play in encouraging healthy lifestyles among young people and in promoting wellbeing. Cabinet also discussed the different management responsibilities for parks and open spaces within the District. There was a consensus that greater strategic co-ordination of these responsibilities should be explored.

RESOLVED

- (1) That Cabinet supported the recommendations of the Communities Scrutiny Committee review into Obesity in Younger Residents, as set out in the report.
- (2) That a detailed response to the Committee's specific recommendations, as set out in the report, be prepared.

REASONS FOR DECISION - To appraise Cabinet of the Communities Scrutiny Committee Review's findings and respond to its recommendations.

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

CAB/ 24/2 1-22 Tourism Business and Non Business Scrutiny Review

Cabinet considered a report of the Chair of the Growth Scrutiny Committee, Councillor A Hutchinson, on its review of Tourism, Business and Non Business. Members heard about the scope and purpose of the review. In particular, that the Committee had sought to gauge the progress made towards the Council's goals of promoting Tourism and the Visitor Economy, determine how businesses in the Visitor Economy could be supported more effectively and especially, how more employment and spending within the Visitor Economy, might be secured.

The review identified those measures which the Council had successfully put in place, as well as those areas where there was room for improvement. In particular, it stressed the importance of a clear 'brand' image, in order to raise the profile of the District and so help promote more effectively North East Derbyshire as a tourist destination.

Cabinet thanked all those who had been involved in the review for their valuable work and their recommendations. Cabinet felt that the Scrutiny Committee had highlighted the right issues and in particular, the importance of working in partnership in order to promote Tourism and the Visitor Economy across the District.

RESOLVED

- (1) That Cabinet supported the recommendations of the Growth Scrutiny

Committee review into Tourism Business and non-Business, as set out in the report.

- (2) That a detailed response to the Committee's specific recommendations, as set out in the report, be prepared.

REASONS FOR DECISION - To appraise Cabinet of the Growth Scrutiny Committee Review's findings and respond to its recommendations.

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

CAB/ Urgent Items (Public Session)

25/2

1-22 None.

CAB/ Exclusion of Public

26/2

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/ Health and Wellbeing and Working from Home during the Pandemic

27/2

1-22 Cabinet considered a report of the Chair of the Organisation Scrutiny Committee, Councillor A Foster, on the Scrutiny Committee's review of the Health and Wellbeing of Council staff working from home during the Coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic.

Members heard that the review had identified specific measures which had been put into place to support staff during the lockdowns and when Government rules had required them to work from home. It also highlighted those area where there was room for improvement and the lessons which had been learned over this period.

The report suggested that, moving forward, these lessons would be of help in implementing the Council's 'Agile Working Policy'. Cabinet was reminded that this Policy would enable employees to work more flexibly, including at home, and not just at their designated workplaces.

Cabinet thanked all those who had been involved in the review for their valuable work. Members discussed the implementation of the Agile Working Policy. They recognised the importance of keeping this Policy under review and asked that the Scrutiny Committee's views be taken into account as part of this.

RESOLVED

- (1) That Cabinet supported the recommendations of the Organisation Scrutiny Committee review into Health and Wellbeing Working from Home, as set out in the report.

- (2) That a detailed response to the Committee's specific recommendations, as set out in the report, be prepared.

REASONS FOR DECISION - To appraise Organisation Scrutiny Committee Review's findings and respond to its recommendations.

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

(Paragraphs 1 & 2)

CAB/ EMH Group Housing Development, Holmewood

28/2

1-22

The report to Cabinet sought approval for a financial contribution to help fund a mixed tenure development at Holmewood. This development, it was explained, would include a supported living scheme for people with learning disabilities. The contribution would be met through the use of 'Commuted Sums' or payments made to the Council that had to be spent by a certain date.

Cabinet discussed the proposal and especially the valuable contribution which the supported living scheme for people with learning difficulties would make to the District. Members welcomed this as well as the provision of shared ownership properties within the development.

RESOLVED

- (1) That Cabinet agreed to provide grant funding for the housing development scheme using the Commuted Sums as specified in the report
- (2). That Cabinet receives a further report explaining the other Commuted Sums which are currently by the Council.

REASONS FOR DECISION - To provide much needed specialist accommodation in the District and to provide Shared Ownership properties. This would be in line the Council Plan 2019-23 objective to 'Promote Home Ownership' within the District.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED – The option of not supporting this development was considered but rejected as not in the interests of the District or its residents. It would also mean that sensitive Commuted Sums would be lost. Making effective use of these sums is a key priority for Housing Strategy.

(Paragraph 3)

CAB/ Coronavirus (Covid-19) Contingency Planning Update

29/2

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 Session)
30/2
1-22 None.